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We welcome you to 2016 with great expectations against the backdrop of the history of insidious global violence and natural disasters witnessed in the past few years.

In the light of the divine calling and insight of women into ministry, an issue hotly debated and opposed, we made effort in this special edition of our magazine to demystify the calling of women ; putting the past behind to grab the future we desire.

No time is better than now to discuss God's wisdom in calling women into the business of communicating the only solution to the insipid state of global affairs. To this end, our great magazine reported various articles written by women who have calling.

We invite you to the world of women with Godly wisdom for kingdom business.

As you read, we advice that you discover your calling and pursue it with all the energy you can muster.

Happy reading and a prosperous 2016.

Quote on MARBLE:

"Grudges are a waste of perfect happiness. Laugh when you can; apologize when you should and let go of what you can't change."

Rev. Dr. Chika Ossai-Ugbah

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TRUE PREACHERS ARE LIFE-GIVERS!



By Evang A. S. David

When Jesus appeared before Pilate, he made the most powerful and profound statement that defined his mission and person to the amazement of the most powerful ancient empires and even to the world today.

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'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked Jesus. 'Did others tell you?' Jesus replied. He further said to Pilate: 'You said I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this reason I came to the world that I should bear witness to the truth'. Pilate asked: 'What is the truth?' John 18:33-37

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In another place Jesus said concerning himself: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach the gospel'. LK 4:18. Here Jesus introduced himself as the preacher of the gospel.

To Pilate, he introduced himself as the king of the kingdom of heaven but to the priests he declared himself a preacher. His disciples – James and John thought he came to kill his enemies. He introduced himself to them as 'he that came not to destroy men's lives but to save

them'. Luke 9:56. To us who believe in him, he is a life giving king that preached the truth and empowered us to preach the same.

When all these are put together we have a scenario of a king preaching to give life to as many as believe in him. Beyond this however, is the transferability of this wonderful ability. The business of preaching to give eternal life to people has been committed to believers in Christ. This is a business run by kings. This explains the scripture that asserts

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that 'Ye also as lively stones are built up a spiritual house an holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ'. 1Peter 2:5.

For those called to preach the gospel it is important to note that this is big business and is run by kings. To this end, preachers should learn to be kings not killers. Kings are not elected into office nor voted out of office. They are in control of their territory and regulate their sphere of influence. They are not in competition with anyone as they have absolute right to their land to do whatever they want. They do not feel threatened by any of the citizens because none can stand their power. The welfare of the citizens is their priority. That is because a king's glory is measured in terms of the welfare of his citizens.

The king wants to prosper and preserve his citizens for his glory. It is absurd for him to destroy his people. Even when he expands his territory it will be to get some people on board.

There are many preachers that are not kings. Their preaching gives them away. Jesus gave us this insight when he said 'by their fruits ye shall know them' Let all that preach the gospel take note.



Bishop David Oyedepo



Anthony Cardinal Okogie



A'Bishop Benson Idahosa



The FELLOWSHIP OF THE BELIEVERS

By Dcns Betty Amadi

Fellowship is friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests. It means an organized group of people who share an interest, aim or belief, according to the Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary.

In Colossians 3:15, Apostle Paul says that every believer is part of the body of Christ and is chosen to live together in peace. The psalmist in Psalm 133:1-3 emphasized the importance of unity amongst brethren. He says; it is a good and a pleasant thing for brethren to live together in unity. In acts 2:42, the bible adds, "And they continue steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship and breaking of bread in prayers".

The plan of God for us is to experience life together. This is referred to in the bible as "fellowship". If believers walk together as a team, things will work out well. The way God sees things, is how the believers should see things. If we don't team up with Him, things will not go well. We should be in unity with the Spirit. Presently, the word 'fellowship' has lost its real meaning. "Fellowship" today refers to casual conversation, socializing, food and fun. But the real fellowship means so much more than just attending church services. It is experiencing life together, such as sharing the word of God. It includes practical serving, unselfish loving, being honest to one another, sacrificial giving and comforting one another etc.

It is not discussing about things that are not important. It is a genuine heart-to-heart sharing. This happens when

people are honest about who they are and what is happening in their lives. They share their hearts, reveal their feeling, confess their failures, disclose their doubts, admit their fear, acknowledge their weaknesses and ask for help and prayers.

Real fellowship attracts authenticity. In Genesis 11:6, because the people were united, they could

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build the 'Tower of Babel' towards heaven before God confounded their language in all the earth and thus scattered them abroad in confusion. Authenticity is the exact opposite of

what we find in believers today. Instead of an atmosphere of honesty and humility, there is pretence, role playing, politicking, superficial politeness and shallow conversations. People act as if everything is rosy in their lives. This attitude is the killer of real fellowship. Real fellowship can only occur when we become open about our lives. The bible says; if we live in the light as God is the light, we can share fellowship with one another.

If we say we have no sin, we are lying and the truth is not in us. To the world, intimacy occurs in the dark, but God says it happens in the light, because darkness is used to hide our hurts, faults, fears, failures and floods. But in the light, we bring them all out into the open and admit who we really are.

Real fellowship brings mutuality.

Mutuality is the act of given and receiving. It means depending on each other. 1Cor 12:25 says that the way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a body of Christ; every part depends on every other part. Mutuality is the act of fellowship building, reciprocal relationships, sharing responsibilities and helping one another. Apostle Paul said in Roms 1:12 that, "I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me". My faith will help me and my faith will help you. We are more consistent in our faith when others walk with us and encourage us. God expects us to do whatever we can do to help each other.

Real fellowship involves sympathy. Sympathy is not giving advice or offering quick cosmetic help. Sympathy is entering in and sharing pain of others. Sympathy says 'I understand what you are going through'. Today, some call this "empathy" but the biblical word is "sympathy". Col 3:12 says 'as holy

"Unity is an essential ingredient that believers must cultivate in the homes, church and in the society at large, if we must make the necessary impart as followers of Christ"

people be sympathetic, kind, humble, gentle, and patient. Sympathy meets two fundamental needs; the need to be understood and the need to prove your true feelings.

Each time you understand and affirm someone's feelings, you build fellowship. The problem is that we are often in a hurry to fix things, hence we don't have time to sympathize with people, or we are often pre-occupied with our own hurts. Self pity dries up sympathy from others. Galatians 6:2 enjoins us to share each other's troubles and problems and in that way obey the law of Christ. *cont'd on P. 18*



THE 'SECRET' BURDENS WOMEN BEAR!



By Patricia Ohain

Marriage is a sweet, sacred, honourable institution ordained by God from the beginning of creation. And, the Lord said, "it is not good for a man to be alone, I will make for him a suitable helpmate. (Gen. 2:18). The rest of the story is that out of the ribs of Adam, Eve was created and Adam overwhelmed, exclaimed: "this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman because she was taken out of man. (vs 24) Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and they shall become one flesh.

Marriage though sweet and desirable is not without its own challenges. Most women who go into marriage with the expectation of having flawless marriage often have their dreams shattered. One man said that marriage is like fishing; you buy a license and take your chances. Another yet said: "marriage is made in heaven but so are thunder and lightning."

Women most times are faced with many challenges as a wife, a mother, and as a career woman; striving to meet up with these challenges most times becomes a burden to her.

A 'secret burden' can be defined as something we carry inside which nobody sees or knows about except the person carrying it. This secret burden could be oppression or fear which, if not well handled could have adverse effect(s) on our marriages, spiritual life, health and other relationships.

Some of these 'secret burdens' can be highlighted as follows:

- a) Our past mistakes – there are mistakes we made in the past that we have refused to let go and these will end up becoming a torment to our soul.
- b) Fear of the future – what does the future hold for me, my spouse and children? These include the fear of job security, children's school, their career, life after retirement, etc.
- c) Health issues – our failing health, that of our spouse, children or our

nuclear family pose great burden to women.

d) Financial needs – never enough to meet our family's ever-increasing needs.

e) Fear of hostile environment – which might be as a result of family relocation or a new job offer.

f) Husband's unfaithfulness – a husband who never keeps up to his promises to the family or his marital vows becomes a burden which the wife lives with daily.

g) Satisfying a difficult husband who never sees anything good in his wife, thereby keeping the woman tense all day long.

h) Difficult or fastidious in-laws – who have refused to let go of their son and have made your home their nesting ground. This becomes an issue to contend with from time to time.

i) A wayward or problematic child – who has made the family a laughing stock – with an accusing finger pointing to the woman for failing in her duty as a responsible mother; this weighs the woman's spirit down.

j) The burden of widowhood, etc.

Consequences of Burdens on Women

1) Health consequence – carrying many burdens in our heart might lead to emotional disorder or psychiatric problems. Most women are in sick homes because of secret burdens that have weighed them down. Amongst other health challenges are high blood pressure (HBP), premature ageing, diabetes and untimely death.

2) Spiritual consequences – you are disobeying God's injunction in (Philippians 4:6-7) and (Matt 6:31-34)

3) Limits you from accomplishing your God given goal and maximizing your potential due to loss of focus.

4) Loss of joy and happiness – and losing sight of God's mightiness in bad situation is one of the dire consequences.

5) Burdens can lead to aggression and irritability which will adversely affect our relationship with others.

Solutions

Below are some solutions that can help ease our burdens as women and keep our marriages going:

1) Take it to the Lord in prayer. It is often said that 'if there is someone to pray there is always a God to answer'. (Philippians 4:6-7) Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your request to God. (vs 7) and the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

2) Forgiveness – forgive yourself of past mistakes as well as others who have offended you. Forgiveness, they say, is like a journey. Today you remember, tomorrow you forget the pain. Cry out your pain for weeping is therapeutic. Don't hold on to your pain like a trophy. Let it go and let God do the healing, for surely He can handle it.

3) Speak out – look out for a confidant you can speak to for a burden shared lightens the heart.

4) Have absolute trust in God who said, "fear not, worry not, fret not because with Him on your side, you can confront any situation and come out victorious.

5) Try to live one day at a time for this eases burdens and give hope for a better tomorrow.

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REJECTION CAN LEAD TO GREATNESS!



Rejection means refusing to accept somebody or something. It is a point in your life when even your own family, friends, and partners wouldn't like to have anything to do with you.

The dilemma here is that God may be at the center of it all. God works in ways we do not easily understand. That you do not have the approval of people yet God is leading you into a new area that is attracting rejection is a possibility. Just because of what is happening to you; yet these things happening to you may be God at work in your life.

That problem could be sickness, poverty, failure, marriage, etc. So many things can happen in life that leads to rejection and stigmatization. When you are stigmatized or rejected, what do you do? Do you also reject yourself? The time of rejection is not the time to feel miserable, frustrated and battered; it is not the time to hate people and fight them and vent your anger on them. It is not the time to call 'holy ghost fire' to kill all your enemies; and 'roast' people with fire, and send them to their early graves.

Many of us have suffered rejection in one way or the other. Some have suffered rejection just because they are believers. The moment you accept JESUS CHRIST as personal Lord and savior, you should expect rejection. The moment you choose to do right and hate evil,

you will be rejected by your old friends in evil or sin.

Rejection is part of life. If you handle rejection positively it will take you to your 'promised land'. Rejection is a ladder with which you climb to the next level of your life. Without rejection, you will be running round the same cycle every day of your life.

Rejection will help you discover your hidden potentials and wake up your idle mind which may have been dormant in

your life. God uses rejection to draw us closer to Him, and to put us in the right part. His plans for us from the foundation of the earth will be revealed during our period of rejection, and isolation. Rejection brings you to a point where you are left alone with your God. And God will begin to reveal Himself to you personally. During your period of rejection, you will begin and learn to hear God clearly. It is in the time of rejection you know and hear the voice of God, and you will hear Him saying "fear not, I am with you". I will never leave you nor forsake you, though your father and mother have forsaken you, I the Lord will take you up.

There is a solid relationship that is built between us and God because He is our hiding place, and our place of refuge and comfort. Many discoveries have been made in times of rejection

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and isolation. Some people who invented things were once considered dropouts; ones who could never make it academically.

They became miserable, disillusioned and in that state their inner potentials were revealed! And today, they are celebrated by the world. I don't know how much life has battered you; and who has rejected you, or who is rejecting you right now, but one thing I know is that you have come into another phase of your life. And if you can be a bit patient with God, you will soon hear His voice saying to you "I know the thought I have towards you, thought of peace and not of evil, to bring you to your expected end.

Rejection can be a tool in the hands of God to bring us to greatness. If we can in our rejection draw near to Him, He in turn will draw near to us. But if we refuse to draw near to God, rejection can be very disastrous. It can kill, and it has led many to their early grave. When you look up to man, you bring a curse unto yourself. The scriptures say 'cursed is anyone who puts his trust in man'. The palmist says "I will look unto the hills from where comes my help; my help comes from the Lord.

Pastor Sarah David



OUR PURPOSE AS WOMEN IN MINISTRY



By Pastor (Mrs) Sarah David

There is no flesh that God is not involved. Ministry for all I know is prepared to pour his Spirit upon service both to God and man. Your for the purpose of preaching the ministry is you and your calling. You gospel of the kingdom here on may not have been called in every area but discover your own area

earth.
"And it shall come to pass afterwards, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh and your sons and daughters shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit". (Joel 2:28)

"You may not have been called in every area but discover your own area of calling and begin rendering service in that capacity like Dorcas of the Bible, Marry Magdalene and Lydia. Immediately you discover your area of gifting and calling, endeavor to labor in love in that area."

"Without progress in the ministry of women, the Gospel will not go as fast as it should. Women as we know are builders, encouragers, and mothers and never give ups."

There is no gender discrimination in the call of God for ministry: "for ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus vs. 27, for as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female for ye are all one in Christ Jesus". Gal 3d:26-28. Every person called to preach the gospel male or female received one baptism.

"For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drunk into one spirit". 1 Cor. 12:13.

God has at sundry times and in diverse manners called women to take up the responsibility of ministering to the saints. He is anointing more and more women into the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. What a victory for a people often described as the weaker vessels.

An examination of the scripture that says "for God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love which ye have shown towards his name in that ye have ministered to the saints and do minister". Heb 6:10, gives an insight of the nature of our calling.

The labor of love which you show towards his name is that you ministered to the saints. I have often heard people talk of their ministries without specifying the work and labor of love

of calling and begin rendering service in that capacity like Dorcas of the Bible, Marry Magdalene and Lydia. Immediately you discover your area of gifting and calling, endeavor to labor in love in that area. Put your life into it and before long, your profiting will be made known to all.

Women in Ministry, is a body you need to know and belong to because it will help you discover who you are, your area of calling and empower you to pursue your vision. In this body, we

believe in the doctrine of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ; we have been ordained by the Lord to take this same gospel to other women all over the world. We are committed to helping women from all denominations, nationalities; age group and background know their calling and have a better relationship with God and their fellow brethren, to enable them lead exceptionally well as God intended them to do and equipping them to become a vital part of their churches and communities through impartation by the power of the Spirit of God.

We recognize how important women could be in the ministry. We therefore help to edify, encourage, renew, strengthen and unify their commitment to God and their families and the nations of the world which we have been sent to reach; through the preaching of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Women in Ministry International transcends

religious, denominational and legalistic believes and doctrines. We want you to join us as a soldier to reach the world for Christ.

Without progress in the ministry of women, the Gospel will not go as fast as it should. Women as we know are builders, encouragers, and mothers and never give ups. They stood with Jesus Christ from birth to resurrection. They should be given a helping hand, a listening ear and all sorts of encouragement.

In the mission field many women see themselves as weak and feeble, yet God has decided to use the weaker vessels to change the world. Let us not accept weakness for God is searching for the Deborah's, Mary Magdalene, Dorcas and Susanna, Lydia and the Esther of our time; the Mother Theresa and the Mary Slesor who left their countries for the sake of the Gospel. These women gave their lives and their substances to support the course of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Women, you are very important to God and the Lord is counting on you to lift up His banner and as soldiers, overthrow the world with the gospel of the living Jesus. When we lift Jesus up, he will draw all men to himself.

I encourage you to take up your cross and make a difference for the Lord today. He that created you has said "I will never leave you nor forsake you". Remember his strength is made perfect in your weakness. You can make a difference.

God bless you as you rise and shine for the Lord.

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Women In Ministry celebrate their anniversary



MY THOUGHTS ABOUT WOMEN IN MINISTRY

By Dorcas Augustine

'Women in Ministry' is another great commission that God has given to my mentor and mother in the Lord, Pastor (Mrs) Sarah David. I was indeed glad when she called Pastor (Mrs) Esther Adeyele and I to share her God-given vision.

God asked her to start off Women in Ministry; she prayed and meditated on it. One thing I know about my mentor is that she does not play with whatsoever God gives her to do. She will not procrastinate on any assignment by God but will just start; and just because she obeys, God before long makes it full.

When God told her about Women in Ministry, she did not waste much time; quickly, she started with just two of us Pastor Adeyele and I during our Monday evening women prayer meeting. Some other women joined us after some time.

The amazing part of it is that God asked her to mobilize women that have the call of God upon their lives irrespective of their denominations; to discover talents for mission work and church growth. Some have calling but they don't know how to start or how to go about it. They don't even know their area of calling in the first place but as we come together from different denominations and from different countries, we begin to discover the area of our calling.

Women in Ministry started in January 2015 and it has been a great blessing to me as a person. It made me know the area of my calling and it also made me to know that there is no discrimination in the work of God. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus". Galatians 3:28

Come and read the vision and run with it. You need to discover your calling!

GOSPEL WOMEN EMPOWERMENT: MY TESTIMONY

By David's Shalom Blessing

I am David's Shalom Blessing, a beneficiary of the Empowerment Program organized by the Gospel Women Training Center.

Firstly, I will talk on the centre's leadership training aspect. In fact, Institute for Leadership and Kingdom Studies is an agent of change. I wish every servant of God should come and study the real facts about what the kingdom of God is all about.

In my own observation, I discovered that the real name of the centre is boldly written everywhere – which is "LOVE". I saw love in action; that is why I call the centre an 'agent of change' because it's only changed people that can change the world. You cannot give what you don't have.

Change is a constant thing, they say and according to late Archbishop Benson Idahosa: "I chose to change". What about you?

Secondly, on the Empowerment Program, I can now make ladies' bags, hats, liquid soap, Jik, belt, slipper, etc. During the empowerment program, I discovered that one action is more valuable than a thousand good intentions. Winning starts with beginning. I also discovered that serving others is one of life's most awesome privileges. When you put God first, he will direct you and crown your efforts with success. When God is all you have, he is all you need.

What a huge sacrifice from Evang. A.S. David and his dear wife, Pastor [Mrs.] David to build and empower people at this end time without focusing on what they will get in return. I call them 'change agents', as an original is hard to find but easy to recognize. Interestingly, many of my skills and abilities mentioned above, I learnt them free-of-charge; no fee was attached. Can you imagine 'angels' on earth?

Words cannot express my gratitude to them and the Centre for their good works. May God bless them richly in Jesus Name. Amen.

WHEN GOD CALLS A MAN

I don't know the category you belong to but I want to say a big congratulation to you that recognized you are called by God.

There are basically three kinds of call.

1. God's call.
2. Self call.
3. Man's call.

1. God's Call: God called every one of us that have the qualification (BA) 'born again'. He called you in Matthew 28:19 - 20, Mark 16:15, Matthew 4:19. God called everyone to the ministry of evangelism.

2. Self Calling: Some persons called themselves into the ministry. Well, it might not be wrong depending on their motive of going into the ministry. When God sees that their motives are his, he backed them up to fulfill the ministry. This means you will operate within Mark 16:15 and other humanitarian calling.

3. Man's Calling: There are some pastors that will see your faithfulness and commitment and call you to follow them in ministry. (John 1:40-46)

Andrew called Peter, Philip called Nathanael verse 45.

When God calls you, He gives you area of

concentration. Ephesians 4:11-14. When God calls you, he calls you to be different; I mean, unique! All you need is embedded in you if only you can discover them. Note those things you like doing and find fulfillment in. Example, you may like helping people, praying, preaching, teaching, encouraging people and giving helping hand. Most of the times, you will be the first person to discover you have a call considering these parameters. However, God sometimes can use others to help you to discover your call.

It is important to understand first that God will not call anyone who does not have the capability to hear him. That is, you must have a relationship with him. I mean, you must have given your life to him genuinely. Secondly you that must be in tune with him and know how he speaks to you in other matters before now.

Finally, when you are able settle in your heart that God has called you, then you must surrender to fulfill the call of God.

Do the following:

- Consider your gifts and talents and those things you are passionate about.
- Go to God in prayers to know what he

will want you do for him.

- Discuss your dreams, feelings, ideas to people you know are spiritually ahead of you and you believe in.

Then act on your

conviction. The degree to which you act on your calling determines how fulfilled you will be. It is not all calls that lead to the pulpit, and it is not all calls that lead to planting a church, your call might be to help your pastor fulfill his call.

In conclusions, God did not create anybody without a call as explained above. In the church, no body is a nonentity; even the negative characters can be turned to positive. Evangelist A.S. David said "A talkative can be changed from talkativeness to talk Jesus"

As you read this journal, I pray you discover your call in Jesus name Amen.



By Evelyn Andrew



WIM: A REPORT CARD!

Women-in-Ministry, which is one year today, was a vision given to the founder and President, Pastor (Mrs) Sarah David by God sometime ago.

In the words of late Archbishop Benson Idahosa, "if you have a vision and you do not act on it, it will die." In line with the vision, therefore, the programme took off with an impartation service on the 24th January, 2015 with the theme – "You and Your Calling". In attendance were about 20 (twenty) women from different denominations.

Aims and Objectives of the Ministry

The aims and objectives of the Ministry are as follows:

1. To enable women to utilize and activate their God-given gifts/talents which may have been dormant,
2. To give women a voice in a society where they have been apparently sidelined,
3. To equip women through economic empowerment programme, which is an arm of the Ministry and
4. To be God-fearing wives and mothers who will always raise God-fearing families.

Impact on the Society

Members of Women-in-Ministry through the teachings they have heard,



WOMEN MINISTERS IN SESSION

now exhibit God-fearing traits in their respective places of work and employment; thus, shining as light in the midst of darkness.

The Journey so Far

To the glory of God, the Ministry in its one year of existence has grown from glory to glory through various teachings that have impacted the women's lives, their homes and society. It has also helped the women to discover their areas of giftedness as they are given the opportunity to do one thing or the other in terms of skills and vocations. Life-transforming testimonies abound as a result of the

activities of the Ministry.

The Challenges

The Ministry is faced with the challenges of reaching out to new members in different denominations because some of them and their church leaders believe erroneously that we are trying to "steal" their members. Let it be said here that this is a non-denominational Ministry open to all women irrespective of their denominations. It is a platform for us to cross-fertilize ideas while members still retain membership of their different denominations. We meet here once every month, that is, every 3rd Saturday of the month during which there are different teaching sessions with speakers drawn from different

denominations.

Our Plans for the Future

It is our expectation to expand in scope and size in our activities by reaching out to more members in the different denominations and other sectors of the society. Being a channel of evangelism, we shall also not hesitate to reach out to the unsaved with a view to bringing them to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We also intend to use media outlets to boost our activities as time goes on.

By Mrs Patricia Ohain

WHO ARE WOMEN OF INTEGRITY?

By Mrs. Shalom Davids

Women of integrity have a lot of responsibilities in their homes and these include 'How to carter for your family', 'How to care for your husband and children on quality of being honest, sincere and upright'

It is integrity that positioned and fulfilled the destiny of Joseph by not defiling himself with Potiphar's wife.

*Women of integrity must be Godly women and people worthy of emulation, genuine and sincere. Integrity is not for sale.

*Women of integrity quickly admit wrong doing without being pressed to do so.

*Women of integrity always pick something whenever they fail, they learnt from their mistakes

*Women of integrity always ask themselves whenever they have something to say about people, 'do we talk to them or talk about them'.

*Every mother is a counselor, doctor, and a source of encouragement. She should not be a liability.

*Women of integrity provide for their homes. They must have something doing and not be a cross to their husbands and children.

*Women of integrity do not monitor their husbands; they are sensitive to things well-done and appreciate their strength.

*Women of integrity lead their children to the Lord, show them

their fault, tell them where they are wrong, respect the child's right, and not use excessive authority on them.

*Women of integrity even in their anger bless their children because parents' words to their children are highly effective.

*Women of integrity show appreciation to their children when they do well.

Finally children, obey your parents, if you disobey them you're simply telling God that you don't want to live long.

Remain blessed in Jesus name Amen

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RISE UP TO YOUR HIGH CALLING

Mrs Davids B. Shallom

From the time of old till now, God has been in the business of calling or enlisting men and women to serve Him.

In the book of Judges, Deborah was called with Barak's assistance to bring deliverance to Israel, being a prophetess. In Judges 4:14, it is written "And Deborah said unto Barak, up; for this is the day in which the Lord hath delivered Sisera into thine hand..."

Rising up to high calling among other things means rising up to take responsibility on the task assigned to you by God. The tasks are numerous and given to one according to his /her abilities. To one it may be the task of preaching Christ Jesus to the world or any other types of ministries enumerated in the scriptures. Today, all of us are called unto repentance. This is a general call to all. The other kind of calling is the call to service which Paul the Apostle exemplified. We are expected to rise up as our predecessors did in order to fulfill our calling.

We should ask ourselves the following questions:

1. What is my calling? Is it not to serve God; Live for Him, and win souls according to matt 20: 28?

2. How do I fulfill my calling?
3. What are the secrets of men and women fulfilled their calling?

When we get their secrets, and do what they did, and even more as the Holy Spirit helps us, we will get the types of the results they got and even better. Studying the life of Paul, and his secrets, gives us a better insight. In Phil 3:13-14 notice that Paul's goal in life was not merely to win the gentiles or stand

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before the kings as his calling was, but his greatest desire was to know Christ, and be found in Him; not having his own righteousness but knowing the power of His resurrection. This is a personal relationship with God.

Paul's desire and encounter with Christ were the major secrets of his fulfilled ministry. One major mistake we make is to concentrate on winning others while we make mess of ourselves. Matt. 7:3-5 admonished us to first of all remove the beam out of our eyes,

and then shall we see clearly to remove the mote out of our brothers' eyes.

Paul's second secret in the fulfillment of his ministry was his ability to keep the past behind.

Throughout our lives there are all kinds of temptations threatening to choke off our commitment to the Lord. As men and women (ministers) who are called by the Lord, what is required of us is to forget those things which are behind. Rising up to our high calling is to rise up to the responsibilities God has placed in our hands.

Just like Paul, we need to understand the suffering in ministry. Many of the Lord's

ministers are increasingly murmuring and dropping their calling out of frustration and running back to the world. Whatever you are passing through in ministry is a temporary challenge. You can stand with Apostle Paul, who declared that Christ shall be magnified in his body, whether by life or by death Phil. 1: 20b.

Beloved, be steadfast, unmovable always abounding in

the work of the Lord, for as much as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. Let us by the grace of God remain faithful to the Lord, and to the gospel entrusted into our hands.

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UNDERSTANDING 'VISION'

By Evelyn Andrew

Vision is the ability to see or perceive. It is the ability to think or plan for the future with imagination or wisdom. Vision is an idea or mental image of something; the ability to see with the eye of the spirit.

Vision is an instrument of the supernatural – between a heavenly being and an earthly human. (Ezekiel 8:2-4). Vision can be received when a person is awake or asleep. Number 12:6 '...hear my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision and will speak unto him in a dream.'

A lot of Christians have become so addicted to 'visions' that they are attracted only to those churches or gathering where 'vision and dreams' have replaced the word of God.

The bible says "...try the spirits whether

they are of God: because many false prophets are gone into the world.' 1John 4:1b. That is, God gives vision and the devil does too! Your ability to test the spirit behind the vision is very important.

The vision you need is the word of God. In 2Timothy 2:15, the scripture advices you should 'study to show thyself approved; a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth'.

These three types of visions are what God wants you as His child to see:

□ Vision to God: This involves what you will see and do for God. Luke 4:18 says 'the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel...' Your prosperity and blessings are attached to what you are and do for the Lord.

□ Vision to people (others): this speaks

of what you can see in the life of others; and what can you do for them. Remember, your success in life is measured by how many lives you have been able to affect positively.

□ The third Vision is what you can see for yourself.

□ Vision to self: this is about your dreams and aspirations in life. If you can see it, you can seize it. The future you cannot picture, you cannot feature in it.

God has good plans for you if only you can see them with the eye of the Spirit. (Jeremiah 29:11).

As you read and pray about this, God will open your physical and spiritual eyes to the right direction in Jesus Christ name. Amen.



YOUR CALL AS A WOMAN

By Dcns B.U. Amadi

INTRODUCTION

1 Thessalonian 5:24 says, "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it". A call is an invitation to something higher than individual. In this context, it simply means a call proceeding from God. God is the caller and whoever receives the call is the called. As women, our calling starts from home. The success of how we make or build our home goes a long way to the success of our ministry in the Church. Proverbs 14:1 says "Every wise woman buildeth her home but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands."

In Gen. 1:27-28, God instituted and ordained marriage, a life-long relationship. Marriage is to be enjoyed and used as an avenue for fulfilling God's purpose for creation. This is fruitfulness and continuity of human race. The role or function of a woman is to build her home, Gen. 2:18 says, and the Lord God said, 'it is not good that the man should be alone, I will make him an help meet for him, a helper suitable for him'. Verses 21:22 say, And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh instead thereof, and the rib which the Lord God had taken from man made He a woman and brought her unto the man and Adam said, this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh, she will be called woman because she was taken out of man.

It is the joy of every couple to be addressed as parents shortly after marriage in the African setting. However, not all mothers are responsible to their children. It must be noted that we as mothers are common caretakers who will render account to God on how we have taken care of the gifts (children) Which God has given us.

Ephesians 5:22-23 sets out two broad guidelines for how husbands and wives need to relate to one another.

1. The wife's responsibility is to honour her husband and submit to his leadership

2. The husband's responsibility is to honour his wife and love her as Christ loves the church. But today the family institution is facing great challenges on all sides as a result of not applying the principle of Christian living. Unfortunately, churches are filled with Christian couples and divorced people who are living proof of that.

SOME FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THESE ARE:

Economic factors; High rate of inflation, internal and external pressures. These factors have deformed many families. They have also weakend many marriages to the point that husbands and wives are just tolerating one another or they are merely enduring their marriages which was not God's original purpose for instituting marriage.

God made everything for His pleasure (Col. 1:16, Rev. 4:11) Marriage was also ordained by God to serve His purpose solely. It is not one of those creations of human imagination and it was not conceived by man to meet some needs imagined by man.

IMPORTANT INGREDIENTS THAT CAN BRING ABOUT FULFILLMENT IN THE HOME ARE;

Partnership:

1. Women are to help the man to live victoriously in righteousness before God Gen. 2:18, Eccl. 4:9.

2. To assist the man accomplish his service to God. Gen. 2:15, 20 Eph. 2:10

3. To produce a Godly offspring for God. Mal. 2:15

Communication

Communication is to marriage as oxygen is to our body. We cannot live without effective communication. If your husband offends you, talk about it and iron out your differences instead of bottling up resentments. Talk to your husband, ask questions when you are not sure of what your husband is saying or doing, this will clear up issues and clarify things.

Intimacy

This is having a close personal relationship with each other. Ecc 4:9-12 says it is better to have partner and friend who can assist and protect against an enemy.

Sex

Sex is a marital act by which a couple shows their intimacy and affection for each other. No couple should defraud one another of this gift for mankind. Sex is not only for procreation, it is also for protection of your home. All food and no sex make a marriage boring. The husband of a romantic wife will not roam about the streets after office hours. You cannot get to the heart of your husband when you reject his love

making advances. Sex is not a weapon; it is an expression of love between husband and wife. It is a currency of love

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE TRAINING OF CHILDREN

Prov: 22:6 says, we must give our children the basic training; This entails: Education, Nurturing, Directing, Providing adequately, Counseling and Praying for them. Det 6:6-9. If you want to make heaven, your desire should be that you and your household should make heaven. God expects us to bring up children of high moral and of christian values

Teaching

The first responsibility vested on us (women) by God is to teach our children bible based teachings, Early involvement in church service must be inculcated in our children. Teaching begins from the womb till adulthood, God has a specific plan and purpose right from the point of conception until God's plan is fulfilled in the child's life God also commended the Israelites to teach children the ways of God, Deut 6:2-21, 2Tim 1:5. God was not happy with Eli because he didn't teach his children the ways of God and this led to severe judgment from God, Samuel 2:24-36, while Abraham was commended for raising his family in a godly way, Gen 18:19. Joshua also declared to the people that he and his household will serve the Lord, meaning that he determined in his heart to actually raise his family in godly way.

Training

The second duty of every woman is to train her children in the way they should go. Remember that the first school for every child is the home. A child that is not properly trained from home is said to lack home training, Prov 22:6. Mothers are expected to discipline their children in form of setting limits and curtailing their excesses. Mothers should allow their children to cultivate the habit of bringing their friends home for proper assessment. Periodic and impromptu check on their gadgets, rooms, wardrobes and suitcases are very necessary. Whatever training you fail to give your children will affect you either now or in the future. Prov 19:18, Esther 2:15-20

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The Good News and WIM

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I thank God for the programs run by Women In Ministry Int'l – a vision given to my spiritual mother, Pastor (Mrs.) Sarah David. Thank God for this wonderful calling, God wants us to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus all over the world. I am one of those that were cleansed; and the poor who received the gospel of the kingdom. Receiving the good news brought about my being born-again in Christ Jesus and my calling into the ministry.

Many great men and women are buried with their potentials and talents. Some say: "I don't know how to go about my calling". God will direct you on how to go about it as you lean on Him. I am wonderfully blessed by my spiritual

mother, and mentor. She helped to bring out that which God has deposited in me for the world to see. Today, I am a Sunday school teacher, and I am happy doing it. I can boldly speak in the presence of people and to moderate a service. I can organize programs. I am no longer ashamed of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. The gospel removed shyness away from me.

My calling now gives me joy and promotion. God has given me good health because I answered his call on my life. So, my brethren, your obedience to your calling in God cannot bring error but fulfillment. I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me, according to Phil. 4:13.

My calling has really lifted me up above my equals to the glory of God. But I will also advise you that immediately you know your calling, obey and begin to go about it in humility, because the book of (LK 14:11) says, "For whosoever exalted himself shall be abased; and he that humbled himself shall be exalted." Today, my calling brings people around me as well as food to my table. No more struggle in life; and those things money cannot buy, my God does them for me freely because I did not disobey Him.

Wake up to your calling. God is calling you to labor for Him in His vineyard. Do you really love the kingdom of God? If yes, answer your call, run to the Master

WHAT YOU EAT AND YOUR HEALTH

An adage says 'you are what you eat!' What do you eat? We eat food. What is food? Food is anything we eat to get satisfaction. Food can be solid or liquid.

Making healthy choices for your family as a woman in the kitchen is more important than making money. The family dining table should be a place of nourishment, comfort and fellowship. A balanced diet and proper nutrition will help the family members to stay in good health.

Today, a lot of problems of diet related health issues are on the increase. As a child of God, healing and health may not work in your life if you will not mind what you eat and drink. Good health is better than healing. It is better to be in health than looking for healing or cure for sickness.

Let us take a look at some causes of sicknesses today.

1. **JUNK FOOD:** Frequenting fast food centres will fasten your life into untimely grave. Eating too much of baked food, meat, ice-cream are not too healthy for your health. Eating all the six classes of food in moderate proportion will help you maintain 90% of good health. The six classes of food are.

- Carbohydrate: Rice, yam, Eba, Akpu, Cocoyam.
- Protein: Beans, milk, egg, fish and others
- Vitamins: Fruits; Pineapple, watermelon, banana, orange,
- Minerals: vegetables; Green leaf, cabbage, carrot, cucumber, tomatoes (Daniel 1: 8-15)
- Fat and oils Groundnut oil, red oil, vegetable oil, soya oil, use oil with less cholesterol.
- Water: Adequate intake of water, taking two glasses of water first thing in the

morning helps the organs. It flushes acidity that is harmful to the body.

2. **SINFUL HABITS AND LIFESTYLE EXODUS 15:26:** Stay away from sinful habits and stay in good health.

3. **HATRED AND ANGER:** Anger leads to hatred. When you hate somebody, anytime you see the person, you are not happy, and your emotion will be affected that can lead to high blood pressure which is a silent killer disease.

4. Fear and worry: when you are often worried and have fear of the unknown it can cause sickness. (Proverb 23:7, 4:23) You can overcome fear and worry using positive confession and believing the word of God.

5. **STRESS:** know that your life does not depend on the things you possess. Avoid stress and set your priorities. You can make a time table for your daily activities. (1 Timothy 6:8). You can also overcome stress by relaxing and resting. (Eccl. 4:6)

6. **DIRTY ENVIRONMENT:** To stay in good health, you must maintain personal hygiene and keep your environment clean. I am glad to announce to you that there is cure for sickness through Jesus Christ who bore upon himself your infirmity. In order to walk and live in divine health, you have to consider every part of yourself: your spirit, your soul, and your body.

CURE FOR SICKNESS

1. You must keep the commandments of God.
2. Make restitution and make peace with people you have wronged.
3. Change your thought pattern. Healthy living begins with healthy thoughts. The mind is very powerful; it can pull down your whole body.
4. Learn to be temperate and forbearing. If you want to enjoy sound health, you must learn to overlook offences and get rid of

anger.

5. Eat good meals and reap sound health. Don't skip meals especially breakfast except you are waiting on God.

6. Balm in Gilead, through fasting and prayers and through faith in God. (Jeremiah 30:17, 33:6)

God can remedy that situation of ill-health you now suffer if only you give him the chance to do that. Play your part of the covenant and God will fulfill his promises.

SUMMARY

- Drink plenty of water
- Sleep and rest well
- Eat good and living food
- Do regular exercises
- Deal with stress

In conclusion, key into the healing promises of God and you will see your health blossom again.



THE MANSION DOOR IS OPEN TO ALL

BY NGOZI OSAGIE

It is interesting to know that everyone on earth is a stranger (Psalm 119:9). But the good news is that we have a better place we call our home, as it is written in John 14:1-3. We are heading for the mansion that our Lord Jesus Christ has gone to prepare for us. Halleluiah, the door of the mansion is open to everyone made in the image and likeness of God. We are all invited and expected to be there. It is an open invitation to all and sundry. Please, don't be left out and don't hinder yourself!

God in His infinite mercy has made provision for all to be there. It is free-of-charge so that everyone can make it. Are you still contemplating whether to give your life to Jesus or not? Please, delay is dangerous; so, surrender your life to Jesus for He alone knows the road to the mansion (John 14:6).

I congratulate all believers in Christ. You are on the right path. Let the fruit of the spirit which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, faith, and self-control be in you. These are qualities that will qualify you to be in that mansion.



Reflect God's character in your speech, dealings, conducts, dressing and services to God and mankind. 'It is neither by power nor by might but by my Spirit', says the Lord of host. His grace is sufficient to scale us through.

Remember how God took the children of Israel out of Egypt and destroyed the Egyptians in the Red Sea. God wrought great and mighty miracles in order to take them to the Promised Land (Canaan). Read the book of Exodus and Leviticus.

Unfortunately, as they journeyed to the Promised Land, many of the children of Israel who did not believe were destroyed on the way because of sin, compromise, murmuring, doubt, bitterness, lust, covetousness, unbelief, disobedience and idolatry. Few made it to the Promised Land but nevertheless, God is faithful, and He

remains faithful forever.

Brethren, challenges are inevitable on the way to the 'Mansion', but the truth is, God of wonders, and of miracles is more than able to see you through. Lay aside whatever that will stand as a hindrance, and you will obtain the prize (1Cor 9:23-24). The prize and the crown are for those that will make it to the mansion (Rev 3:11). Your strength, wisdom, knowledge, experience and educational qualification will fail you. Only lean on Jesus, and totally rely on Him, the author and the finisher of our faith. You can do all things through Christ that strengthens you (Phil 4:13). Decide and prepare for the mansion. The zeal of the Lord will perform it. God bless you richly in Jesus name. (Amen).

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The FELLOWSHIP OF THE BELIEVERS

Real fellowship involves mercy. Fellowship is a place of grace where mistakes are not rubbed in but rubbed out. Fellowship happens when mercy wins over justice. We all need mercy because we all stumble and fall and require getting back on track. We need to offer mercy to each other. Apostle Paul says in 2 Cor 2:7, "when people offend you, you should forgive and comfort them so that they won't give up or despair. You can't have fellowship without forgiveness. The bible says we should never hold grudges against one another because bitterness and resentment always destroy fellowship. Sometimes, we hurt each other intentionally, and sometimes unintentionally, but either way, it takes

great mercy and grace to maintain fellowship.

Forgiveness is letting go of the past. Forgiveness must be immediate whether or not a person asks for it. God's mercy for us is the motivation for showing mercy to others. Remember, you will never be asking to forgive someone else more than God has forgiven you.

The fellowship of believers has the following benefits:

A lot of strength is generated for greater achievements, Gen 11:6

God is pleased with an environment where unity thrives and so, He bestows His blessings on it.

Matt 18:19-20 further confirm God's response to unity of the brethren, when

he says: "Again I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my father in heaven". Jesus himself spends time in praying for oneness amongst all believers.

In conclusion, unity is an essential ingredient that believers must cultivate in the homes, church and in the society at large, if we must make the necessary impart as followers of Christ. Therefore, brethren let us share real fellowship with one another with open heart in an atmosphere of honesty and humility and the peace of the lord Jesus Christ will rule our hearts and we will make heaven. Amen.



THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL

By Patricia Ohain

Jesus Christ taught the people with many parables during his earthly ministration and one of the most popular is the "parable of the prodigal son."

The word prodigal according to the English dictionary definition implies wasteful or extravagant. Jesus Christ used this parable to illustrate a very vital aspect of man's relationship with God, and his departure from God who is his source. The 'prodigal son', as a parable told by Jesus Christ might be me or you, who is actually a son that left home to a far away country and began to indulge in a riotous lifestyle with the wealth allotted to him by his father.

An extract from the story of the prodigal son in (Luke 19 vs 11-32): There was a man who had two sons, the younger one said to his father, 'father give me my share of the estate'. So, he divided his property between them. Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living (extravagant living). After he spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country and he began to be in need.

So, he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his field to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the

pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, "how many of my father's hired men (servants) have food to spare and here I am starving to death. I will arise and go back to my father and say to him, 'father, I have sinned against the heavens and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servant'.

We are told that while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion and he threw his arms around him and kissed him and ordered a great feast for his son, for he said in (vs 24) "for this son of mine was dead and is alive again, he was lost and is found".

This is an interesting parable you will say but the zenith of the story is the realization of the prodigal son that he had missed it. He made a wrong choice by departing from his source of sustenance. "He came back to his senses." The parable of the prodigal son can be likened to a bonafide son of God who departed into the world of sin which the devil offered. Though, the devil's offer might be full of seemingly very attractive packaged benefits but the end thereof is destruction.

Mankind generally enjoys the life of freedom to do that which will give his flesh satisfaction. But God warns! "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof is destruction.

Your being alive this day is a privilege that must not be misused. You are not the owner of your life for your owner might demand it any time he wishes. The 'Rich Fool' was happy and contented with his great harvest, thinking that he will rest from his labour for some time, while he feasted on his stored up harvest but

what did God say to him, "you fool, tonight your soul is demanded of you." Many of us have given God conditions some times on when we will return back to Him but you might not be as lucky as the prodigal son who came back alive.

The lesson of the prodigal son reveals how lost a sinner is until he returns back to his creator. "(John 3: 16) All have sinned and come short of the glory of God". You, as a sinner, who has not received Christ as Lord and Saviour has fallen short of God's glory and there is no other substitute for your salvation, not even your good works.

Some prominent persons in the Bible were prodigal and lost until they had an encounter with Christ. Saul was one of such, a great persecutor of the Christian faith until he had an encounter with Christ on his way to Damascus. Saul came to the realization that he was lost, not only to seeing his physical sight but was on the verge of being lost eternally, hence he asked "what will you have me do Lord? This wholehearted question gave birth to the conversion of a one-time great persecutor of the faith, to one of the greatest disciples of the faith.

Another prominent person is Zaacheus, the chief tax collector, who enriched himself from the public purse but this was no longer to be when he had encounter with Christ. For he voluntarily said to Him: "Look Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus replied to him saying, "today, salvation has come to this house because this man too is a son of Abraham, for the son of man came to seek and to save what was lost. (Luke 19: 8-9).

The thief on the cross realized his sinful act and asked for mercy at the nick of time. Jesus assured him of forgiveness and said to him, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

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HIGHLIGHTS OF WIM ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



By Mrs Patricia Ohain



Women in Ministry (WIM) Redeemers, the Winners, celebrated her one-year anniversary between Jan. 15th and 16th this year at the Faith Conference with the theme: "You and Your Calling". The ministry was a vision given by God to its Founder and President, Pastor (Mrs) Sarah David sometime ago.

The Faith Conference took off on the first day at about 9am with an opening prayer said by Sr Dorcas Augustine. This was followed by a praise and worship session, sharing of testimonies and presentation of a welcome address by the President.

In her address, Pastor (Mrs) Sarah David recognized the fact that women played a very vital role in kingdom work right from the time of Jesus Christ's ministry on earth.

Even in our present dispensation, women have continued to play a vital role in ministries which help to edify, encourage, renew, strengthen and unify their commitment to God, their families, nations and the world at large.

WIM International transcends religious, denominational and legalistic boundaries; and to buttress this fact, we had women from different denominations - the Baptists, the

Assemblies of God, etc. This explains the fact that we are all one in Christ Jesus, with the same vision of spreading the Good News wherever we find ourselves.

There were song renditions by the WIM Choir, drama presentation by WIM, WIM news-casting and also exhortations.

The first exhortation was given by Mrs Patricia Ohain and it was titled - "Appropriating Faith to Your Work and Calling to Excel". She said that mere wishing does nothing and cannot make you to actualize your dream.

God expects you as a person to work and to put the gift and talent he has given you to profit mankind and expand his kingdom here on Earth. For no matter how big your dream is, it can only be actualized through work and right appropriation of faith; "for faith without works is dead"! Therefore, you must arise and put your hands to work to excel.

Dcns Mrs Betty Amadi also exhorted the women and she titled her message "You and You Calling". She challenged the women asking: What are you contributing towards the work of God in this end times? She told women to be totally committed to God if we are to fulfill our purpose and

calling. If you work according to God's way, your ministry will grow and when your ministry grows, that means you are bringing more people to the kingdom and fulfilling your destiny. "The time is short and the time of folding our hands is over; all hands must be on deck to spread this good news to the world. She said that great reward awaited any woman that will stand up to this challenge not only here on earth but also in eternity with God.

The WIM vision bearer, Pastor (Mrs) David also admonished the women in her message titled "As Women, What Do We Preach?" She pointed out that if you do not preach the right message, you will get the wrong result. The right message is simply the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ which is based on repentance and new birth. As we preach this, we will experience signs and wonders; miracles will also abound, for we are not meant to pursue miracles. Miracles will be a natural occurrence if we preach the right message. God is calling us women just as he is calling the men; for with God, there is no partiality!

You need the fire of the Holy Ghost in your bones to do the kingdom work, for the kingdom of God is not in words but power (1Cor4:20). Any message outside the message of Christ will bring curse and damnation. She concluded that God qualified the unqualified; so, stop limiting yourself.

HEALTH TALK:

An extensive health talk on "Total Family Health" was given by Mrs Bunmi Oludiran. According to her, health is a total state of spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of an individual. This includes positive interactions among family members. Cleanliness is a must for the entire family, she stressed, adding that women must try to take their bath at least twice a day. Our kitchen and toilets must be kept clean at all times to avoid germs which cause ill-health.

Family should be in unity for this will help to promote peace and joy. She advised the

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women to cease from being anxious as this can cause serious health issues that can lead to psychiatric problems.

She also enlightened the women on diseases that are peculiar to women which include arthritis, breast and cervical cancer; their causes and prevention. On arthritis, she advised that women should avoid putting on high-heeled shoes, especially when they start ageing. She pointed out that some of the foods we eat expose us to ailments besides the hereditary ones.

Exercises and good body weight control, in addition to vitamins intake is good for the bones and will help in the prevention of arthritis.

BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER:

She said that constant breast examination is compulsory for every woman as this helps to detect early stages of breast cancer. To prevent cancer, do not smoke or take alcoholic drinks; avoid too much oil and fried foods. Eat plenty fruits such as carrots, cabbage and orange etc. Cervical cancer occurs when children start being sexually active before the age of 21. It is necessary, however, for women to have regular cervical examination for early detection and treatment.

DIABETES:

This is another disease that is common to both men and women. It is characterized by constant urination despite fluid intake; lose of weight, and other complications. Diabetes can be prevented by the eating of more fish instead of meat; taking of peanuts, soya milk and lots of vegetables.

"In all these, God honours His words which he has given us concerning our healing. Matt 4:23,

Luke 9:11, etc. So, hold on to God's word for your healing and do everything in moderation, she advised the women.

The one year anniversary was rounded off with special impartation prayers by the Father-of-the-Day, Evangelist A.S. David, who extolled the women for a very eventful anniversary celebration.

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YOUR CALL AS A WOMAN

Provision

God expects a responsible mother to make provision for her children. It is the duty of the mother to ensure that her children are properly taken care of: 2 Cor 12:14, 1Tim 5: 8. Mothers should love their children at all times. God demonstrated this to us by going the extra mile to show how much He cares through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross for a sinful world. Titus 2:4. To love our children we must do it in line with the word of God, and we should have deep rooted bonding with them with the aim of making them our bosom friend.

Nurturing

God expects mother to nurture their children unto maturity. As mother you should know your children's strength and encourage them. It is a shame that some mothers abandon their children early in life to the hands of house maids and ignorantly the lives of these young ones are at the mercy

of these maids. This is contrary to God's will.

Prayer/Counseling

Psalms 127:1, says except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it, except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen watch but in vain. Mothers should teach their children the way of God early in life. Pro 22:6 says, train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Teach your children how to pray, study the word of God and seek God's face, for the scripture says those who seek me early shall find me. Mothers make sure you build your home by laying up treasures that is rich towards God, Lk12:13-21 1Tim 6:6-10. It is also necessary that mothers with the knowledge of internet should have access to social network, so that they can be able to address the challenges their children are facing and counsel them. It is also the duty

of mothers to stand in gap for the family in prayer 1Thes 5:15.

CONCLUSION

Beloved, to achieve and obtain what God ordained for our homes, a price must be paid. Prov 31:10-12,23 and 28 says, who can find a virtuous woman, for her price is far above rubies, the heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. Her husband is known in the gate when he sitteth among the elders of the land. Her children arise up and call her blessed: her husband also and he praiseth her.

Finally, women, we need to raise our family correctly and make ourselves available for God through our home. As we do this, it will become easier for us to fulfill our calling in the ministry.

Thank you and God bless you.

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