DESPITE SATAN'S
PROMISE TO THE
FALLEN ANGELS,
DID THEY NOT
EVENTUALLY
FALL INTO HUMAN
WORLD?

WILL LUCIFER

STILL BE ABLE TO

SAVE FALLING

ANGELS FROM

ETERNAL

DESTRUCTION?

SO, WHY SHOULD WE
JOIN THE LOSING
SPIRITUAL SIDE
SINCE HE LOST IN
HEAVEN?

HOW TO BUILD A
PERSONAL LIFE
SYSTEM FOR SELFGOVERNANCE

WHY YOU SHOULD
DOWNLOAD A
FINANCE TRACKING
APP TODAY

MATHEMATICS AND
SCIENCE ARE GREAT AND
PRECISE IN GETTING
RESULTS; APPLY
RESULT-ORIENTED
STRUCTURE TO YOUR
LIFE AND GET RESULTS

THE ROLE OF SPIRITUALITY IN ACHIEVING SUCCESS

FALLEN SPIRITS HAVE
THE ABILITY TO HELP
HUMANS ACHIEVE SOME
LEVEL OF SUCCESS AND
WHAT MAY SEEM LIKE
EXCELLENCE

# RESISTANCE

**DAILY DEVOTIONAL Vol.3** 

JUST AS PLANTS
CANNOT GROW ON
TILED OR CONCRETE
GROUNDS, SUCCESS
CANNOT GROW ON
INCOMPATIBLE
LIVES.

A MAJOR RED FLAG IN ANY
CONNECTION IS WHEN
SUPPORT OR BENEFITS ARE
ONE-SIDED. IF YOU ONLY
TAKE FROM A RELATIONSHIP,
YOU WON'T BE SEEN AS
VALUABLE

THE BECOMINGPOPULAR YOGA AND
MEDITATION THAT
ORIGINATE FROM
BUDDHISM AND OTHER
PHILOSOPHIES OUTSIDE
JESUS CHRIST

GIVEN OUR NEED FOR SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE AND HELP IN THIS COMPLEX WORLD, OUR CONNECTION TO THE SPIRIT REALM IS UNAVOIDABLE

WE ALL NEED TO PRAY!

PASTOR D. O. ADELUSI

DAY 1

#### **TOPIC: Introducing Structure and Good Self-Governance**

This devotional talks about self-governance and self-organization. This means having the right ideas and plans to manage different parts of our lives—personal, work, and community. When we look at God's wisdom, we see that good organization and governance show God's order and greatness. The Bible often tells us how God's works are precise and meaningful, from creating the universe to designing each person. Besides creation, how is God able to manage everything in creation and maintain order if not through a system, that is, an organizational structure?

This is the kind of system we must build into our lives or behavior in order to experience good success and excellence. Many people find it hard to reach their full potential because they lack this God-like organization and self-governance; living their lives just anyhow or without deliberate organizational habits. Without a clear structure, guiding personal system of living or principles, life's issues and activities can become too much and take away our attention to areas that matters toward good success and excellence.

Mathematics and science are great and precise in getting results. These fields of study don't arrive at results by chance; they make use of result-seeking formula. By applying formula or governing principles to your life that are result-oriented, you prepare yourself for greater chance at success and excellence. This devotional is meant to encourage and help us build good organization and governance in our daily lives so we can thrive in every part of our journey. The "good" in governance comes from aligning our choices with God's teachings in the Bible. I hope this devotional brings real change to your life as you commit to improving self-governance in every area.

#### **Bible Reading**

1 Corinthians 14:40: "But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way."

DAY 2

# TOPIC: Self-Governance and Personal Organizational Systems can Drive Success and Excellence

Just like a well-organized business is more appealing to investors because it shows stability and clear processes and a well-governed church can thrive better than one that lacks organization, so also having a structured and well-governed life often leads to better results and greater happiness than a life without direction. Self-governance is key to success in both personal and work life. The hard truth for Christians is that good governance is a principle everyone can use to succeed, whether they believe in Jesus or not.

For example, successful people like Elon Musk and Oprah Winfrey show how personal discipline and structured decision-making can lead to amazing results. Real-life examples show how governance affects success. Think also about Steve Jobs at Apple, whose disciplined methods led to amazing innovations. Likewise, successful organizations like the Red Cross have made a big difference worldwide through strong governance and planning. On the other hand, those without self-governance and discipline may not be able to rise but struggle, even if they pray for success.

Improving how you govern your life creates an environment for success. Just as plants cannot grow on tiles or concrete floors but in rich soil, success flourishes in lives that are well-structured. I want to prepare and remind you to apply or review good governance in your daily living until it becomes your habit. In later sections of this devotional, we'll explore how to do this.

#### **Bible Reading**

Proverbs 21:5: "The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty."

DAY3

#### **TOPIC:** Abundance and Poverty can Co-exist in Poor Governance

Many African countries face serious poverty despite having rich natural resources. Africa has plenty of minerals, land, and talented people, yet many nations rely on foreign aid from groups like the IMF and World Bank. Take Nigeria as an example. It has resources that could support all of Africa, but it struggles and depends on international help to avoid collapse. This situation highlights a major issue: the lack of good governance. Even with its wealth, Nigeria can't use its resources effectively due to poor leadership and management, leading to a dependence on others. This is similar to people with great potential who still rely on others for support because they lack effective self-governance.

Poor governance and disorganization in people's lives can create a situation where wealth exists alongside poverty. Many individuals have access to opportunities but still live in poverty because they fail to recognize or seize these chances. This often comes from unschooled or unwise enough to recognize opportunities, poor self-management, lack of self-discipline or accountability, and weak organizational skills. When effective governance—whether in a country or in personal life—is ignored, even the best resources and opportunities can be wasted. Without good governance, people become vulnerable and reliant on outside help, much like many African nations. I hope your life does not mirror Nigeria's history of bad governance, and may God bless Nigeria and Africa with good leaders who will help their people thrive.

The Bible verse in Proverbs 13:23 reminds us of this irony: "There is abundance on a poor man's field." This means that even when there is potential for success, poor management, attitude to work and accountability can lead to failure. This principle applies to both nations and individuals. Often, success and happiness are not limited by a lack of resources but by ineffective management and self-governance. It is essential for individuals to bring structure and discipline into their lives, as good self-governance is key to unlocking and fully using our potential.

#### **Bible Reading**

Proverbs 13:23: "The fields of the poor may yield much food, but injustice sweeps it away."

DAY 4

#### **TOPIC:** Build a Personal Life System for Self-Governance

To begin your journey of self-governance, the first important step is to seek your freedom. Just as countries work to become independent, you need to free yourself from the habits and limitations that hold you back. This freedom means letting go of negative habits, harmful beliefs or superstitions, bad relationships, unproductive phone use, wasteful actions, a mindset of dependence, and outside pressures that control your life. Gaining this independence allows you to take charge of your choices and set the stage for effective self-management.

Once you have found your personal freedom, the next step is to create a governance system for yourself. Just like a government organizes its operations, you should set up your own "departments" or "ministries" to manage important parts of your life. Decide which areas matter most to in relation to your goals. For example, you might focus on time management, financial planning, building relationships, and improving communication skills if these are the key areas that will support your goals. By organizing these areas, you ensure that each one gets the attention it deserves. Over time, these practices will become habits, helping you manage your life effectively.

You can design this system in simple ways, like writing down your goals and plans in a notebook or using an app on your phone. The important thing is to be aware of the different parts of your life that lead to your success and well-being. By regularly refining and sticking to this structure, you create a strong foundation for a successful life. With a clear plan and disciplined approach, you can turn your potential into real achievements and reach excellence easily.

#### **Bible Reading**

Proverbs 16:3: "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."

DAY 5

#### **TOPIC: Lessons from Government Failures**

Governments often struggle with managing resources, creating effective policies, and making good decisions, which can have serious effects on their nations. Similarly, individuals can face challenges in these areas, leading to personal setbacks and unrealized potential. For example, just as a government may mismanage its natural and human resources, a person who doesn't manage their time, finances, or relationships well may find it hard to reach their goals. Poor personal resource management can lead to financial troubles, broken relationships, and missed opportunities, just like a nation's mismanagement can cause economic decline and social unrest. This can result in a life filled with unrest and unhappiness.

Another key area where governments often fail is in creating policies and adapting to changes. When governments do not make effective policies to improve people's lives, they can face widespread dissatisfaction. Individuals can also struggle if they fail to make informed decisions or adjust their goals and strategies as circumstances change For example, like your policies, holding a wrong opinion about your potential helper can slow your speed in life and poor spending habits not respecting changing market conditions can also lead to personal failure. Just as bad policies can weaken a government's stability, misguided decisions can derail an individual's progress.

Additionally, governments that allow harmful influences or form unwise diplomatic alliances can face serious problems. Likewise, individuals who expose themselves to negative influences and toxic friendships can undermine their own success. For example, letting toxic relationships affect you can harm your well-being and hinder your achievements. Just as governments need to protect their borders and manage outside help carefully, individuals must be careful about who they let into their lives and how they manage their resources. A lack of caution and good judgment can lead to significant setbacks and hinder long-term success.

In the next sections, we will discuss important areas of our lives that we should treat like "ministries" or "departments" to create a successful and fulfilling life.

#### **Bible Reading**

Proverbs 24:3-4: "By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."

DAY 6

#### TOPIC: Self-Governance; Manage Your Finance Like a Pro

As we explore self-governance, let's focus on your "Ministry of Finance." This is a vital part of your personal governance, where you manage and grow your financial resources. Just as a government oversees its economy, you need to take charge of your own financial health. This includes not only earning money but also managing it wisely. You should learn about basic financial concepts like budgeting, saving, investing, and understanding things like stocks and bonds.

Your "Ministry of Finance" should also be responsible for creating a personal budget and financial strategies. Start by tracking your income and expenses to understand where your money is going. Set financial goals, such as saving for a big purchase or investing for the future, and develop a plan to achieve these goals. This might involve setting aside a portion of your income each month for savings or investments, and carefully considering any major financial decisions or purchases you plan to make. The first and the most important place to start from is "tracking". Honestly, this is very important and exciting when you use mobile app to track your finances. At the end of the month, you will know where your monies come from and how you spend them. This data is where your decision-making starts! Whether to diversify your income stream or cut certain spending-s among other decision can change your finances and set you up for prosperous future.

Go to your app store and download a finance tracking app. Every time you receive or spend money, update it, and review it at the end of each week or month.

Besides managing your daily finances, it's important to keep up with larger economic trends that could affect you. This means understanding how national and global conditions—like currency changes, interest rates, or inflation—might impact your finances. By staying informed and adjusting your financial strategies accordingly, you can better handle challenges and take advantage of opportunities. Treating your finances with the same seriousness and planning that a government uses to manage its economy will help you build a more secure and prosperous financial future.

#### **Bible Reading**

Proverbs 21:20: "The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down."

DAY 7

#### **TOPIC: Self-Governance; Financing Your Needs and Dreams through Earnings**

Every government needs a way to finance its budget, often resorting to borrowing when cash reserves are low. They generate income through taxation, trading natural resources, seeking international grants, and managing national utilities. Similarly, individuals have personal budgets to meet their needs and dreams, and the challenge for most people lies in finding the funds to support them. Just as nations allocate resources to achieve their goals, you must regularly manage your finances—weekly, monthly, or yearly—to ensure you can cover your expenses and invest in future ambitions.

Having extra cash allows you to create a solid budget that addresses both immediate needs and long-term investments. To generate this cash, focus on building your ability to earn through a job, learning a skill, or starting a business. I must say this that it's essential to earn money through effort rather than relying on begging or assistance. Like governments developing multiple revenue streams, you should cultivate your own income sources, actively participating in your financial well-being while avoiding the trap of spreading yourself too thin with many small ventures.

Instead of many ventures, concentrate on one meaningful and profitable project and develop it into a strong, more profit-bearing business before considering to invest in other things. Invest in the venture that shows the best potential for growth rather than pursuing low-profit activities. By building a reliable source of income, you can create financial stability and ensure that you have the resources needed to achieve your long-term goals.

#### **Bible Reading**

Ecclesiastes 11:6: "Sow your seed in the morning, and in the evening let not your hands be idle; for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well."

DAY8

#### TOPIC: Self-Governance; Budget, Discipline and the Use of Savings

When managing your budget, it's important to be strict and intentional about prioritizing your spending. Using a scale of preference can greatly improve your budgeting effectiveness. Just as governments defend their budgets in Congress, you should evaluate which expenses are most crucial. Start by setting aside funds for savings and, if you are among us who still follow God's ordinances, allocate your tithe and offerings first. Then, categorize your regular expenses into groups like bills, food, entertainment, and emergencies. Assign a specific amount to each category based on its importance and urgency. This structured approach helps you manage your finances efficiently and stick to your budget without overspending, and a simple mobile app can make this task easier.

Our primary focus today is on your main savings, which are essential for your future financial security. Consider creating separate accounts for specific goals, but ensure that your main savings are dedicated solely to investments or income-generating opportunities. This disciplined strategy prevents your savings from being depleted by unnecessary expenses. Avoid using your main savings for immediate needs or fun spending, as this can hinder your long-term financial goals. Instead of spending your main savings on higher-risk investments, allocate part of your entertainment budget for such risks, ensuring that your core savings remain secure and aimed at steady wealth building, even if slow. Remember the lessons from the book "The Richest Man in Babylon" about wise financial management.

To maximize the benefits of your budget, continuously monitor and adjust your spending based on actual financial performance and changing needs. Regularly review your categories and spending limits to ensure they align with your goals. This ongoing assessment will help you stay on track, adapt to unexpected circumstances, and make informed financial decisions. By maintaining a disciplined budgeting strategy and protecting your main savings for strategic investments, you create a strong foundation for financial stability and growth.

#### **Bible Reading**

Proverbs 21:5: "The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty."

DAY9

#### **TOPIC: Self-Governance; Your Ministry of Human Resources**

As we explore self-governance, it's essential to take charge of the connections you make, much like running your own "Ministry of Human Resources." When managing this aspect, focus on building and maintaining relationships with people who can positively influence your personal and professional growth. Surround yourself with individuals who inspire, support, and challenge you to reach your goals. And I want to be part of this in your life . Evaluate your current relationships to ensure they contribute positively to your life and career. Just as effective governments strive to employ and nurture their best talent, you should be intentional about attracting and expanding your network with individuals who align with your vision for success.

Effective management of your human resources involves more than just exchanging business cards; it requires actively cultivating and maintaining these relationships. Invest time in meaningful interactions, offer support, and seek opportunities for mutual benefit. Regular communication is key—don't wait for others to reach out; be proactive in contacting mentors, peers, and professional contacts. Offering assistance or advice in return fosters a network built on trust and collaboration, opening doors to new opportunities and personal growth.

Beyond managing individual relationships, consider the overall impact of your human capital. Assess the strengths and skills of those around you and determine how they can enhance your own abilities. Develop a system to find and keep the right network that promotes success and excellence. Remember my quote, "people make places," meaning that valuable connections can lead to valuable achievements, just like garbage in-garbage out..

#### **Bible Reading**

Proverbs 27:17: "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

**DAY 10** 

#### **TOPIC: Deliberately Build Your Network and Human Capital**

In my view, there's an important distinction between human resources and human capital. Human resources refer to a wide range of individuals relevant to your personal, professional, and ministerial goals. Many people can come through this door. On the other side, human capital represents a more select group of individuals who actively offer and exchange mutual support and services. A major red flag in any connection is when support or benefits are one-sided. If you only take from a relationship, you won't be seen as valuable; instead, you may become a burden that others want to distance themselves from.

Making connections can happen through networking or other creative methods, but it's essential to be deliberate about your choices. You know what you need, and after exchanging contact information, it's important to keep track of these potential networks, even if you aren't engaging with them right away. From this pool of human resources, you can upgrade individuals into your human capital. Those who become part of your human capital are the active contacts who play a vital role in your daily, weekly or monthly life.

It's important to scrutinize the people closest to you, as they occupy your human capital space. While some may be in your life due to love, family ties, or shared environments, focus on increasing the number of high-impact individuals in your close circle. This intentional selection will enhance your potential for growth and success.

Consider the analogy of mixing two bottles of water into a bottle of Fanta: you need more Fanta to restore the original flavor. Similarly, increasing the concentration of high-impact people in your network will help offset the influence of those who might not contribute much. Upgrade your relationships with occasional contacts who show high potential. There are many creative ways to strengthen these relationships, as long as class differences and attitudes do not create barriers. Remember, the saying "your network is your net worth" holds true in the context of the people you actively engage with.

#### **Bible Reading**

Ecclesiastes 4:9: "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor."

**DAY 11** 

#### **TOPIC: Your Human Resources; Barriers to Connection**

In building relationships, mutual interest and effort are vital. If you pursue a connection with someone who isn't equally interested, it can lead to frustration and confusion. Pay attention to the attitudes and behaviors of potential connections; if they display negative traits, it's important to stay away to protect your reputation and well-being. Maintaining a balanced sense of self-esteem is essential—being overly self-important can hinder your ability to form genuine, reciprocal connections. A moderate ego allows for more authentic and effective interactions.

Class barriers can also influence the quality and value of your connections. It's generally more beneficial to target relationships within your own social class or at a level where the gap is manageable. Trying to connect with individuals significantly above your class can lead to imbalanced relationships, where the value exchange becomes uneven. Aspiring individuals or those at a similar level often make better connections, as these relationships are typically more mutually beneficial. Your connections should ideally be with individuals who understand your ambitions and can also benefit from your capabilities.

Moreover, cultivating connections across different social strata can be advantageous. Just as successful governments engage with people at all levels of society, you should aim to build relationships with individuals from various backgrounds. This approach can broaden your opportunities and resources. While maintaining connections with those who are more established can offer valuable insights, ensure that these relationships are based on genuine value exchange. Balancing connections across various levels and classes, much like a well-rounded government, enables you to access diverse resources and support, enriching both your personal and professional growth. Being strategic about your relationships and focusing on mutual benefit will help you build a strong network that supports your goals.

#### **Bible Reading**

Proverbs 27:17: "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

**DAY 12** 

#### **TOPIC: Inspiration for Relationship Building**

Building meaningful relationships involves more than just basic greetings or sending generic messages. While a polite "hello" or a good morning text can be nice, they often lack depth. Instead, focus on making your interactions more purposeful. When you meet someone you want to connect with, try to end the conversation with a clear follow-up task. For instance, if you discuss a project or shared interest, offer to provide an update or additional information later. This keeps the conversation active and shows your commitment, which is vital for building stronger bonds.

In the early stages of developing relationships—whether in neighborhoods, phone chats, or workplaces—consider simple gestures to build better connections. In a neighborhood, small acts of kindness like helping with tasks, attending community events, or offering a friendly smile can make a difference. During phone chats or conversations, be attentive, show genuine interest, and share relevant updates about your life. At work, engage in teamwork, celebrate achievements, and offer support to colleagues. These actions create a positive environment and help develop authentic relationships.

To maintain valuable conversations in new relationships, focus on shared interests and goals. Avoid irrelevant or inappropriate topics, as these can weaken the connection. Clearly define what you hope to gain from the relationship and assess whether it meets your expectations. If the bond isn't progressing, it's okay to slow things down or reconsider the relationship. Building meaningful connections takes time and effort, so invest in relationships that align with your personal and professional goals while maintaining respect and authenticity.

#### **Bible Reading**

Ecclesiastes 4:9: "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor."

**DAY 13** 

#### **TOPIC: Discipline: Personal Governance Enforcer**

One of the key roles of government is to maintain law and order, creating a safe environment for citizens to thrive. However, having laws isn't enough; they must be enforced to be effective. In the same way, establishing personal principles is just the start of self-governance. These principles serve as the laws of your inner self, guiding your behavior. Without a way to enforce these self-imposed rules, they can easily turn into mere wishes, similar to laws that exist only on paper without the support and enforcement needed for real implementation.

To govern yourself effectively, it's essential to recognize that discipline is the main enforcer of your personal laws. Discipline serves as your internal authority, holding you accountable and helping you resist temptations that may lead you astray. Just as a government needs resources to uphold its laws—like policing or community programs—you must develop strategies to strengthen your self-discipline. This could involve setting reminders, creating routines, or surrounding yourself with supportive people who share your values and goals.

The real challenge of self-governance lies in overcoming impulses and distractions. When you successfully resist the temptation to compromise your principles, you assert control over your life. On the other hand, giving in to these distractions shows a lack of self-regulation, allowing outside influences to dictate your choices. This process is vital for self-improvement; it requires recognizing your personal laws and actively enforcing them through disciplined actions. By doing this, you build integrity and resilience, leading to a more fulfilling and harmonious life. Ultimately, any positive changes you make will not bring lasting benefits without the foundation of discipline.

#### **Bible Reading**

Proverbs 12:1: "Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid."

**DAY 14** 

#### TOPIC: Self-Governance: Health and Well-Being (1)

Self-governance extends beyond the realm of personal principles to encompass the vital domain of health and well-being. Just as a state government implements laws to protect its citizens, individuals must create their own regulations to safeguard their physical and mental health. This involves establishing routines that promote balanced nutrition, regular exercise, and sufficient rest. By setting clear intentions regarding your health, you effectively create a personal constitution that prioritizes well-being. However, these health-related laws are only as effective as the discipline you apply to uphold them.

Maintaining personal health requires consistent enforcement of these self-imposed rules. Discipline plays a crucial role in resisting temptations—like saccharine but sweet and other unhealthy foods or sedentary behaviors—that can compromise your well-being. Just as a government might enact penalties for law violations, individuals can set up consequences for straying from their health goals. This could be as simple as reflecting on how a poor choice impacts your energy levels or mood, reinforcing the importance of sticking to your personal health guidelines. By holding yourself accountable, you foster a stronger commitment to your health, ensuring that your choices align with your long-term goals for weight gain, hydrated skin, countermigraines, elimination of body odour and more.

Successful self-governance in health and well-being hinges on a proactive approach to personal care. It requires not only the establishment of health-related personal laws but also the ongoing commitment to enforce them through discipline and accountability. By cultivating habits that reflect your values, you empower yourself to take charge of your health. This self-directed approach leads to greater resilience, improved mental clarity, and a deeper sense of fulfillment, creating a harmonious balance between body and mind which will enable you generate enough positive vibes to connect with God's Spirit.

#### **Bible Reading**

1 Corinthians 6:19-20: "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."

**DAY 15** 

TOPIC: Self-Governance: Health and Well-Being (2)

Self-governance in the context of personal health and well-being emphasizes the necessity of creating a holistic framework for living a fulfilling life. Much like a government that must adapt its policies to meet the changing needs of its citizens, individuals must remain vigilant in reassessing and refining their health strategies. This means not only identifying what practices contribute positively to your well-being—such as prayerfulness, exercise, positive relationships, and healthy eating—but also recognizing what detracts from it. Establishing a clear understanding of these factors forms the foundation for a self-governing approach to health.

The enforcement of your personal health principles relies heavily on the practice of self-discipline. It's about cultivating the mental strength to say no to immediate gratifications that conflict with your long-term well-being. This could mean choosing to engage in praising God in songs and prayer instead of opting for alcoholic drink to kill sadness, or prioritizing sleep over late-night socializing. Working on your appearance in dressing, easiness and in speech should be chosen instead of depression from hate-look or constant rejection from people.

Just as a government utilizes public awareness campaigns to encourage compliance with health policies, individuals can employ strategies such as journaling or tracking progress to reinforce their commitment to health. These methods serve as constant reminders of your goals and the importance of adhering to your self-imposed regulations. Sadly, many people do not pay attention to their health which may later lead them to health complications. Worse is that they queue for healing miracles instead of applying available and holistic medication. Prevention is always better than cure: health issues are real, take care of your body and soul.

#### **Bible Reading**

Proverbs 3:7-8 (NIV): "Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones."

## A Call to Support Our Mission

As societal norms shift towards bold and celebrated un-Godliness, the need for spiritual resistance becomes increasingly urgent. The long term goal of our daily devotional is awakening individuals to the reality of the times and fortifying their faith. And for as many to understand the prophecies that are unfolding and what is to come.

advertisement, I urge you to support our mission. Your financial contribution is crucial. Donations can be made via PayPal, with a suggested minimum of \$10 USD to cover banking and card charges. Your support will amplify our outreach efforts, enabling us to reach more people and undertake essential ministerial work.

If you are unable to contribute financially, you can still make a significant impact by sharing this devotional with others. By working together, we can spread the message and help many prepare for what lies ahead. Thank you for your support and prayers. May God bless us all and keep our names written in the Book of Life. Amen.

If interested, click this link <a href="https://dicksonadelusi.com/support/">https://dicksonadelusi.com/support/</a>

**DAY 16** 

#### **TOPIC: Self-Governance: Vision and Strategic Planning**

Good self-governance, like running a country well, starts with having a clear vision. Just as nations create development plans to outline their goals, individuals need to define what success means for them. For example, Rwanda's Vision 2020 aimed to improve the country by focusing on education, health, and infrastructure. Similarly, by identifying your core values and long-term dreams, you create a guiding framework that helps you make decisions and stay focused on your goals, even when life gets distracting. As Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Once you have your personal vision, strategic planning is essential to make it a reality. This is similar to how countries develop detailed plans to reach their objectives, like Singapore's focus on technology and innovation. For you, strategic planning means breaking your vision down into specific, actionable steps. This could involve setting short-term goals, figuring out what resources you need, and creating a timeline. Regularly checking your progress ensures you stay on track and can adjust your plans as necessary, just like governments adapt their policies when situations change.

Effective self-governance depends on the ongoing relationship between your vision and your strategic planning. Just as successful governments remain flexible and ready to adapt, you should also review your goals and strategies regularly. This continuous improvement helps you handle challenges better and seize new opportunities that align with your vision. By learning from effective states, you can build a life full of purpose, achievement, and personal growth, echoing the importance of vision as highlighted in Habakkuk 2:2.

#### **Bible Reading**

Habakkuk 2:2: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it."

#### **DAY 17**

#### **TOPIC: Managing Time Like Money**

Time is a precious and finite resource, and managing it effectively begins with a clear understanding of how you currently use it. Wasting of time is wasting of life because our lives and time are intertwined, which is why we call it life-time. Time is more precious to our lives than money, but sadly many people waste and mismanage it. For good and effective self-governance, you must cultivate a system or habit that manages your life-time productively. The good thing is that education has taught us how to manage time, like managing money. An example is the Pomodoro Technique (Google it) and there are mobile apps that supports the Pomodoro Technique. It is particularly useful for those who have difficulty with focus on tasks per time.

Besides the Pomodoro Technique, you can approach your time management by keeping a time diary for a week to first discover how you spend your time. Write down everything you do, including work, leisure, and errands, and note how long each task takes. At the end of the week, review your diary to identify patterns. Do you spend too much time on social media or get caught up in unproductive meetings? Recognizing these habits is the first step toward better management. You might be surprised at how much time you actually have and where it goes.

Once you've tracked your time, it's important to set priorities for your tasks. There is also one Eisenhower Matrix that you can use as a tool for this. According to the matrix, divide your tasks into four categories:

- 1. Urgent and Important: Do these tasks first.
- 2. Important but Not Urgent: Schedule these tasks to ensure they get done.
- 3. Urgent but Not Important: Delegate these tasks if possible.
- 4. Neither Urgent nor Important: Consider eliminating these tasks.

You can just do this on any notepad on your mobile phone dressing and re-dressing your tasks for today, tomorrow and the week which will contribute to your weekly or monthly obligations as well as working towards your three to five years long-term goals. This method is really helpful for me in my many time-obligations for Christ's ministry, multiple businesses, study, writing, recreation and family among others.

Creating a structured routine can greatly enhance your time management skills. Start each day with a morning routine that sets a positive tone. Plan specific blocks of time for work, meetings, and breaks throughout the day. For example, designate 5 AM to 8 AM for early morning spiritual ritual and body exercise; 9 AM to 11 AM for focused work, followed by a 15 or even 30-minute break. Consistency is key—try to stick to your schedule as closely as possible. However, remain adaptable; unexpected events can arise, and flexibility will help you manage these changes without stress. Routines can provide a sense of control and make it easier to maintain focus.

#### **Bible Reading**

Psalm 90:12 (NIV): "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

**DAY 18** 

#### **TOPIC: Personal Energy Management**

Managing your energy is just as important as managing your time and finances. Start by paying attention to your natural energy levels throughout the day. Some people feel most awake and focused in the morning, while others perform better in the afternoon or evening. You may keep a simple log for a week to track when you feel most alert and when your energy dips. I like experimenting harmless things that's why I recommend keeping log to discover patterns in your energy flow. For instance, some writers may find their best creative flow early in the morning, while others may be energized after watching a movie. Knowing your energy patterns helps you schedule your most important tasks during peak times, which boosts productivity. Avoid forcing yourself to tackle important work when your energy is low; instead, handle lighter tasks during those times.

Continually pushing through work when you're exhausted can lead to burnout and reduced performance. It's crucial to balance work with rest and play to maintain your energy. Regular breaks can help recharge your focus over long periods. Try techniques like working for an hour, then taking a 10- or 15-minute break. Use these breaks to step away from your desk, stretch, laugh at something funny, or take a short walk. Prioritize downtime outside of work by engaging in hobbies, exercising, or spending time with loved ones. A balanced approach prevents burnout and boosts overall productivity.

Incorporating #me-time into your daily routine can greatly enhance your energy management. This could involve reflecting on good memories, assessing your present situation, or envisioning the future; incredible futuristic fantasies can be quite soothing. Taking a few minutes each day for simple breathing exercises or practicing gratitude can help reduce stress and improve mental clarity. Focusing on your breath or acknowledging the small blessings in your life can lift your mood and help you approach tasks with a clearer mind. By managing your energy effectively, you'll become more engaged in daily activities and better equipped to handle challenges, leading to a more fulfilling life overall.

#### **Bible Reading**

Proverbs 17:22 (NIV): "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."

**DAY 19** 

#### **TOPIC: Self-Governance and Community Engagement**

Community engagement is about actively participating in and contributing to the social, economic, and cultural fabric of your surroundings. It begins with you: recognizing your role and responsibilities within your community. This means being aware of your actions and how they affect others, whether in your workplace, neighborhood, or church. Good self-rule encourages you to act with integrity, building trust and respect among community members. Reflect on your values and how they align with your community's needs, which can guide your interactions and collaborations.

Engaging your communities with dignity is essential for building positive relationships. Approach interactions with empathy and respect, regardless of differing opinions or backgrounds. Active listening is a crucial skill here—ensure that you fully understand others' perspectives before responding. This creates an environment where individuals feel valued and heard, which enhances collaboration. Resist the temptation of cutting other speakers or hijacking the conversation except you're doing so intentionally. Additionally, practice clear and open communication. Express your thoughts and intentions transparently with concerned persons, which can prevent misunderstandings and give you higher level of control against haters, twisters, and disinformation.

To maximize the potential for valuable collaboration, seek out opportunities to contribute to shared goals within your community. Participate in local initiatives in your church or neighborhood, volunteer, or join committees that align with your interests and skills. Approach collaborations with a mindset of benefit for all; recognize that everyone within the community or committee has unique strengths to offer. Encourage an inclusive atmosphere by inviting diverse voices to the table, ensuring that everyone feels empowered to share their ideas. By building a culture or habit of collaboration, you not only enhance community ties but also promote collective growth, resilience and your personality.

#### **Bible Reading**

Galatians 6:2 (NIV): "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

**DAY 20** 

#### **TOPIC:** Learn to be Community-Relevant

Community and association are crucial in building a supportive network that elevates individuals and enables collaboration. For instance, Evangelist Bola Are in Nigeria is as much a part of one music society as Rihanna is in another, showcasing how shared affiliations can enhance one's reach and impact. Similarly, Donald Trump, despite his fame, chose to campaign through the Republican Party rather than under his own name, emphasizing the importance of how a community of people can help our personal goals. This illustrates how our immediate communities—starting from our churches and neighborhoods—serve as foundational spaces for learning interpersonal skills. Engaging in these smaller groups helps cultivate the habits of community relevance and service, which can then propel individuals to stand out when they join larger, more focused societies.

Take Rotimi Amaechi, the former governor of Rivers State, Nigeria, as an example. He wasn't the only aspiring member of his political party; his strong interpersonal relationships and dedicated service must have been instrumental in his rise as a popular candidate. His connections within the party and the community showcased how effective engagement in local networks can create pathways to broader opportunities. This highlights the significance of being actively involved in community-oriented initiatives, which can lead to greater visibility and support when pursuing larger ambitions.

Life offers us smaller arenas to hone our skills before we face larger challenges. In your informal communities, how do you behave? Are you building relationships and demonstrating relevance that will carry over to bigger platforms? Reflecting on your actions in these smaller settings can provide valuable insights into your potential for success in more prominent roles, ensuring that you are prepared to navigate the exposure of the larger field.

#### **Bible Reading**

Proverbs 27:10 (NIV): "Do not forsake your friend or a friend of your family, and do not go to your brother's house when disaster strikes you—better a neighbor nearby than a brother far away."

**DAY 21** 

#### **TOPIC: Community Poison: The Dangers of Demeaning Others**

In what looks like standing up to global bullies, China and Russia have been deepening their relationship across different areas of governance, culture, and economy. Culturally, their relationship at an early stage may seem inconvenient, but with compromises, tolerance, and better adaptation, they are integrating and blending faster. Their relationship, a threat to global bullies, is obviously built upon trust, transparency, mutual respect, and a similar motivation for an alternative and multipolar world. It is not an easy feat to get their relationship to an advance level as this and you would agree that no silly behavior or gossip should ruin this important, yet, politically fragile relationship.

Now, imagine a scenario where China covertly begins and continues to publish demeaning news content about Russia in some African countries where Russia has a strong market, in an attempt to hijack the market from Russia. What would this do to their relationship? The Kremlin of Russia, quite good at tit-for-tat, would definitely retaliate, or even cut ties, if China continues to do so without heeding diplomatic warnings. In fact, Russia must be cool-headed enough to send a warning first before retaliating.

This mirrors how you can quickly ruin your relationships with people in your communities—church, neighborhood, workplace—if you go behind their backs to demean them before others in an attempt to make yourself appear a better person or curry favor, which will surely not last. Do you value the people within your community or network? Don't talk badly about them behind their backs. Do you value your reputation? Call the concerned people directly to resolve any matter, and don't do it through another person who may exaggerate your words or actions against you in exchange for favor. Actually, gossip spreads, and the negative things you do or say will come back to hurt your reputation and relationships.

#### **Bible Reading**

Proverbs 16:28 (NIV): "A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends."

**DAY 22** 

#### **TOPIC: Handling Opposing Forces**

Every government faces enemies, both internal and external. Politicians often make promises during campaigns, but once in office, they may abandon these commitments due to the harsh realities posed by opposing forces. These forces can be public opinion, party loyalty, or unexpected crises that reshape priorities and decisions, illustrating the complex dynamics of governance and the often tenuous nature of political promises.

Similarly, in our personal lives, we encounter various opposing forces that challenge our goals and aspirations. These can stem from self-imposed limitations, poor choices, negative influences, societal restrictions, bad luck, or even spiritual attacks. Recognizing these barriers is crucial, as they can divert us from our intended paths to success and inhibit our excellence. It's essential to acknowledge that these forces are often beyond our control, yet they shape our journey in life significantly.

To effectively handle opposing forces in our lives, we can learn from stable nations that successfully navigate challenges. One key approach is to establish a clear vision and set realistic, incremental goals. Realistic means not bogus and not easily suppressed by oppositions. This allows us to adapt to setbacks without losing sight of our overall objectives. Additionally, building a strong support network—whether through friends, mentors, or community groups—can provide encouragement and accountability during our down-times. We must also be flexible when faced with obstacles; we should be willing to adjust our plans and strategies. Staying informed and proactive about potential challenges enables us to expect and fix issues before they become strong enough to oppose our progress. By employing these strategies, we can better withstand the pressures that life presents and continue to pursue our dreams.

#### **Bible Reading**

Proverbs 15:22 (NIV): "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers, they succeed."

**DAY 23** 

**TOPIC: Beware of Spies** 

Most nations operate with spies both domestically and internationally, driven by a desire to gain intelligence and stay ahead of potential threats. The primary goal of these operatives is often to gather information that can provide strategic advantages or to undermine and hurt opponents. Why do governments of countries send out trained agents to go spy on other people's land and progress? Why did Moses sent Joshua, Caleb and others to go spy on Jericho? Why are friends and enemies trying to spy on your life and plans?

In our personal lives, we also encounter "spies"—people who seek to know our private affairs, sometimes out of curiosity and other times with malicious intent. While some may be harmless, the real danger lies with those who wish to stop our progress or use our weakness against us. Some harmless spies around us are indeed not dangerous but what about the wicked ones they share our information or story with? These individuals may stay in our social circles, both physical and digital, eager to gather information on our successes and struggles which may be use to judge, mock or gossip our progress or plans in hurtful ways.

To effectively manage these unwelcome spies, it is crucial to practice discretion. Always say less than necessary and keep your private life just that—private. One of the dimensions of God's glory is to keep secrets. We also need to develop the ability to keep secrets, as it protects our goals and plans from those who might wish to know ahead and plan how to frustrate them. Just as some nations train their spies in languages unknown to the world to safeguard sensitive information, we too must be vigilant in controlling our information, stories and keeping our privacy. Trust people carefully; even those who seem harmless may share your information with others, so it's wise to remain careful about what you disclose.

#### **Bible Reading**

Proverbs 21:23 (NIV): "Those who guard their mouths and their tongues keep themselves from calamity."

**DAY 24** 

#### TOPIC: It Is Okay to Feel Useless for a Short Time

There are moments in life when we feel unmotivated. We may feel that our pursuits are not worth it or that life should just be about waking up to eat and play. In the heat of this period, it is possible that you suffer guilt of uselessness but I want to tell you today that this is a natural part of the human experience. Don't bite yourself, just enjoy the moment but try to make this phase a short one.

Similar to how nations observe public holidays, granting citizens a chance to rest, we too can give ourselves moments of idleness and be happy with it. It's essential to embrace these pauses in our life activities, but we must be mindful to avoid letting them become a habit. Establishing a timeline for when you plan to resume your activities is important; this helps create a sense of seriousness and purpose. Mark a specific date on your calendar, and use this as a motivation to eventually shift back into a more productive mindset, after the moment of idleness.

When it's time to return to your pursuits, start with simple and enjoyable tasks that can be completed quickly. This approach can help ease the transition back into productivity without overwhelming yourself. By focusing on smaller, engaging activities, you'll gradually regain your momentum and confidence, allowing you to tackle larger goals with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Remember, these moments of idleness can serve as valuable opportunities for growth if approached with intention, because you will feel renewed when you resume your hustle and bustle.

#### **Bible Reading**

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV): "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

**DAY 25** 

#### **TOPIC: Welfare in Governance**

As we discuss personal living as a reflection of state governance, we recognize that welfare is a fundamental responsibility of governance. An ideal government prioritizes the needs of the less privileged over policies that primarily benefit the wealthy. This principle aligns with biblical teachings, as God calls us to care for the marginalized and less fortunate, emphasizing that true governance reflects compassion and justice.

As we consider our role in extending welfare to the people, it's essential to first assess our immediate responsibilities, such as caring for a spouse, children, or aging parents. The Bible teaches us the importance of providing for our families, as outlined in 1 Timothy 5:8, which states that those who do not care for their relatives have denied the faith. Evaluating our commitments against our resources helps us understand our capacity to help others without overextending ourselves.

If we find that our immediate responsibilities is heavy enough on our income, it's important not to feel guilty for not reaching out to third parties. Instead, we should focus on fulfilling our primary responsibilities with love and dedication. By ensuring that our home is a place of welfare and support, we lay a strong foundation that can eventually enable us to extend help to others in need in future when God sees that we are faithful in small things. Remember, our first calling is to nurture those closest to us, reflecting the divine care that God has for His people. Do not be good outside when your love ones, in your family, are suffering. It is when the house is well taken care of before you can think of helping outsiders with the surplus. Improve your family governance by delivering welfare based on your income; it does not matter whether you are the wife, husband or adult-child.

#### **Bible Reading**

1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV): "Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

**DAY 26** 

#### **TOPIC: The Role of Spirituality in Achieving Success**

How can mankind achieve and retain success or excellence without a spiritual foundation? The Holy Bible teaches that the existence of spirits and their realm predates humanity, as the Bible also showcase a complex interplay between the spiritual and the physical. This foundational belief makes wise individuals to seek spiritual knowledge, recognizing that the unseen forces can significantly influence their lives and endeavors in the material world.

Spirits play a vital role in supporting the success and excellence of those they favor. They may provide hidden knowledge that becomes advantage to their people in any field, the spirits can also protect individuals from enemies who wish to stop their progress or lives. Moreover, spirits can transform ordinary people or their work into something extraordinary, making them highly sought after. This connection can lead to breakthroughs that elevate one's status and capabilities, marking the importance of acknowledging spiritual roles in our pursuits.

Humans often engage with these spirits through rituals, establishing a spiritual exchange that can yield various benefits. Historically, and even today, sacrifices were made to spirits for healing or good fortune, showing the lengths to which people would go to secure spiritual assistance. As we conclude this month's devotion, it is crucial to delve a bit into the spiritual dimensions of self-governance for success and excellence, distinguishing between good and evil spirits. Understanding this divide will guide us in enjoying spiritual benefits and influences while ensuring that we make the right choice of spiritual alignment, practices having righteousness and integrity.

#### **Bible Reading**

Isaiah 11:2 (NIV): "The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord."

**DAY 27** 

#### **TOPIC: The Superiority of Spirits**

All spirits are superior to humans in nature, capabilities, and various metrics. This superiority means that the relationship between humans and spirits often involves the spirits ruling over, influencing and guiding the hosts they govern. As we navigate our lives, we mus recognize that these spiritual forces play a significant role in shaping our thoughts, actions, and decisions. Understanding this dynamic is crucial for anyone seeking to get what they want and fulfill their purpose in life.

Given our need for spiritual guidance in this complex world, our connection to the spirit realm is unavoidable. However, the important question remains: which spirit do you choose to submit to? The influence of spirits can lead us down different paths, and it's essential to discern who should hold authority over our lives. Will you allow the spirits associated with idols and false beliefs to govern you, or will you submit to the Spirit of the True and Almighty God? Do you want guidance through the becoming-popular yoga and meditation that originate from Buddhism and other philosophies outside Jesus Christ?

Choosing the right spirit to guide you can impact your life's journey. When you submit to the Spirit of the True and Almighty God, you gain access to divine wisdom and strength that can transform your path. This is the best spiritual relationship that we all need for our lives. It can guarantee both our success here in this world and secure our lot in eternity. In contrast, allowing lesser spirits to influence you can lead to confusion and disappointment, steering you away from righteousness into destruction. Despite Satan's promise for the fallen angels, did they not eventually fall into human world? Will he still be able to save them from eternal destruction? So, why should we join the losing spiritual side? Because of quick solution or impatience with God? The decision about which spirit to follow is important; it shapes not only your present but also your future, leading you toward a life filled with meaning and fulfillment..

#### **Bible Reading**

1 John 4:1 (NIV): "Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

**DAY 28** 

#### **TOPIC: Remember the Reason for the Spiritual Divide**

As recorded in Ezekiel 28:15, "You were blameless in your ways from the day that you were created, until iniquity was found in you." This describes how Lucifer was once a perfect, sinless, and holy spirit in Heaven. But God, who knows the thoughts of all creatures, saw iniquity growing in Lucifer. This was more than just a sin; it was a total rebellion. Lucifer planned to take control from God, as stated in Isaiah 14:13.

For a long time, perhaps eons, God waited for Lucifer to give up this ambition and acknowledge Him as the Eternal and Undefeatable Ruler. Instead of repenting, Lucifer, now called Satan, waged war in Heaven with his supporting spirits and was defeated, cast out into the human world.

In the scriptures, these spirits are now enemies of God. While they have the ability to help humans achieve some level of success and what may seem like excellence, we must be cautious of their corrupting influence. Knowing that these fallen spirits oppose God, we must decide which side we want to align with—God's side or that of His enemies. Can God grant us power to succeed and achieve excellence? Yes! Just as the Bible mentions that the spirit of excellence was upon Daniel, we are encouraged to seek God's help in areas where we need spiritual support instead of turning to Satan and other fallen spirits.

#### **Bible Reading**

Ezekiel 28:15, "You were blameless in your ways from the day that you were created, until iniquity was found in you."

**DAY 29** 

TOPIC: We All Need To Pray!

The book of Revelation 12:4 contains an inspiring insight where the term "star" represents angels. Through discernment, we understand that Lucifer convinced a significant number of angels in Heaven to join him in his rebellion against God, seeking to take the Eternal Throne from the Almighty. This is further clarified in Revelation 12:7, where it states that Lucifer, now known as the Dragon and Satan, led his loyal angels into battle against God's angels, highlighting the spiritual conflict in Heaven.

Before this war erupted, two distinct families existed within the heavenly realm. The first was composed of God and His stars, symbolizing His angels, as mentioned in Isaiah 14:13a. The second family was that of Lucifer and his stars, representing his loyal supporters. Revelation 12:4 reveals the staggering size of Satan's following, indicating that one-third of the angels chose to align with Lucifer in his rebellion, suggesting a vast number of angels in Heaven at that time.

At the time of this revelation, the total number of angels was immense, described in Revelation 5:11 as thousands upon thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand. This can be understood as a mathematical expression of numbers too great for human comprehension as noted in Revelation 7:9a. By calculating the smallest estimates, we find that there could be over one trillion angels remaining in Heaven after the division. This shows that the one-third noted as fallen angels would be at least 500 billion spirits. Can you imagine the ratio of at least 500 billion fallen Angels to about 8 billion humans? This implies a significant presence of evil forces, with estimates suggesting that each of the people on Earth may be accompanied by at least seventy-two demons, translating into at least seven-two sure obstacles to each person's goals. We all need God's help; we all need to pray!

#### **Bible Reading**

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV): "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

**DAY 30** 

#### **TOPIC:** Guiding Our People to the Spiritual Light of God

The book of Revelation 12:4 contains an inspiring insight where the term "star" represents angels. Through discernment, we understand that Lucifer convinced a significant number of angels in Heaven to join him in his rebellion against God, seeking to take the Eternal Throne from the Almighty. This is further clarified in Revelation 12:7, where it states that Lucifer, now known as the Dragon and Satan, led his loyal angels into battle against God's angels, highlighting the spiritual conflict in Heaven.

Before this war erupted, two distinct families existed within the heavenly realm. The first was composed of God and His stars, symbolizing His angels, as mentioned in Isaiah 14:13a. The second family was that of Lucifer and his stars, representing his loyal supporters. Revelation 12:4 reveals the staggering size of Satan's following, indicating that one-third of the angels chose to align with Lucifer in his rebellion, suggesting a vast number of angels in Heaven at that time.

At the time of this revelation, the total number of angels was immense, described in Revelation 5:11 as thousands upon thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand. This can be understood as a mathematical expression of numbers too great for human comprehension as noted in Revelation 7:9a. By calculating the smallest estimates, we find that there could be over one trillion angels remaining in Heaven after the division. This shows that the one-third noted as fallen angels would be at least 500 billion spirits. Can you imagine the ratio of at least 500 billion fallen Angels to about 8 billion humans? This implies a significant presence of evil forces, with estimates suggesting that each of the people on Earth may be accompanied by at least seventy-two demons, translating into at least seven-two sure obstacles to each person's goals. We all need God's help; we all need to pray!

#### **Bible Reading**

Colossians 3:16 (NIV): "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

Matthew 5:14 (NIV): "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden."

**DAY 31** 

#### TOPIC: The Power of Self-Governance to Build a Life of Responsibility and Growth

Good self-governance serves as a foundation for significant self-improvement across various aspects of life, starting with the management of resources. When individuals take responsibility for their actions and decisions, they become more mindful of how they utilize their time, money, and energy. This awareness helps better budgeting, prioritization, and planning, allowing people to allocate their resources more effectively. As a result, they can achieve their goals with greater efficiency and avoid the traps of wastefulness, ultimately leading to a more fulfilling and sustainable lifestyle.

In addition to resource management, self-governance greatly influences both private and public behaviors. By holding themselves accountable, individuals are more likely to act with integrity and make moral choices. This internal discipline reflects in their public demeanor, promoting respect and trustworthiness within their communities. Consequently, they cultivate a reputation for reliability and responsibility, which can lead to new opportunities, both personally and professionally. Adopting such behavior not only enhances individual character but also contributes positively to the social fabric, encouraging others to follow suit.

Finally, effective self-governance strengthens interpersonal relationships. By being self-aware and emotionally intelligent, individuals can better navigate conflicts, communicate openly, and express empathy. This approach helps deeper connections and mutual respect in both personal and professional settings. As people improve their self-governance skills, they often find themselves attracting like-minded individuals who value accountability and growth. This network of supportive relationships can further reinforce positive behaviors, creating a virtuous cycle of improvement and fulfillment in all areas of life.

#### **Bible Reading**

Galatians 6:5 (NIV): "For each one should carry their own load."

Proverbs 10:9 (NIV): "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out."

The long term goals of this daily devotional have yet to be initiated. I urge you to continue using it to prepare yourself with information about what lies ahead. Satanism and Anti-Christ are gathering significant support from governments, covert societies, media, NGOs, and many mainstream sectors, so it's crucial to be vaccinated with the truths of the Holy Scriptures so that you can stand stronger chance to RESIST, for the sake of your eternal dwelling place.

~Pastor Dickson Olabiyi Adelusi

download the next one for FREE from www.dicksonadelusi.com

## A Call to Support Our Mission

As societal norms shift towards bold and celebrated un-Godliness, the need for spiritual resistance becomes increasingly urgent. The long term goal of our daily devotional is awakening individuals to the reality of the times and fortifying their faith. And for as many to understand the prophecies that are unfolding and what is to come.

advertisement, I urge you to support our mission. Your financial contribution is crucial. Donations can be made via PayPal, with a suggested minimum of \$10 USD to cover banking and card charges. Your support will amplify our outreach efforts, enabling us to reach more people and undertake essential ministerial work.

If you are unable to contribute financially, you can still make a significant impact by sharing this devotional with others. By working together, we can spread the message and help many prepare for what lies ahead. Thank you for your support and prayers. May God bless us all and keep our names written in the Book of Life. Amen.

If interested, click this link <a href="https://dicksonadelusi.com/support/">https://dicksonadelusi.com/support/</a>

