



# Living *Dynamics*

GROWING BY PRODUCTIVITY

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## **DEDICATION**

This book is dedicated to the Almighty God, the Creator of fruitfulness and sound mind.

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Our purpose Here on earth is not only to enrich ourselves but our basic and fundamental responsibility is to *die empty* and also to demonstrate the level of sincerity that there is hope for everyone living on the face of this earth.

We call you all blessed.

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## FOREWORD

“PLAY NOW, PAY LATER...PAY NOW, PLAY LATER” – *Alex Ademola Aderemi*.

The Premium question is, which of these narratives would you love to be your story in many years to come, and at the end of your race even Here on earth. Would you consider yourself to have “Lived” a purposely life, or simply ‘existed’? Are you just a contribution to ever-teeming population of the world or taking Giant strides in making your living leave an indelible mark on the sands of time?

All and many more of these strategic and thought-provoking questions have been answered in this book which I refer to as a ‘Life Manual’ even while I was drooling on the sizzling manuscript. It’s a great book that will not only bless you but will challenge your living, Help your thought pattern and guide you in the right direction as to living a joyful, balanced, Healthy, beautiful, productive and fulfilling life.

As you flip or swipe through its pages, it is my prayer that your life takes a divine turnaround as you enjoy the **LIVING DYNAMICS**.

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## PREFACE

To start with, there is more to life. If only you can identify the ‘orange’ that’s worth squeezing, you would get more from life. This means that as a creation created by the Creator (God), we are to live according to his purpose known to him before our creation. That is, we’ve started ‘living’ naturally before birth. After birth, how do we continue to live for the purpose known to God and unknown to us?

The essence of this book is to bring hope to those who do not know how to live, who have not started living up to their potentials, those who are tired of living with no reason to live again, and those who think that they have nothing to live for and so on.

This book will give answers to the following questions using a Tree as illustration;

- When do I start living?
- How do I start living?
- How do I know that I have started living?
- What do I do when I realize I have nothing to live for?
- How do I tackle the challenges that may test my living?
- Does living evolve?
- Does my living on earth exist?
- Do I still live after death?

The quest to actually die empty has resurrected the urge and thirst for living. Living has to be made reality in us if we must say we are to live.



## CHAPTER ONE

### THE CREATOR'S MANDATE ON LIVING

*“The Living formation was institutionalized by the Creator for us to create a formation of living for ourselves.”*

The beginning of man on earth can be traced to the biblical facts and revelation where man was made in the same image and likeness as his Creator (God). In Genesis 1:26, God saw it was good and great to create man in His own image and to give dominion to man to live on earth. This dominion given to man at the beginning of creation brought the efflux of living. The bible went further to describe how God dealt with man after creation inverse 28 of chapter 1 says,

*“and God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth”.*

Three things can be deduced from that verse, Firstly, that God has given man a mandate on earth to make a living and they are –the blessing of fruitfulness, multiplication, and replenishment (that is to make a continuous impact), then subdue and then have dominion. So, for everyman born to the earth, a mandate has been given by God and it must be done in order to be counted to man as being fulfilled.

The blessing of fruitfulness, multiplication and replenishment are the first mandate given to man at creation and this mandate must be accomplished to say such an individual as lived. The greatest achievement that an individual would ever have made on earth is to be fruitful and multiply. This means that everyman must have a replicate of himself which must go on until earth is vanquished and void again. Yes, we are blessed to be fruitful and multiply but



work (deliberate action) is Held of high esteem to make a living. The deliberate action of man with a quest for relevance and value creation must be the personality of a man who needs to achieve the blessing. To be relevant and create value on this earth intentionality should be the air we inhale day in and day out. For instance, a farmer has a seed that can yield a tree and then fruits; then those fruits would yield seeds, then trees and fruits and it goes on and on. If the farmer fails to plant (deliberate action) the seed, then there will be no tree to yield fruits, and the multiplication of seeds, trees, and fruits cannot be anticipated. Intentionality is the food needed for conquest. To possess more on earth, being intentional is wisdom and great gain. So, you are blessed with talents, gifts, instincts reserved for greatness, passion should be the major driver to achieving them, but all these needs your intentionality to make you relevant and create value in order to make your living count.

The second is to replenish the earth. This means to refill, renew and even supply fully of that which He has blessed man with. Adding knowledge unto knowledge here is very essential. What are you doing to establish yourself? Don't just know what you are created for but know ways to create them. It is not sufficient for you to know and do little but to know and do exploit. To replenish here is to make exploit- in your doing do exploits. Do things with blueprints and create a landmark.

To subdue and to have dominion over the earth is another mandate that man needs to fulfil before He can be tagged to have lived. In the quest to make a living, having all it takes is not really the advantage but the ability to put them to use and be productive with them is very Germaine. Challenges and forces would arise to sway you from the focus but the only way to keep going and gaining grounds is to use those challenges as stepping stones and not a hindrance to greatness.

That is the only way to Dominate. Dominance is what makes living continuous. Having the seed does not make a thick forest but having to plant and plant continuously yield more trees and fruits that makes the forest. 'Forest' Here symbolizes the dominance of one's impact. How thick the forest shows the rate at which your intentionality has gained grounds, the mandates given by God to man have actually defined the rudiments of what it takes to make a living.

## CHAPTER TWO

### INSTIGATIONS ON LIVING AND HOW TO OVERCOME THEM

*“The idealistic process of living is inculcating the mindset of living by winning.”*

In chapter one, the Creator’s mandates on living was discussed and explained clearly. It elucidates to us the love and the concern of God to mankind as pertaining to ‘living’. He desires that man should be able to be exact about living that is why He gave the promises to us all. But the sin of the first man and woman went contrary to His will for mankind and this makes it the first instigation to how God wants man to live. Sin separated us from the Love and kindness that was demonstrated by God in the fulfilment of his mandates for man. To be able to fulfil these mandates, we have to reconcile to God through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus for the God-given mandate for man to be a reality which is to preach and teach the gospel of Jesus according to 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 which says,

*“<sup>17</sup>If any man be in Christ, He is a new creature old things are passed away, behold all things has become new. <sup>18</sup>To wit that God was in Christ reconciling the world back to himself and has committed unto us the ministry of reconciliation.”*

The fall of Adam and Eve brought enmity between God and man. God became displeased by what man had wrought to his kindness and Love, He then puts an impediment between these mandates and man's existence. He cursed man. He caused hardship on man. Afterwards man had to struggle to live. God is a merciful God and does not want man to perish. God is Love. That is why He gave up his only begotten son to cleanse man's filthiness and made man to live once again. Jesus is life. For Man to be able to live again He must reconcile his old ways and accept life, which is Jesus.

To make your journey to your living successful, you must accept the offer of God and make yourself free from sin. If you fail to receive this offer, you will continue to struggle to live and you would not experience the exact mandate God has given concerning you from the beginning. The failure from being totally free from sin never made many to truly live, Sin makes man to keep struggling to live freely because Satan has bound many with his shackles.

Apart from the natural instigations on living which is from the beginning, there are other instigations on living that has stopped many never to progress on their journey of making a living. Many who are free from the natural instigations are hindered by the others and many who are free from the others are hindered by natural instigation. Being free from the other instigations does not guarantee freedom from the natural instigation and being free from natural instigation

guarantees being free from the other instigations. No one becomes totally free from these instigations without being free from sin. To make unique progress in life, one has to be free from the natural instigations and from others.

Let me take you through some other instigations and how to overcome them in few words.

## **BACKGROUND**

Most times, where we hail from has indoctrinated us that life is not easy and living has to be the ‘survival of the fittest’. Where we originate and grow from becomes a serious issue that never made some to see the essentiality of living. We believe that because our parents could not attain much and all through their effort of surviving to live be fruitless so we conclude that since those who are before us could not, so we cannot. We are a derivative of ‘life is not easy’ but a man whose life will be great never enjoys ease till He attains greatness. A price has to be given for it. Jesus paid the price of death for our redemption for the Father (God) to be glorified and this is why is it only through him that we can be saved. If Jesus did not pay that price, His blood and name will not be as powerful as it is now. Be ready to go through challenges on your way to greatness and don’t dare think of giving up.

The question is, how well do you want to please your maker and how well do you want his name to be glorified and magnified? The answer should keep you

going. The reason why our elders failed was because they lacked consistency and intentionality. These factors would have helped them to please and glorify God. You must come to the reality that before you can live and make impact you must be intentional about it. And not only that, gather resources and make use of these resources to make your intentionality come to fruition. Seek for opportunities that you think you have passion for. Not just opportunities but godly opportunities

Let me quickly take you through the story of Jesus Christ. Right from his birth, the society around him never believed that anything good come out of Nazareth. The background of Jesus never believed He could be great but the rejected stone later became the chief cornerstone.

Also, Samson's great future was discerned before He was born likewise that of Jesus'. Take note when the society or where you hail from becomes aggressive to what God told you about your living because that in itself is a great signal that your living is going to birth other productive living being. If you fail to birth that which He has given to you, you will not touch lives that need to be inspired by that which God has committed to your hands.

## **STIGMA**

This is the others (people) factor of instigation on your living. By being stigmatized I mean you have tried to do things productively but you do not

come with something that is tangible. People always see you as the symbol of failure and at times people are often scared to invite you to Help them with the creation of value because they believe that anything that involves you always fail. It simply means people see and call you failure. Due to their attestation of the previous events, you have now believed that you are a failure. You are now a victim of what people say.

Be patient on what you do and keep trying until you get it. Consistency is what you need to overcome stigma. Keep believing the vision God has given you and one day the failure will yield what the world will celebrate and God's name will be glorified. God is still counting on you to live.

Also, it will be of great Help if you can profess great things to yourself if others cannot. There is a great power through what you profess. The bible says that the power of life and death lies in the tongue. Only believe in what you say to yourself and you will get results sooner. To that thing that you do which brings no visualized or admirable result, profess life into it and you will be amazed by what God can do through you. In 1 Peter 3:10, the bible says,

***“for He that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.”***

This is a great virtue that you must put into constant practice if you hope to see good and better days of your tireless efforts.

Some people have been cursed and these curses have made them to be stigmatized. Are you are called the “cursed person”? You need acute prayers to get delivered while believing in your Heart that those curses have been paid up with the charges Jesus paid on the cross. The curse can be broken if you believe in the Truth of God’s word for your life. In Isaiah 53:4, the bible made us to realize that “...*Jesus has borne that which grieves us. Being washed by the blood of the Lamb of God gives us liberty from all curses and all curses are being broken through that name.*”

**YOU:** Another instigation on living is the ‘you’ factor. The thing is that you are not a derivative of your background, ideology nor a product of stigma but still you have not found that very thing that is an instigation on your living. The problem is YOU. Laziness has eaten up the many individual’s commitment and passion. Many are willing to do and attain more but they never did. Some have a lot of plan to achieve but at the end of day none of these plans were achieved.

An extract from *Deborah Makinde*’s written words in 2018 titled **Flawless** reads thus:

*The kind of flawlessness is like a fountain from a thirst of life.*

*A life that it’s greatness efflux from thinking not from action;*

*An action falsified life,*

*Always wanting more but does nothing.*



*With the guesses that all things will be better*

*A life that it's commander is mediocrity.*

*Its treasure, pessimism.*

*Always hoping but not working;*

*No wonder the holy book says, "Faith without works is dead"*

*With the glare of it can't you see that I'm flawless but always hoping?*

*Flawless but a failure.*

*Flawless but dead.*

The above extract illustrates how we act always but we realized at the end of it all we are not living at all but dead. Some will say "*Since I have plans, that should do*" but the issue is, we desire greatness but we never want to do the task accrued to them. Why? Lack of discipline! I will enjoin you to read those few lines from the extract again and pinpoint a thing that relates to you there, then, the instigation on your living and you achieving more is no other factor but YOU.

Many people have been under a lot of teachings and seminars on how to fulfil purpose and on how to be productive, many have even gathered a lot of information on how to go about their purpose but still nothing is being achieved. In the previous chapter, we discussed that we have to be intentional about living. What is meant by that is to be disciplined; to be faithful to yourself and your purpose. Take those resources gathered from the various meetings into

action. Below are the various ways to checkmate if you are on track with these resources that assures your definite results:

- Only attend meetings in alignment with your purpose. Most of the times many people have always showed up at meetings that adds no value to them. Today they are in a meeting and tomorrow in another but with all this there is no progress to show for it.
- Have you ever attempted to practice an activity that you were taught? If not, try it today.
- If you have attempted it, try again to attain perfection. Make sure you are productive on that.
- Always make it a mandate to attempt Step 1 and Step 2 at the end of every meeting. Do not attend meeting B if you've not practiced the information gathered at meeting A.
- Do not give up on your attempt so quickly. The way to make this fruitful is that at least make sure you have a contact of either the speakers or the convener of the meeting for further clarifications if you face challenges at your attempt. By this you can embrace their mentoring and go far. Also note that to every meeting there is always a Master Class to the subject matter discussed and this is when mentoring is necessary, so that you can get the detailed information about the subject matter. And I have realized

that the information given in a meeting are usually a scratch of the surface level and this is not enough to achieve a productive result.

Discipline can save you from YOU. The reality is, if you cannot ‘sacrifice’ yourself *now*, you cannot attain *tomorrow*. Deny yourself the *now* pleasure so that you can take hold of *tomorrow*. The difference between *now* and *tomorrow* is time. The best use of your time *now* will determine how well *tomorrow* will be. A man that cares for himself *now* will not have to take care of himself *tomorrow*. What matters now is time, how are you using it? Is it productively used by you or you are just passing out time? Deny yourself the YOU!!!

## CHAPTER THREE

### THE LIVING CYCLE

***“For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” - Philippians 1:21***

***“The Cycle of living is identifying the process of making your living count in all endeavors of life structure.”***

To begin with, we have to know the definition of these two words. Living, according to Merriam-Webster’s dictionary, can be defined as *“people who are alive”*. From the dictionary definition of living you can deduce that it’s a noun. Cycle, on the other hand, can be defined as *“a set of events or actions that happen recurrently in the same order; a repetitive series of events or actions”*.

These two words, coalesced, will result in the following definition; a repetitive series of events that every human go through.

Now, we have been able to define *living cycle*, the stages every human (should) go through will be discussed in the remaining part of this chapter.

Henceforth, we will be looking at these from the perspective of the word of God. Passing through these stages depends on you accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior, which is, being born again. Though God wants each and every one of us to pass through these stages, He has given us the freedom of choice.

Deuteronomy 30:19 says,

***“I call Heaven and earth as witnesses against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live”***

2 Peter 3:9 says,

***“ not willing that any should perish, but all should come to repentance”***

Typically, there are four stages in this cycle; birth, infancy, childhood, and adulthood. We'll look at these one after the other.

## **BIRTH**

The beginning of every event begins with the aspect of birthing, more so, the beginning of every adventure of human life begins with the aspect when He is born to this world and this is of no doubt, orchestrated by God the owner of the life himself and knows the adventure that the individual would eventually go through, because the bible tells us in Jeremiah 1:4-5 says,

***“Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.”***

The originator of life himself was explaining to us in the book of Jeremiah how that He knows you already before you were formed in your mother's womb and as such our birthing into the face of the earth is orchestrated by the life creator himself which is God. It is therefore important to identify that your birth is as a result of the foreknowledge of God and that He would ensure that He gives you the insight as to what you should know about your life by you constantly searching through what the Holy Spirit is trying to say into your spirit. There would be an inner witness in your spirit that you are not confused and as such the spirit of God would witness within you that this is your purpose, the birthing of your purpose is as a result of the pregnancy in your spirit and this can only happen as soon as you travail in the place of prayer. Your travailing would enable you bring forth that which has been locked up on the inside of you which is the pregnancy; note, the gestation period for human pregnancy is always nine months, therefore it is essential that when you travail earnestly and consistently

in prayers, you give birth to that which would now become the reality of the purposes of God for your life.

Travail is therefore the labor and Patience of a pregnant woman that is waiting earnestly for a particular precious seed which is purpose. In the same vein, it is rightly essential that the adventure of a person's life is as a result of the labor and patience of that particular person because the essence of the labor is that there is an exceedingly precious seed (purpose) that would come as a result of the patience. 2 Corinthians 4:17 says,

***“<sup>17</sup>For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; <sup>18</sup>While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”***

Your labor or affliction is not the end result of it, there is an eternal weight of glory that is coming as a result of that which is the birthing to life that precious seed which is the glory that shall be revealed which would eventually become a reality. Romans 8:18 says,

***“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”***

The birthing of the glory in you would eventually become a reality when you pay close attention to your travail.

## **INFANCY**

Typically, when birthing out a child, purpose is been achieved. The ability for the child (purpose) to grow is essential. This stage is therefore the growth stage of that purpose that has been birthed; this exceedingly precious purpose is therefore meant to grow. Infants are born with certain abilities which are already

developed within them. Infancy is the period of the most rapid growth after birth. Growth during infancy is even faster than growth during the pregnancy period. They have a well-developed sense of smell; they can also communicate their needs by crying when they are hungry, uncomfortable, bored, or lonely. This therefore points to the fact that this period is the time where you are not forgotten nor forsaken, you would therefore be Helped by God in order to develop that ability of yours that has been birthed out that is why the Bible tells us in Isaiah 49:14-15 that

***“But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee”.***

This is the response of God to you and He is telling you He has not left neither has He forgotten you or forsaken you, this also explains to you a mother who cannot forget Her sucking child, she would thereby ensure that she acquire every resource and endowment towards seeing into the growth of the child (purpose), this therefore brings about the possibility of bringing to life the potential that is embedded within that child. It is the child’s responsibility therefore to continue by crying for Help daily in order to acquire the growth needed for renewal of strength and ability. The mentality of the child would therefore grow to becoming a self-dependent person who can acquire Help anywhere and anytime.

The expression of this figure is therefore in the similitude of God Helping you to renew your strength and wisdom daily in order for you to grow exceedingly. This growth therefore is a reality to you when you constantly align yourself to his will and purposes for your life, the purposes of God for your life is such that

you should not perish but with that growth process ensure you acquire a self-dependency spirit that would foster results for you. This is therefore the ability that is been given by God to you during this stage, so that you can basically become alive to the realities of life.

## **CHILDHOOD**

This is an encapsulation of the knowledge of God's word we have as a result of we growing to be wise even as Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:14-17 that

*“<sup>14</sup>But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; <sup>15</sup>And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: <sup>17</sup>That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works”.*

The childhood stage is the developmental stage in living that Helps in thoroughly developing that which has been learnt whereby putting them into action and deliberately proffering adequate and consistent practice to them, this would form the basis for growth and the knowledge that would enable the child grow continuously thereby activating the knowledge of the word of God and also bringing into the awareness of the child the manifold wisdom of God.

This stage therefore propels the child to consistently grow to becoming that which God has ordained him to be from the womb, thereby establishing the standpoint of understanding the growth level of that child even as Prophet John grew and waxed strong in the spirit.

Luke 1:80 says,



***“and the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel”.***

In the Spirit, the word ‘child’ talks about the period of your growth in the wilderness by constantly searching and researching as to the benevolence of God upon you so that you can experience the eye of your understanding being enlightened even as Peter too urges us in 1 Peter 2:2-3 that -

***“<sup>2.</sup> as newborn babies, desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby: <sup>3.</sup> If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious”.***

The essentiality of the word of God is therefore Paramount in understanding your growth so that you can achieve a substantial productivity at your appearing unto the world, the word therefore is the platform whereby you grow in order to showcase yourself to the world, so productivity comes when there is growth. Appearing to the world when you are still a child would result in a premature delivery, but when you grow at this level before your appearing unto the world they would be a level of productivity that would come in this regard.

However, at this stage it is necessary to grow and wax strong in the Spirit and develop a lot of capacity in stature too even as Jesus did in Luke 2:40, 52

***“<sup>40.</sup> And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. <sup>52.</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man”.***

This is therefore the criteria to developing a lifelong remarkable success upon the earth, when you understand that this period is the stage of growth before my appearing to the world so as to be the man God wants me to be by delivering a mature substance backed up by the spirit of God and the capacity to receive from the world would eventually be quickened.

## ADULTHOOD

Adulthood is the period in the human lifespan in which full physical, intellectual and spiritual maturity must have been attained. The scripture identifies this in 1 Corinthians 13:11-12-

***“<sup>12</sup>When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things <sup>12</sup>. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known”.***

This period introduces and brings about your physical appearing into the world to see so as to illustratively show the world the manifestation of what you have acquired in the wilderness even as Jesus grew and waxed strong in the spirit in *Luke 2:40* and the spirit drove him to the wilderness to fast in *Luke 4:1* and when He came out He came out with the power of the spirit in *Luke 4:14*, and the world was amazed at the mighty power of God in *Luke 9:43*, this was because Jesus, being in the school of the spirit had learnt the practices of the spirit and all it takes to demonstrate the power of God to the world and as a result when He came out He started delivering it to the world practically what He had learnt so far about the research work He did and the world was amazed at the presentation of his research work He did in the wilderness even as He started the delivering of the practical. It is important to understand the approach that Jesus used by understanding the times and the season of his appearing as an Adult, this period gives us a life experiential approach to developing a better strategy in the aspect of knowing when it is to manifest the power of God.

In 1 John 2:13-14 says

***“<sup>13</sup>. I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the***

*wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father,<sup>14</sup> I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one”*

The Bible makes us understand here that you have overcome the wicked one because the word of the Lord abides in you, you don't need to be tossed to and fro by any wind of doctrine, stay diligent on God's word let him direct and guide you. Don't be slothful in business as an Adult in the Spirit. Constantly live a life that is pleasing unto the Lord. Even when Jesus returned from the wilderness in the power of the Spirit, He still separated himself and prayed because He knew the power of adulthood in the Spirit. When the devil wants to attack your productivity, face him with the reality of God's word. God's word works wonders.

## **CHAPTER FOUR**

### **THE ESSENCE OF LIVING**

*“The orientation of why you live is when you capture the revelation of the full establishment of living in it entirely.”*

This chapter will explain what living is not and also what living is. This will help you decipher the true basics of what you really need to know if truly you have been living or not. Having known what God’s mandate is on living, it is very essential to know what living is, what living is not, and how to make a living with a difference.

#### **WHAT LIVING IS NOT**

Living is not the service you render to your pastor, it is not the errand you run for elderly folks, it is not the cloth you pick from the ground that fell from the cloth-line for your neighbour, it is not the purse you picked up for someone, in summary it is not the kindness that you do that defines your living but who you please in the course of your action. You do not find living in the job you do, not in the course you studied, not in your spouse, not in your profession, not in your career, not in the things you possess, not who you have helped but about whom you are obeying in the course.

#### **WHAT LIVING IS**

Living is obeying God in your existence. As a seed is being planted in the soil, so it is being expected to germinate. With humans we are created by the Creator and He has instilled in us certain mandates and obeying him defines our living.

Being kind without gratifying one’s self but obeying God is living. Who are you living for? This question should be answered and if it gives the answer of GOD then you have started living. It is acknowledging God’s presence in

whatever you are doing. In fulfilling your purpose, who are you obeying? Is it God or a friend you want to show off to? Or you are just doing things so that people can see you when you are doing things and praise you? What are the reasons behind your doings? What propels your doings? Does God's mandate propel you to do certain things for mankind? Who exactly are you pleasing in and with your actions? If you are not obeying God in your doings then I bet you are not living but passing out time on earth, that is you are counting days and years on earth and not making a change. You can only make a change on earth by only pleasing your creator, pleasing him makes every bit of your action to be relevant and ready for the kingdom's glorification. Matthew 5:16 says

***“Let your light so shine before men (on earth), that they may see your good works and glorify you father which is Heaven”.***

It is until when the things you do bring glory to God, until then is when you have started living.

I had a personal experience of such in 2018. I was at the junction of my house heading for an appointment with a friend. As usual, the struggle to enter a taxi began. I stood next to a woman awaiting the arrival of a taxi so that I can hop in too. Luckily, a taxi arrived and the struggle began, and boom! It was the 'survival-of-the-fastest'. I managed to enter the taxi but the woman could not enter and she began to yell at me with unpleasant words claiming that she was the one that flagged the taxi to pick her (Though it was definitely a lie). I came down for her to let peace reign because as a child of God we must always exercise patience and follow peace with all men. At a glance, I saw her alighting from the taxi and the taxi driver asked if I have change of fifty naira, I responded in the affirmative and hopped in. The woman had no change and I took her place. What I am driving at is that, my reactions to the woman's

yelling clearly shows who I was obeying and who I was living for. I did not gratify myself but instead to give glory to God through my reaction. If I was to be obeying myself, I would have yelled back. In your actions and doings who are you obeying? God or Yourself?

The day you start living for God and not yourself becomes the day you start living. Like I have said earlier, living is obeying God in your existence. You can only do this if you believe solely in the Creator and you also want to go farther in life. The ordinary man can not succumb to this saying but only those who have the new Jerusalem in their eyes and must have ways that leads to it in their Heart, must mind them, their eyes must look straight forward in them, must ponder the paths of them, must keep close to them, and be afraid of turning aside to the right hand or to the left. We must make God's word is our rule and we walk by it, that is obeying them.

## CHAPTER FIVE

### INDIVIDUAL GROWTH MATRIX

***“Seeth thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings: He shall not stand before mean man” – Proverbs 22:29.***

***“Productivity of living begins when living is put to work”***

Individual growth matrix is a constant growth system of strategy and planning for the actualization of the growth process engaged by individuals and people; this can be applied to hope by instilling the ability of maintaining this constant growth for the actualization of the hope which is being produced as a result of the seed which was sown in us by God, it would eventually become a tree of life.

The growth in which we engage would give us the hope we need. The growth is an internal force that drives us towards our desired hope that makes us alive. Growth maximization occurs when there is a deliberate action by an individual that brings about sustainability by engaging in a productive approach to believing in the hope that makes alive. In integrating this approach, we would provide and procure series of solution to problems by introducing the growth maximization approach in the course of the chapter of this piece to achieve the phrase ***“There is hope for a tree if it is been cut down”***. Several life series would give us a propelling force towards achieving our desires when we hope of that which would eventually give us life. Life is a process of discovery which gives us the capacity to grow adequately in order to bring about sustainability of producing a successful phenomenon that would help and better our daily living.

Life can be better through an approach called ‘Life growth matrix’, which is an evaluation of your daily life and ensuring that the positivity of the entirety of life gives us hope irrespective of what life brings at us.

Barrenness of hope would cause an individual to generalize and make certain conclusions about life, how that life is all shades of nothings, but what makes hope alive again is when life springs forth from that hope which would give to us a long-lasting positive and propelling adventure as we journey through life.

Constant growth matrix is a conscious effort made by you deliberately to accelerate the emergence of a widespread of productivity in the environment you find yourself, this growth is made possible when you make it possible by allowing the spirit of God drive your actions and strengthen you towards the fulfillment of your objective which is to grow. Growth is inevitable for you and this can only be orchestrated by the Holy Spirit within you to grow even as the Spirit drove Jesus in *Luke 4:1-18* into the wilderness when He fasted for forty days and forty nights for him to grow in the spirit and for him to become productive in that regard, eventually his eye was opened and He saw in the scriptures what was written concerning him in the book of *Isaiah 61:1-2*. Your journey to intense productivity comes when you identify the wilderness experience in your life by the spirit of God and come out from that wilderness to ensure that productivity takes place in your environment.

Jesus, who is our perfect example maximized the period of his early life to work to achieve maximum productivity when He focused on his father's business, this account in the scripture is found in John 9:4-5 which says

***“<sup>4</sup>. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work, <sup>5</sup>.As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”***

This above scripture gives an explicit explanation to how you should work productively in the early stage of your life and how pertinent it is for you to follow this approach because the night would actually come when no man can



work. The ruggedness of you working assiduously and productively now would actually produce the result that you need. James 2:26 speaks about faith and works “*as the body without the spirit is dead, so as faith without works is dead*”, it is therefore important to constantly engage our faith with works for productivity to take place.

Even as Abraham staggered not in faith when He went ahead to offer his son Isaac, his faith was wrought with his works to the end that it was counted unto him as righteousness. Righteousness in this context signifies the result of his work which is to believe and as a result, it led to the emergence of the faith we believe in today.

In contrast, work productively today so that the generations that come after you can eventually enjoy the benevolence of that which you have enjoyed, this is how you can become a productive person that your generation can celebrate and as a result it would leave a landmark for you before you leave the surface of the earth.

## **ENDOWMENT WITH PRODUCTIVITY**

The analysis of the above concept is the reality that comes to you as a result of active engagement with the inbuilt talent or capacity that has instilled into you as a platform to make you productive; this inbuilt talent and capacity is embedded within you to make active use of and to better your productivity.

This productivity can be institutionalized in your life when the talent is nurtured and grown daily for result to be achieved. The scriptural analysis to this is likened to the parable of the talent which was spoken of by Jesus in *Mathew 25:14-28*. The analysis of this scripture talks about a certain man who gave his servants different talents quantity, to one He gave five talents, to one He gave two talents, to another He gave one talent to the end that when He comes back

from the far country He went to, they should have doubled this talent quantity given to them, eventually when He comes back to ask them about the return of the talent quantity which was given to them, the one which was given five talent made productive use of it and as result made five extra talent, and to the other that was given two talent also made productive use of it and made an extra two talent and to the one that was given one talent hid it due to the fact that He afraid to grow with it and as a result, his master collected it from him and gave it to the one that made extra five talents which is eleven talents in total that He had.

The beauty of this is that He was not particularly afraid but actually was slothful with that which his master had given to him and this is, eventually the limitation of some of us not been productive and we have deliberately neglected the endowment of the capacity of God instilled in us. The fruit is ripe for harvest in you, this is the only criteria to becoming that which God has designed in and for you. Get up and get to work! Grow with that fruit so as to bring forth more fruits. The fruit which is in you has the capacity to becoming a forest when you nurture this fruit daily and inculcate the habit of making it productively useful for others to pluck also.

## CHAPTER SIX

### THE RESONATION OF HOPE

*“Hope differed always make the Heart sick; but when the desire comes, it is the tree of life”- Proverbs 13:12.*

*“When your living seems to be dead, your hope would come alive!”*

Life itself is an integral part of hope because that which would bring about the sustainability of a particular life is the hope in which that life exhibits. The tree of life which would eventually spring forth into the hope that makes alive is a process, and to journey into that process one must be definite about the realization of that hope within you that would lead to a profitable yield of your life. The process which has been engaged and in a bid to manage effectively this reality, one must bring in a figurative expression in the similitude of a tree which can be identified as the “The Tree of Life”. The tree of life is a life-giving ability which is embedded inside of us and this propels a force in us that gives us reason for hope again. This tree of life is a constant growth process in your life and when you constantly and consistently *water* that tree which has been embedded within you by God, that tree would eventually grow to become a forest and in this forest, there is certainly hope in there for you. The tree would grow to become a forest, and this forest eventually, is the life-giving ability given to you which would create hope again for you. Apparently, this shows that when you focus on the tree that has been placed inside you by God, you would eventually have hope again. The bible gave us a clear description in Romans 4:18-21 that,

*“<sup>18</sup>. Who against hope believed in hope, that He might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, so shall thy seed be*

*19. And being not weak in faith, He considered not his own body now dead, when He was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb;*

*20. He staggered not at the promises of God through unbelief: but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;*

*21. And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able to perform.”*

The above scripture illustrates the hope that should spring forth in your life as a result of the promises of God for your life in the scriptures, even as Abraham believed in God that He would have a child and staggered not at the promises of God through unbelief, but He was very strong in faith in believing that, that which God has said, would surely come to pass.

Your present negative condition should not define you. God is willing and able to bring to pass that which He has promised you. The blessedness of a man comes when He constantly believes that there is hope for a tree, though that tree has been cut down it would surely spring forth again and the tender root would not wither. Even as it is written in Isaiah 32:15 that

*“that until the spirit be poured upon us from high and the wilderness be a fruitful field and the field be counted for a forest”.*

This explains how the wilderness which signifies the barrenness of our hope would become fruitful and that fruitfulness would lead to a bountiful harvest. This signifies the extent to which the promises of God as regards our lives would eventually come to pass by the result of what we see and believe.

## **HOPE REJUVENATED**

The reality of our hope is embedded in the scriptures, it (the scripture) gives us a clear assurance of hope that a tree that is cut down can eventually rise again by the reason of the rejuvenation of that particular tree. Joel 2:25 explains to us how that ***“God would restore unto us the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you”***. This point to the identification of a tree which has been cut down as a result of it being eaten by a locust and God came through, and as a result brings about restoration of what had been eaten.

To the one reading now, you may have lost all hope in your existence based on the tree that has been cut down in your life which sometimes gives you reasons that you cannot amount to anything and that you cannot cause a change in your generation, the good news is that there is actually still hope for that ‘tree’, when you constantly *water* that dried up tree in your life by engaging in constant praying in the Holy Ghost to build up that dried up tree. According to Jude 1:20, which spoke about ***“building up yourself (that dried up tree) in your most holy faith, by praying in the Holy Ghost”***, that is how we can eventually experience a productive hope rejuvenation in our lives. The scriptures says in Romans 8:26 that ***“we know not what we should pray for as we ought to, but the spirit itself Helps our infirmities (the dried up tree) with groaning that cannot be uttered”***, the Holy Spirit who lives and abides within you would eventually give you strength and answers to your prayers with your hope coming alive again.

The revival of your hope that would eventually bring about the transformation of the tree that has been dried up in your life is gotten when you constantly nurture that particular ‘tree’ in your life by consistently studying God’s word and praying more in the Holy Ghost. This daily and constant living in which we engage in is the rejuvenation of the hope that would be experienced in our lives.

We therefore should endeavor to activate that which God has made available, by devoting more time in prayers and more so, seeking the face of God.

You should deliberately proffer solutions to issues in your life by listening more to the inner witness of the Holy Ghost speaking expressly to you not to quit. Irrespective of the situation and challenges, the ability to be resilient by the spirit of God would give you victory in Christ Jesus. The only principles of success that activate the flow of God's reality in you are Prayer and the in-depth study of the word of God and these two entities are realities that makes the fruit in you ripen for harvest thereby making fruitfulness come to passion your life. A certain man once had a tree which fruits were able to sustain him for a lifetime but due to his negligence he forsook the tree and decided not to nurture it anymore. Eventually He woke up one morning to discover that the tree had dried up. The tree actually did not just dry up, but because of the man's inability to nurture the tree, it dried up and as a result when the dry season began, there wasn't any fruit to take anymore, and this was due to the negligence on the part of the man.

Man has eventually become unproductive due to the negligence it places on the seed that is in him that would yield trees and fruits thereby allowing that tree to dry up, but there is actually a hope to restore that tree to spring forth again unto life in him, and this tree is the resultant effect of the realization that life is come unto the people.

This would give us an inner strength so as to maintain the hope which would definitely come alive at the latter time. The life purpose of everyone comes as a result of being productive and focusing on the aspect that would elevate you into believing in yourself that there is actually light at the end of every tunnel.

No matter how dark a road is, when light is shone on your path, you would eventually become that which God has ordained you to be. You would definitely make a difference, and there is always a role to play when life moves you into shades of confusion, you must make a difference.

You are the instrument that the world needs now to better their lives. The whole world awaits your manifestation. Therefore, wake up to the new glory that is within you and make the change that is needed in your sphere of influence.

Your hope is thereby renewed and the world would be glad to see and feel your impact in their lives, be the best you can be.

I call you great!!!