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# When the day of Pentecost was fully come....

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# **Dedication**

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"If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say; If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us: Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us: Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul: Then the proud waters had gone over our soul. Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth. Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped. Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth." Ps. 124: 1-8.

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### INTRODUCTION

The book of Acts 2 begins with the words: **"when the day of Pentecost was fully comes."** 

Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem waiting, as commanded by Jesus in Act 1:4-5. "...and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts 1:4-5 KJV.

It signals the beginning of the church age. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is

the main thing that makes Christianity differ from all other religions.

"And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all." Acts 4:33 KJV.

# **CHAPTER ONE**

# **Guard Your Heart**

If there is anything to jealously guard, it is our heart. And the reason is not far fetched, King Solomon in Prov. 4:24 says "... everything you do flows from it."

And the kjv of it reads "...For out of it are the issues of life."

Inside our heart dwells this heritage -The Holy Spirit of power that signifies the presence of God in us.

The heart is the capital of the whole body, the seat of government and control of our entire being. it is that part of man where God put His Spirit in the beginning that He may from there govern the affairs of man. The fall of man in the garden of Eden make man come short of the glory of God and gave the devil the opportunity and access to the heart of man. Since the heart cannot be vacant, immediately Adam and Eve disobeyed, and die spiritually, and hid themself from the presence of God in the garden, (Gen. 3:8), the spirit of darkness, for the first time, gained access into the heart of man to control and bring him into captivity to the law of sin – Romans 7:23.

Because of this, Apostle Peter gave this warning:

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour...." I Pet. 5:8.

He is always on the lookout for who to devour.



Don't forget Saul, immediately the Spirit of God departed from him, evil spirit took over.

# The thought and action of a man is a reflection of his heart.

Whenever you come across the word heart in the Bible, its not referring to that organ in man that pumps the blood. According to the Bible, the heart is the part of man's spiritual makeup where emotions and desires begin; it is that which drives or propel the will of man towards action.

That means, whatever you hear a man speak or see him doing or acting, is a reflection of his heart.

Jesus says in Matthew 12:33-35 that, "Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things."

And in Prov. 23:7, king Solomon said "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

So therefore, whatever you say or act, is a reflection of your heart. And because the heart could be affected by its environment, either physical or spiritual environment, makes guarding our heart a task we must not fail doing.

Three Reasons Why You Must Guard Your Heart:

1. Your heart is extremely valuable.

You take good care of things that are valuable. Worthless things are trashed or handle carelessly. Your heart is the most valuable thing that you possess.

- It is the essence of who you are.
  It is your authentic self—the core of your being.
- It is where all your dreams, your desires, and your passions live. It is the seat of government of your life.
- It is that part of you that connects with God and that determined your eternal glory or damnation.
- Your heart is the source of everything you do. King Solomon says it is the "wellspring of life." In other words, it is the source of everything else in your life.



Therefore, if your heart is unhealthy, corrupt or canal, it has a tremendous impact on everything that happens to you and above all, it makes you an enemy of God.

Romans 8:7-8 KJV

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

3. Your heart is under constant attack from the devil. There is an ongoing battle between God and the forces of the darkness over the soul of man. The battle started the very day that Lucifer was cast out of heaven unto the planet earth. The Bible says in Revelation 12:7-9, "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

At the end of the battle, the bible says, Lucifer, called the devil and Satan, was cast out of heaven into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Verse 12 says, "...Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." And in verse 17, "...the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her s e e d, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

Since then, the devil did not relent in making war with the remnant of the seed of the woman, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

The battle ground is in the heart of man, and the mission is to lure man into disobedience as he did to our first parents in the garden of Eden. To make the heart of man uninhabitable for the Spirit of the Holy God, and gradually separate him from his creator until the Spirit of God finally steps out and he, the devil takes the full control of man's heart, to bring him into damnation at the end of this age.

Apostle Paul in Roman 7:15-23 says, "For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not: but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it. but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is. in my flesh.) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not. that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members."

God through the bible warned us against his devises, "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us...." 2 Cor. 2:11, and in Eph. 6:11-13, the Bible says, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the

whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

## 2 Corinthians 10:4-6

"(for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) casting down <u>imaginations</u>, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every <u>thought</u> to the obedience of Christ; and having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled."

Most of man's imaginations and thoughts in this end time are from the pit of hell, and when **"God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there** 

were any that did understand, that did seek God. Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." Ps. 53:3

"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Gen. 6:5), and in the book of John 2:24-25, the Bible says that "...Jesus did not commit himself unto them (man), because he knew all men, And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man."

The enemy understands the battle of life more that we Christians, he knows that the best place to war

against man is inside his heart, and that once he get his heart, he has get the whole of him. In addition to this, he knows that whatever man see or hear goes into his heart and that his thought, his meditation and action are from the abundant of his heart. Adam and Eve fell for him through what they heard and saw – "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." Gen. 3:6.

King David also fell when he saw Bathsheba bathing.

The Bible in the book of Matthew 4:8-9 says, "...the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me."

The devil try to use the power of what is seen or heard also against Christ, but Christ immediately Cast down every imaginations, and brought into captivity every thought to the obedience of God.

Pornographic pictures, worldly riches and music are part of his weapons to pollute man's mind.

He make them look good and not sinful, he make them look not harmful to our spiritual walk with God. Sometimes, he make us to see



God has been wicked in asking us to do something or allowing us to pass throw some situations. All these are side attractions. Hebrew 12:1 says they where weight, and anything weight has the capacity to slow down the rate at which you run your spiritual race or hindered you from ascending the mount of the Lord talk less of standing in His Holy place. Ps. 24:3.

### 1 Peter 2:11

"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul."

2 Tim. 2:22

"Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out



### of a pure heart."

Three things to take notice of:

- What you see or behold: what you see has a tremendous way of affecting your heart, in fact, it stays long in the brain more than what you hear. Many great men of God has falling victim of the devil because of what they saw.
  - a. A typical example is king David, 2 Sam. 11:1-5.

"And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem. And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was verv beautiful to look upon. And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bath-sheba, the daughter of Eliam. the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child."

 b. Achan was another example from the bible. Joshua 7:21 –
 "When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it."

- 2. What you hear: As treasures are being laid in the heart through what we see, so also it is through what we hear. Both eyes and ears are like doors that lead into our heart. Why do God through Ps. 1:1 says we should not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of the scornful? Is it not for our heart not to be polluted by what we see them doing or hear them say?
  - a. A very good example are our first parent – Adam and Eve.
     Both has been living in the

garden of Eden with the tree of the knowledge of good and evil without attempting to eat from it until Eve heard the Serpent saying "...for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." The Bible savs "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise. she took of the fruit thereof. and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." Genesis 3:5-6

b. The second example I will use here is king Saul, he shouldn't have had problem with David if not for the song composed by the women and his inability to guide his heart.

"And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel. singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick. And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands. And David his ten thousands. And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom? And Saul eyed

David from that day and forward." 1 Samuel 18:6-9.

3. What you meditated upon: The greatest of all is what we allow our heart to meditate upon. Seeing or hearing of a thing only is never a sin until we act in line with what we see or hear. But before we could act, their will first be a meditation.

Meditation is a practice in which an individual uses a technique – such as mindfulness, or focusing the mind on a particular object, thought, or activity – to train attention and awareness, and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state.

It is the act of bringing back to mind, the picture of what you saw as if you're seeing it right away, or what

you heard, to give it a second thought.

Meditation is more harmful to the heart than the other two and when it get to that stage, we'd need a spiritual warfare to stop it.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee."

Prov. 4:23-25

### Read 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

Having seen examples of people that couldn't guard their heart, let see examples of people that guided their heart from being polluted by

what they saw or heard.

 Joseph is the first person I will like us to consider here. He was a young boy of about 13-17 years when his siblings sold him into Egypt as a slave.

"And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.

Genesis 39:1.

In verse 7 to 12, the bible says "And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is

with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand. there is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee. because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her. And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business: and there was none of the men of the house there within. And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled. and got him out. Genesis 39:9-12 KJV

Looking at this story one could imagine why a woman such as Potiphar's wife could invite a young boy like Joseph for a canal relationship. I will like to say here that prior to this open confrontation, series of bodily gesture such as parading herself before Joseph, has went on and on for several times to draw the attention of Joseph to herself, but Joseph was able to make himself blind to them all. Of no doubt Joseph has seen many things that could have made him to fall a victim like daddy David and brother Reuben who mount his father's bed

Potiphar's wife, like any other desperate woman, after all her gesture has failed her, she resolve into rape, the Bible said

"And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out."

She caught Joseph by his garment to force him on herself but Joseph left his garment in her hand and fled, and got himself out.

 b. Samuel is the second person to look at – he found himself surrounded by the sons of Eli who the Bible testified against that "...they were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD." 1 Sam. 2:12. These are the two men that Samuel should follow suit under normal circumstances, they suppose to be his spiritual leader, to show him all about the worship of Jehovah, but they choose to go in there own devilish way.

Samuel did not allow them to influence him, he stayed away from them, the Bible says **"But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.** 

1 Samuel 2:18 KJV.

Despite the fact that he saw and heard all that they were doing, the boy Samuel did not let his heart get polluted. He guarded his heart jealously.

Psalm. 1:1kjv "Blessed is the man that walketh

not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."

What makes Joseph to overcame the temptations from Potiphar's wife was that he Flee. And Samuel, he separated himself from the sons of Eli.

God knows our strength, He warn us in 1 Thessalonians 5:22 (KJV) that we should **"abstain from all appearance of evil."** 

And the Bible in 2 Corinthians 6:17-18 (KJV) says "... Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, And touch not the unclean thing; And I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, And ye shall be my sons and

### daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

#### **In Conclusion**

The heart of man is a house that must be occupied. God at the beginning of creation, created man a house for Himself to dwell in, and that is exactly what he is. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." I Cor. 3:16-17.

The Bible said He breathe into his nostrils and man became a living soul. The devil's temptation and man's disobedience make man to fall short of the glory of God – Romans 3:23 (KJV).

The Spirit of God departed from man

and man became dead to the realm of the righteous God but alive to the world, satanic realm and the devil his new master, who took advantage of man's fall to gain access into his heart and through that controls his several activities.

Even though, man knew what is good, but the power and the ability to perform it he has not.

"For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

In Romans 8:3, the Bible says, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh..."

In Colossians 1:13, the Bible says **"who** hath delivered us from the power of

darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son..."

Ezekiel 36:26-27 "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Jesus in Rev 3:20 – 22 says "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the

#### churches."

# **CHAPTER TWO**

## And When the day of Pentecost was fully come...

The Christian faith is a religion of the demonstration of the power of God. That is the only thing that makes it different from other religions. It brings back unto us the lost glory in the garden of Eden and make us the image and likeness of God once again, demonstrating His power through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

#### In the beginning

The Bible says, in the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth. The beginning been referred to here is the beginning of all that were created, for there is a being that has no beginning and end - the God Almigthy.

His purpose in the beginning of the creation of earth was to create man in His own image and likeness and made him to inhabit the earth. God being Elohim, the powerful God, Ecclesiastes 3:11 (KJV) says, **"He hath made every thing beautiful in his time...."** 

Among what God created are: The light, firmament, water, dry land, fishes and other animals in the water and on ground, and the birds that fly in the firmament. He called them out by a spoken word.

But man, God created in His own image and likeness.

#### – Genesis 1:26-27 KJV

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

These two verses of the scripture established the fact that man was created in the image and likeness of God.

Going a little further to chapter two and verse seven, the Bible says, "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Here, we see the comprehensive details of how God was able to make man in His image and likeness, the Bible says He "...breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Ps. 33:6 – "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth."

John 1:1 -4

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men."

**In Conclusion**, what makes man the image and likeness of God is not the physical shape or structure, it is the indwelling Spirit of God and the Word by which God created man.

Man shall not live by bread alone...

Jesus in the book of Matthew 4:4 say, "...It is written, <u>Man shall not live by</u> <u>bread alone</u>, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Jesus was not saying here that man should not eat bread, in fact, we need bread for metabolism, which is the chemical reactions in our body cells that change food into energy.

But as much as our body needs food, so is our spiritual entity – the soul needs God and the WORD to continue to be living. For man to prosper in all ramifications of his life, there must be a balance between the amount of the physical food he needed and the Word of God and in as much the spiritual controls the physical, our priority should be God and His word, which is our spiritual food before the natural

food for the body.

Remember:

"...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

### Man minus the Spirit of God = Madness.

When you see a man without the Spirit of God, you see nothing but madness.

1 Samuel 16:14 (KJV) says, **"But the** Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him."

And Romans 1:28-32 (KJV) says, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, <u>inventors of evil things,</u> <u>disobedient to parents,</u> without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

#### Madness in the church!

If you see a female dressed half naked in the church, what is that? Madness

- Putting on feather eye makeup, what is that? Madness.
- Fornication and adultery in Christendom-Madness.
- Worldly song and beats in the



#### church-Madness

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient...."

"But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him."

**Note:** The heart of man can not be vacuum, it is meant to be occupied either by God or the devil. So, as the Spirit of God steps out, the evil spirit steps in and vis-vasa.

This is the major reason why you, as a Christian needs to guard your heart jealously because the devil is out there, with the intention of having you. Jesus told Peter, and said, **"Simon,** 

Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Luke 22:31-32 KJV

There is madness allover the place, and the devil is no more terrified in the church, I heard a pastor preaching and said, in the time of the Apostles, it was the demons that screamed, but in this end time it is the pastors that is screaming. And with all there screaming, the devil is not moved, he is so comfortable even on the altars.

Pray God will deliver us from the madness of our time in Jesus name.

# For this purpose the Son of God was manifested.

The bible in first John chapter three

verse eight says ".... For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Jesus Christ coming into the world was for no other purpose than to destroy the works of the devil, take away the madness in man by the renewing of their mind (Romans 12:2-3) and giving them an heart of flesh.

#### Ezekiel 36:26-27 KJV

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."

This prophesy in the book of Ezekiel

and Joel chapter two and verses twenty-eight to twenty-nine that says "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit." First came to fulfilment on the day of Pentecost.

The Bible recorded it in the book of Acts chapter two and verses one to four that "...when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Before the fulfilment of this prophesy, Jesus in the book of Luke chapter twenty-four and verse forty-nine says "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

What happens on the day of Pentecost was no other thing but the fulfillment of the promise of God in these two aforementioned books of the Bible, it is the promise of the Father.

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not

come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.... I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. How beit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." John 16:7, 12-13 (KJV).

# CHAPTER THREE

## **Grieve Not the Holy Spirit**

The act of the Apostles is simply the record of the demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit in the days and life of the Apostles. They walk and work in the power of the Holy Spirit in their days that several miracles were wrought through them.

Acts 4:33 says, "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."

Acts 19:11-12 reads: "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them."

# Peter raised the dead of a certain disciple names Tabutha

#### Acts 9:36-42 (KJV)

"Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and alms deeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive. And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord."

The lame man by the Temple gate called beautiful - Acts 3:1-10 is a story of a lame man that has resolved to begging for alms by the gate called beautiful, which was healed by the work of the Holy Spirit through Apostles Peter and John.

"Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful. to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter. fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said. Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God: and they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him."

Many other miracles by the Apostles which time and space will not permit me to analyse in the book.

God works miracles by the power of the Holy Spirit through men that dedicate and surrender their life to Him. These are men that were able to enter into the realm of glory and live by the power of the world to come.

Looking at our days, even though miracles are not so pronounce like in the Bible day's. Yet, we has some men who have not bowed to Baal. People like Apostle Ayo Babalola, Prophet Timothy Obadare, Prophet Oyelami, Prophet Ojo Olowere, and Archbishop Benson Idahosa, all of blessed memories. Daddy E. A. Adeboye of RCCG, Daddy W. F. Kumuyi of deeper life Bible church and so many others that cut across denominations. These are people that through the Pentecostal power their faith in God subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, and obtained the promises.

#### James 5:17-18 (KJV)

"Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit." If the Apostles in their time could do it, you and I also can, If the Holy Spirit can do it through our the like of Apostles Ayo Babalola and Archbishop Benson Idahosa, etc, He can our life too. if people like baba Adeboye and baba Kumuyi can do it, you and I also can do it.

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 W a s'odo Jesu, mase duro; L'oro Re l'o ti fona han wa, O duro li arin wa loni, O nwi pele pe, wa!

> Ipade wa yio je ayo, Gb'okan wa ba bo L'owo ese. T'a o si wa pelu Re, Jesu, N'ile ayeraye!



- Jek'omode wa! E gb'ohun Re; Jek'okan gbogbo kun fun ayo, K'a si yan Jesu l'ayanfe wa, Ema duro, e wa.
- Ranti p'O wa pelu wa loni,
  F'eti s'ofin Re, k'o si pamo;
  Gbo b'ohun Re ti nwi pele pe
  Eyin omo Mi wa.
  Amin.