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My Dearly Beloved Partners,

WELCOME TO THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025

THE MONTH TO ABOUND AND EXCEL IN ALL THINGS

Welcome to March. We thank the Lord for bringing us safely to a new month despite the troubles and difficulties around us. This month has been tagged "The Month to Abound and Excel in all Things." Ephesians 2:8 (KJV) says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God". The anchor scripture for this month is 2 Corinthians 8:7 (AMPC): "**Now as you abound and excel and are at the front in everything -in faith, in expressing yourselves, in knowledge, in all zeal, and in your love for us - [see to it that you come to the front now and] abound and excel in this gracious work [of almsgiving] also.**"

Excelling as a Christian requires intentionality and reliance on God. We can develop an excellent spirit and walk in His divine purpose by seeking His wisdom, instruction, and guidance. The following principles will help us to develop a spirit of excellence as Christians.

1. WE MUST ASK GOD TO IMPART IN US AN EXCELLENT SPIRIT

To excel as Christians, we must seek God's help in developing an excellent spirit. The Bible provides an outstanding example in Daniel, who distinguished himself among his peers because of the excellent spirit within him. *Daniel 6:3* states, "Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm." This excellence was not merely due to his intellect or abilities but was a result of his devotion to God. When we ask God to fill us with His Spirit, He empowers us to walk in integrity, wisdom, and diligence, leading to excellence in all aspects of our lives.

2. WE MUST PRAY FOR DIVINE INSIGHT

Wisdom and insight are essential for excelling in life and they come from God. Solomon is a prime example of a man who sought divine wisdom. In *1 Kings 3:9*, Solomon prayed, "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad." Because he asked for wisdom rather than riches or power, God granted him exceptional insight, making him the wisest man of his time (*1 Kings 4:29*). As believers, we must continually pray for divine insight so that we can make wise decisions, discern truth, and apply God's principles effectively in our daily lives.

3. WE NEED GOD TO INSTRUCT US THROUGH HIS PEOPLE

God often uses His servants, such as pastors, mentors, and spiritual leaders, to guide us in the path of righteousness. In *Proverbs 11:14*, it is written, "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety." Seeking godly instruction keeps us grounded in biblical truth and protects us from making mistakes. Additionally, *Ephesians 4:11-12* explains that God has given us pastors and teachers to equip us for the work of ministry and to build up the body of Christ. Submitting to godly leadership and instructions helps us grow spiritually and excel in our Christian walk.



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4. WE NEED TO USE OUR IMAGINATION WISELY

Our imagination is a powerful tool that can either align with God's will or lead us astray. The Bible encourages us to focus our thoughts on what is pure and honorable. *Philippians 4:8* says, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Additionally, *2 Corinthians 10:5* instructs us to "cast down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God." When we use our imagination to envision God's plans for our lives and meditate on His promises, we align ourselves with His purpose and excel in our calling.

5. WE MUST AVOID IDLENESS

Idleness leads to unproductivity and can become a breeding ground for temptation. The Bible warns against laziness and encourages diligence. *Proverbs 6:6-8* advises, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest." Paul also exhorted believers to work diligently, stating in *2 Thessalonians 3:10*, "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat." As Christians, we are called to be diligent stewards of our time and talents, using them to glorify God and positively impact the world.

Achieving excellence as Christians is a continuous journey that requires dedication, prayer, and an unwavering focus on God's guidance. By seeking an excellent spirit, praying for divine insight, learning from godly leaders, using our imagination wisely, and avoiding idleness, we position ourselves for success in our spiritual and personal lives. As we apply these principles, we will not only fulfill God's purpose for our lives but also become a light to those around us, inspiring them to pursue excellence in their walk with Christ.

Continuously sharpen your skills and mind through the guidance you receive from others. Surround yourself with honorable and godly mentors who can help refine you. Be a person of integrity because true excellence is impossible without integrity. This month, strive to be an instrument of righteousness, allow God to work through you to accomplish great things and be determined to pursue excellence in all you do.

May God grant you wisdom to grow and refine your skills. May He surround you with godly mentors to sharpen your character. May He fill your heart with integrity and a passion for righteousness and may you walk in excellence, bringing glory to Him in all you do.

Stay connected to me on all social media platforms—X (formerly Twitter), Telegram, TikTok, Instagram, WhatsApp, YouTube, and Facebook—for daily life-inspiring content. I share messages every day on these platforms. You are also welcome to join us for our early morning prayers and devotion at 6:30 am WAT Monday to Saturday. Please, don't forget to share the messages you receive with others.

Once again, I warmly welcome you to March. On behalf of my wife, family, and ministry, I sincerely appreciate your continuous support. Please remember us in your prayers as we hold our outreach in Lagos this month.

Stay blessed and may you have a grace-filled month and a wonderful year ahead!

With affectionate love,

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