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# THE LAW OF ORDERLINESS

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3 WAYS TO USE THE LAW  
TO GET THE BEST  
OF YOUR LIFE

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# WHY I WROTE THIS BOOK

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Every day I see people working hard trying to make ends meet. However, this is usually done with so much struggles and dissatisfaction.

Many start out thinking that if they could become so rich, they would get the satisfaction their hearts yearn for. They eventually get so rich and it does not take time for them to realise that what they were looking for was not in having money. So they set up a philanthropic foundation, and start releasing the accumulated funds to the society, and yet many still have a feeling of disconnect.

Many are consciously or unconsciously aware that there is more to life than what they are currently experiencing, but many have not been able to place their fingers on what that missing thing is.

This feeling that “everything doesn't seem right” has popularised the concept of work-life balance. Many have read books and attended seminars on this subject, but they are yet to maintain the balance they are searching for.

Having worked with many people in several countries and noted that this problem was pervasive, I was inspired to help many come out of this quagmire.

One fundamental reason why many are experiencing a perpetual feeling of discontent and disconnect is because they constantly violate what I have termed “The Law of Orderliness”.

So this book is meant to help you:

- Better understand your makeup

- Understand why you sometimes have the feeling of discontent despite achieving great results

- Make you intentionally live a life of fulfilment and all-round success

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## **PART ONE**

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# **WHAT IS THE LAW OF ORDERLINESS?**

## PART 1 – WHAT IS THE LAW OF ORDERLINESS?

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*This feeling that “everything doesn't seem right” has popularised the concept of work-life balance. Many have read books and attended seminars on this subject, but they are yet to maintain the balance they are searching for.*

One of the greatest problems facing people of this age is that they are, consciously or unconsciously, aware that there is more to life than what they are currently experiencing, but many have not been able to place their fingers on what that missing thing is. Such longings in the hearts of people is better expressed in a sticker Billy Graham once talked about that read “All I want is a little more than I have now”.

What do you have now? What is the “little more” that you require?

The guy in high school dreams of gaining admission to an Ivy League university. He gets there and immediately realises he needs something more. The lady approaching age 35 announces that the only thing she really needs is a man in her life. Her honeymoon does not end before she acknowledges, “it couldn't have been a husband I needed”. An upwardly mobile employee says life starts counting when I have my own world-class company. He becomes founder and CEO of a world-class corporation and he starts experiencing world-class dissatisfaction. A pastor defines his “little more” as a 5000 congregation. His church now sits more than 7000 people, but he feels even more unaccomplished.

The dilemma is the same. Many get the “little more” thing they were searching for and immediately realise that

what they really needed was not that “little more” thing. They know something is still missing in their lives, but cannot tell what it is. This feeling that “everything doesn't seem right” has popularised the concept of work-life balance. Many have read books and attended seminars on this subject, but they are yet to maintain the balance they are searching for. A friend in Lagos recently grumbled about how he spends time at work, traffic, meetings and ceremonies but has no time for family, friends and church. But I have seen people who have time for family, friends and church making the same complaint. What exactly is the problem?

One fundamental reason why many are experiencing a perpetual feeling of discontent and disconnect is because they constantly violate what I have termed “The Law of Orderliness”.

What is the law of orderliness?

Why do fish swim in water and not on land? Why do eagles fly and not swim? Why do humans walk on the ground and not float in the air? Why do we not feed on stones? Why do most trees grow roots before shoots?

Why do manufacturers of electronic appliances recommend the voltage with which to operate their appliances? Why don't vehicles race on the sea? Why do we not start building a house from the roof? Why do we have hierarchy in our organizations Or Why are TV channels broadcasted at a particular frequency?

The answer is not farfetched!

Creation was made to function in a particular pattern. They function optimally and excel naturally if their position and actions are aligned with their configuration.

All of God's creatures were designed to function in a particular way and place. They can never get the best of

themselves if they attempt to act in a way that is contrary to their original design. For example, In Genesis 1:20 (GW), "God said, Let the water swarm with swimming creatures, and let birds fly through the sky over the earth." The creator of the birds has defined the place where it should function optimally and excel naturally i.e. fly through the sky over the earth. If an eagle suddenly sees a tilapia swimming and attempts to do likewise, it will violate the order already set into motion by God. It may not be too early to start preparing for the eagle's funeral so long as it has decided to go swimming.

"What if the eagle goes for swimming lessons?", you may ask. That's one major shackle entangling many believers in this information age. They are like eagles that think they can just start swimming so long as they can get information on swimming disregarding how they have been designed by their creator. Attempting to apply information that does not take cognizance of your configuration is a journey to a cul-de-sac.

Man is not left out in this order. Almost all our creations and inventions today are released with an instruction manual. We know that our products will function optimally if they are operated in congruence with the way they have been designed to operate. I once experienced a power surge that blew the power pack of my PC simply because the voltage that ran through it was more than the 240 volts recommended by the manufacturer. The law of orderliness was simply violated.

Some radio signals are transmitted at a particular frequency. The more you tune towards that transmitted frequency, the clearer the signal and vice versa. It is only the uninformed that will attempt to violate the law at work in the airwaves, and expect to get a clearer radio signal.

A computer virus operates by violating the law of orderliness. For example, whenever our computer boots, the system references some files to make it start up normally. A virus can stop your computer from booting by deleting or corrupting one of the start-up files that is usually referenced by your system whenever it boots.



When we swim, we regulate our breathing differently because we understand that we cannot breathe normally like we do on land. We are usually able to do this for a period, after which we have to leave the water because we were not designed to flourish there perpetually. Even when Jesus walked on water, he later returned to land and that event is still viewed as something away from the normal order.

These days, there's so much hype about discovering your talents or gifts, because many people unconsciously agree that you will only function optimally if your position and actions are suited with your gifts and talents.

What then is the configuration of believers? How have they been designed and wired, so that they can align themselves to the right position and constantly exhibit the right actions that are in correspondence with their makeup?

## **PART TWO**

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# **WHAT REALLY IS OUR DEFAULT MAKEUP?**

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### **The Greatest Conception**

*“So that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new!” 2Corinthians 5:17 (LITV)*

The verse above is a common verse with an uncommon meaning. Most times when believers refer to it, they talk about “the bad things I used to do, I do them no more”. Inasmuch as it is expected that we exhibit good actions as believers, we should not lose sight of the meaning of this verse. The verse does not say if you are in Christ, you have a new operation. Rather, you are a new creation. Our being and configuration was first emphasized before our doings and actions. A new nature and life that never existed in the world was created in us. How did this come about? The bible tells us that God gave birth to a new life within us when we accepted the salvation from Jesus Christ.

*But as many as received Him (Jesus Christ), to them He gave authority to become children of God, ... who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but were born of God. John 1:12-13*

Since God is a spirit and spirit gives birth to spirit (John 3:6), it therefore means that God recreated our spirits when we got born-again. It is thus logical and scriptural (II Peter 1:4, I John 4:17) to conclude that we possess the same

nature like the one who gave birth to us – God.

This new life brought about a new order in our lives such that if we do not align ourselves to this order, we will be like the eagle attempting to swim. We may read many books and attend many success seminars, but we will still experience that imbalance within us. It's just like an eagle drowning in the sea and reading a book titled "how to excel in life". Whereas, the first excellence it should be thinking about is to jump out of the water and position itself in the place that is in congruence with its configuration (the sky). The Message translation of Galatians 5:25 clearly expresses how this relates to us– *"Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives"*.

Yes, there are many changes that occur in us when we get born-again. If every detail of our lives does not align with these changes, then we are constantly violating the law of orderliness. We are trying to live in a world where we do not exist and we will always experience that discontent and disconnect within us.

### **Why are we are still here?**

It will interest you to know that the configuration we experience at salvation is fine-tuned to help us achieve the major purpose why we are on earth. This is because every believer gets qualified for heaven the moment they get born-again (Philippians 3:20, John 3:16), but God does not immediately transport them to heaven. They are left on earth for a purpose, which their default makeup will enable them fulfil.

### **What is your default makeup after salvation?**

An appreciation of the contextual nature of the scriptures will shed more light on this. Let's read the next verse after 2Corinthians 5:17 with more care.

*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become*

*new.*

*“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation”*

*“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation”. 2Corinthians 5:17-19 (KJVA)*

Absolutely! We are not just new for newness sake. It is not a coincidence that we have verse 18 of 2Corinthians 5 following verse 17. It was strategically placed there by God to make it clear to us that the new creation evolved with a new commission; the refinement came with an assignment; the new configuration demands a specific disposition; our nature in Christ should produce a peculiar signature in our lives. We have been given the ministry of reconciling men to God!

I love the Greek word for “committed” in II Corinthians 5:19. It is the word *“tithēmi”* which means to commit, conceive, make, ordain, purpose, or sink down. What better way can this be described? The great conception was intertwined with the great commission - *“go ye into the world and reconcile men unto me”*. The word “make” in one of its meanings emphasizes the fact that the ministry of reconciliation is now part of our makeup. I particularly like the word “sink down” which means to embed deeply. Many of us are trying to address something on the surface of our lives, but that which has been deeply embedded and wired all over our system has not been addressed. We are like someone frolicking on the laps of Delilah and expecting to find himself in the bosom of Abraham. We are living constantly against our nature, and expecting to have fulfilment in life. No! It is not possible.

Apostle Paul's words express a deep understanding of this concept. He said in Colossians 1:25, 29 *“Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me. Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily”*

My God! Paul was busy aligning his labours to suit his makeup. There was a working in him that was mighty in operation, and he was not trying to disregard that working. No wonder his life was an outstanding success.

Recently, I had an experience that made me better appreciate why we must not violate the working in us. I scheduled a meeting with a client on Victoria Island, Lagos for 11am one day and as I set out for the client's office, a friend who had some business on the Island decided to ride with me. We were on the longest bridge in West Africa (the third mainland bridge) when we got caught up in the one thing Lagos roads are known for – traffic! The traffic was so terrible that it took us over 3 hours for a journey that should normally take 10 minutes. While we were still on the bridge, my friend started to tell me that she felt uneasy and needed to use the loo. I encouraged her in the Lord to try to control herself as she could not do that on the bridge. She promised to do so.

About 5 minutes later, she shrieked and told me she wanted to alight on the bridge and find a way to ease herself. Knowing that there was no way she would do it on the bridge, in full view of the many cars and eyes, I started to try to teach her some “mind principles”. I said – “just try and imagine that ...”

I was caught midsentence by a familiar sound which was quickly accompanied by a familiar smell, and then I knew that we were in trouble! She felt so ashamed to have done such a thing in my car but I could see that she was relieved after the deed had been done. The rest of the story is history. I felt terrible about this initially, but as I pondered on it much later, I learnt a lot from the episode.

There was a working in her digestive system that was working mightily in her. Any attempt to stop that working will mean violating a law and leave us with a mess. The lives of many of us are currently in a mess because we are violating the law of orderliness. We are feeling dissatisfied because we are trying to suppress something that has been deeply embedded within us and is constantly yearning for expression. But we cannot afford to continue to cheat our nature. We must not keep violating the law of orderliness.

## **PART THREE**

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# **HOW DO YOU APPLY THE LAW OF ORDERLINESS IN YOUR LIFE?**

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“ *You are to constantly allow your actions to suit your configuration. A fish does not swim today, fly tomorrow and crawl the day after tomorrow. We should stop seeing Christianity as one of those things we do.*

**T**he way out of a life that is perpetually branded with discontent and disconnect is to identify the way you have been configured and align your actions with your configuration. To this end, I will recommend three things, which you should take seriously.

### **1. Align yourself with your creator**

If you are a believer, I must congratulate you that you have taken the very first step towards fulfilment in life i.e. by accepting the salvation of Jesus Christ. If you have not believed that God sent Jesus Christ to pay the price for your salvation by his death on the cross, and his resurrection from the grave, then I implore you to make that decision today. God said in Isaiah 43:7 (MSG) *“I want them back ... every man, woman, and child whom I created for my glory, yes, personally formed and made each one”*. The best way to know how a creation is meant to function is to inquire from its creator. God made you and he wants to help you come out of any mess you are currently experiencing. The Pastor of Covenant Christian Centre, Poju Oyemade once described it this way - “The creator of a thing has more intelligence than what he created. God that created you must help you express what he placed inside you”.

We were created to get fulfilment in life by being in constant connection with our creator. Like Billy Graham once



said “when we live apart from God, our lives get out of tune”. We go ahead seeking other things to occupy the space that is reserved in our lives for God alone. That's attempting to put a square peg into a round hole. It will not work.

### **A lesson from the world's richest men**

More money and more wealth is what many think will give them fulfilment in life. But if we study the lives of millionaires and the so-called 'world's richest men', we will realise that it is not true.

If you have made some millions of bucks before, you may better appreciate what you are about to read. Before you got your first million, you envisaged that when it came, you would feel better and more satisfied. But as soon as the millions came, you felt “if I could only have some more, I will be fine”. Some of us may have felt good for some time, but such “feel good” experiences never lasted. Up till now, we are still chasing for “the more” that will make us fulfilled.

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**“What good would it do to get everything you want  
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See the lives of many of the men rated as the richest in the world. Many of them start out thinking that if they could become so rich, they would get the satisfaction their hearts yearn for. They eventually get so rich and it does not take time for them to realise that what they were looking for was not in having money. So they set up a philanthropic foundation, and start releasing the accumulated funds to the society, with the hope that the part of them that is yearning for God will be satisfied. Many die in the process of releasing these funds without getting the opportunity to know that it was God they were searching for all the while. Having money or the foundations are not bad in themselves, but these are not the connection to the massive disconnect they feel within. The Bible says in Mark 8: 36 (MSG) *“What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you?”*

## 2. Align yourself with the reality of your new nature

The changes that occur in a person that is born again when compared to who he used to be before his conversion are greater than the changes that will be experienced if a tilapia were to be converted to an eagle. No wonder Jesus said *“come unto me all ye that labour ... and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and **learn from me** ...”* Matthew 11:28-29. This means as soon as you decide to place the yoke of Jesus upon you, the next thing you should be concerned about is learning what his yoke is all about. It is a totally new life that we need to understand and align ourselves to, so that we can make the most of it. Galatians 5:25 (KJV) says “if we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit”. In the same way, it will be logical to tell my favourite eagle that “since you are not a tilapia, do not bother thinking about diving into a river again”.

It is gradually becoming a habit for me to listen to an audio version of the bible whenever I am driving. Recently I was listening to the book of Galatians and I heard something that made me renew my commitment to understanding my new nature and aligning my actions to it.

*“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as **walk according to this rule, peace be on them**”* Galatians 6:15-16 (KJV)

In other words, what gives you a right standing before God is not whether you were circumcised or not, but whether you are a new creature. And as many believers that will align themselves with this rule of the new creature; this reality of the new life; this boundary of faith; this sphere of activity; this standard of living, they will continuously experience peace, prosperity and contentment. Let's look at the flip side of it – As many as will **violate** the rule of the new creature; as many believers that will exhibit actions that are not aligned with their configuration, peace **be not** unto them.

Hard saying? But this is the truth. The word 'peace' in Galatians 6:16 is from the Greek word *eirenē* which also means prosperity. If you want to experience the prosperity of God in every facet of your new life, you have to walk

according to the rule of the new creature.

One of the fundamentals of the rule of the new creature, which I want to discuss, is that after aligning ourselves to God, we have to be steadily devoted to the ministry of reconciliation. As explained earlier, the ministry of reconciling people to God is part of our new makeup, and every detail of our lives should revolve around it. But you may say “I am not a full time Pastor, why should every detail of my life revolve around ministry?” Beloved, you are not alone in this. I hear many believers all over the world make this same complaint and I think our problem is that we have a wrong definition of ministry. That is why anytime someone tells you to be committed to ministry; there is something in you that fights against it. It's the same way a lady that has just been jilted will not like to hear the word “love” because at that moment, she unconsciously defines love as something you do blindly until your heart is broken, before you are permitted to see clearly. Many people who have acclaimed themselves to be in ministry have behaved so badly in the past that some Christians unconsciously fight the idea of being committed to the ministry of reconciliation, thereby robbing themselves of their peace and prosperity. But right is right, even if all in the world try to paint it wrong.

### **What is ministry?**

Ministry is simply living a lifestyle that attracts others to the kingdom of God. This is not something reserved for some set of Christians. We should all be involved in ministry.

Can you do a quick appraisal of what you have been doing which you call 'ministry'? What was the underlying motive behind your actions? Was it to attract others to Jesus Christ or for other reasons?

Many are in the ministry for different reasons – money; fame; parents; friends; need for a miracle; need for a connection; etc. They have no genuine selfless relationship with God even though they go through the motions of religion and church activities. I love the way the Pastor of Mercy World Outreach, Ade Adebayo, once described

the attitude of many believers of this day. He said *“If many Christians were asked to choose between God and what he has to give (e.g. power, blessings, love etc). Most of us will choose what he has to give. But we do not understand that we are to first seek after God and the gifts will naturally come with the giver”*.

Evangelical researcher George Barna once reported - *“Americans are willing to expend some energy in religious activities such as attending church..., and they are willing to throw some money in the offering basket, but when it comes time to truly establishing their priorities and making a tangible commitment to knowing and loving God, most people stop short.”* The truth is that, this is not peculiar to Americans alone. We see the same problem in Asians, Africans and every race. The height of this problem is that many of us are only satisfied with paying lip service to ministry. If you tell an average believer that it is important to draw men into the kingdom of God, he won't argue with you. He can even quote some verses to support what you are saying, but there is nothing else in his life that supports the ministry of reconciliation.

I once attended a church meeting in northern Nigeria where the pastor told a story of a church member who came to him and complained bitterly about how their church has neglected evangelism, which is God's Number one business. After hearing him, the pastor felt a deep remorse and was willing to make immediate amendment. So after much deliberation, the church decided to make this brother the head of the evangelism unit, with the hope that he could release the fire burning in him to the lost world and help in rescuing the church from the problem he complained about. But guess what? It was not up to a month after the brother was made head of the unit that he absconded from the church and never returned. He could talk, but could not walk the talk.

So it's not until we pay lip service to ministry or have a pulpit to preach before we can confirm that we are in ministry. It is a lifestyle. No wonder Jesus said in John 4:34 (CEV) *“My food is to do what God wants! He is the one who sent me, and I must finish the work that he gave me to do”*. In the life of Jesus, ministry was beyond an activity, it was an exhibition of lifestyle that draws men into the kingdom of God. His lifestyle was such that Nicodemus came to him by night and asked him – what must I do to be saved? That's ministry! How many persons have been

deeply captivated by your disposition to the point that they ask you the secret behind your results? Does your lifestyle present platforms for you to introduce men to Jesus?

If it were possible to split your DNA and read from it, it would not be surprising to find the word M-I-N-I-S-T-R-Y inscribed on it. Therefore, if your life does not speak ministry, then you are violating the law of orderliness and the rule of the new creature. Many of us experienced a kind of deep satisfaction the moment we got born again. That was a pointer that we had just taken the very first step towards “exhibiting actions that are aligned to our configuration”. But that satisfaction has not been sustained over time because we are not aligned with ministry. So we keep referring to the good old days when we should be talking about the better new days.

### **Diversity of His operations**

God's plan is to work through us in different ways for the sake of the ministry. Remember Apostle Paul's words in Colossians 1:25, 29 “*Whereof **I am made** a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me. Whereunto **I also labour**, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily*”. We are to understand the general and specific ways God wants to mightily work out ministry in us, and align ourselves to these workings.

For some, he wants us to become billionaires so that we can major in using cash to support missions that are drawing men to Christ. I know many of us would like this option, but you are not meant to choose how God will work in you, you are meant to discover and align yourself with His working that worketh in you mightily. Some of us will be CEOs, so that we can meet other CEOs and get them converted. Some of us will be strategically placed in an organization where we can influence decisions that support ministry. I recently flipped through the financial statements of one of the largest banks in Africa and noted that most of the donations listed in the financials were made to churches and Christian organizations. It appears to me that some people have started scratching the fringes of what I am talking about. Some of us will be pastors, teachers and apostles, perfecting the saints for the work of the ministry and edifying the body of Christ. Some of us will have to get married so that we can have

someone to support us in the work of the ministry. Some of us will need to take the gospel to places it has never been preached before. The list is endless. However, despite the diversities of operation, the goal is the same – reconciling men unto God.

### **Similarity of His Operations**

However, we all have to constantly live a life of holiness and excellence that will attract unbelievers to the kingdom of God. For *“you are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, **that ye may show forth the excellencies of him** who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light”* I Peter 2:9 (ASV). We all must live with ministry in our consciousness and do something daily in this regard. We all have to publicly express our faith in Jesus Christ.

The director of neurosurgery, plastic surgery, oncology and paediatrics at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institution, Dr. Ben Carson once wrote - *“I believe accomplished people in particular, who are also people of faith, should be open about what they believe, because there is a pervasive feeling in the intellectual community that faith is only for weak-minded folks. We as Christians need to dispel that notion by articulating what we believe and why. We need to make it clear to people what it means to live by godly principles – loving your fellow man, caring for your neighbour, and living a life of service ...”*

It's sad that some Christians start in the spirit and make great success, but when they want to give public statements, they attribute their success to worldly principles. But I see a time when great people of the society will publicly agree that it was God who lifted them up and living by divine principles was their compass for success. I see a time when believers in high places will use that high platform to draw men to the kingdom.

You may not have become all that you were meant to be, but there is this deep satisfaction and fulfilment that envelopes your life when you know that you are on the right track. **As you put ministry first and let God be the pilot of your life, you will come to discover the unique way you are to function in the world, and you should then be committed to it for the rest of your life.**

### **3. Be Consistent in aligning yourself to God and ministry**

Remember that you were made to function in a particular pattern. You are to constantly allow your actions to suit your configuration. A fish does not swim today, fly tomorrow and crawl the day after tomorrow. We should stop seeing Christianity as one of those things we do. We should quickly brace up with the truth that Christianity is life and we have to live it wherever we are. Max Lucado once wrote - *As long as Jesus is one of many options, He is no option. And as long as you can take Him or leave Him, you might as well leave Him, because He won't be taken half-heartedly.* Our entire lives must always be committed to God and the ministry of reconciliation.

The importance of consistency now has a new effect on me after my recent experience with my lovely wife. One day, she told me that I had not said 'I love you' to her for some days. So when I got to my office the following day, I picked up my phone, dialled her number and said 'I love you' to her for 14 times. Hmmn! What's this all about, she asked. I told her my reason – I do not want to bother saying 'I love you' in the next two weeks so I decided to say it in advance. You need to have heard the way she screamed.

It's the same way you would behave if I told you to take your bath 30 times today so you will not bother doing so in the next 30 days or ... to eat 90 square meals today so you would not bother eating for one month. It doesn't make sense right? But why do we do so when it comes to spiritual matters and the things that have the greatest effect on our lives? Why do we study the word, pray hard and live right only in some seasons? Why are we committed to ministry only in some seasons?

We cannot afford to go to bed any day without having done something that is traceable to the ministry of reconciliation. That's the fundamental reason why we are on earth. We cannot afford to violate the law of orderliness for a day. We cannot afford to cheat our divine nature. Consistency is the key word. Don't try to do it in advance or make up for it. Always make a conscious effort to exhibit actions that are suited with your makeup, especially being committed to God and ministry.

I love you and I passionately desire that you live a fulfilled life on earth.

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