

2. To each one of us, God has given a unique opportunity and packaged called Gift containing the seed for our success in life. Have you seen it. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant. *"Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it."* (Jeremiah 1:10-12 KJV) There is a packaging. In His plan for your life. The package contains your road map to success, the raw material for becoming ALL you were created to be. It is called potential, the exploitation or investment of which constitutes the platform for our achievement of what we would love to be honoured or remembered for. In the journey of success, you must first know what is in your own packaging. True success is not likely to happen without that knowledge because everything you need to succeed is wrapped in that packaging.

The secular world defines success simply as the achievement of set goals and the attendant acquisition of whatever one desires, as long as nobody's rights are violated. In this context, self rules. As long as one can meet his needs and afford a few luxuries to boot, he is totally detached from feeling accountable to his environment or its people. The drive for recognition and accolades makes him so self-absorbed that he hardly thinks about anyone else needing a hands-up! But true success is never about accumulation of things at the expense of others even when their rights are not being flagrantly abused. True success is about the discovery and dogged pursuit of a vision or cause that creates or contributes significant value for humanity in a way that significantly enhances the lives of others. In this context, a leader becomes successful by helping others to solve problems or to become their best under God.

The packaging, the gifts and its contents are a metaphor. It is the encoding of all that God has given to every man to succeed on his journey to and sojourn on planet earth. It is also known as potential. The difference between those who succeed and those who fail is in what each one does with the contents of his packaging and gifting. The first is ideas or what we sometimes call flashes of inspiration. We all have these flashes from time to time. About one thousand thoughts go through our minds daily. Some of them, if acted upon, are capable of making us hugely successful because they connect us with others whose problems they were designed to solve. However, we often despise them and so they remain hidden treasures and unable to attract or bless anyone. After all, what you despise can hardly confer appreciable benefits on you!

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AMBASSADOR'S BRIEF

"A Church where everybody is somebody- Christ's Ambassador" II Cor. 5:20

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"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."

(Hebrews 13:12-15 KJV). Jesus sacrificed his life to become a gate to reach the whole humanity. He is our great leader and high priest, our example to follow, came to this world in human flesh as an example to each of us. Read **John 14:30-31**.

"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace..... Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness" (Romans 6:6, 14, 16 KJV).

Jesus came in the flesh to show us an example of what God is looking for here on earth in our lives, living a holy life and been the righteousness of God in and through Christ Jesus. "...Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. (Romans 8:37 KJV)

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."(Romans 8:29 KJV).

"Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint. And Ishbi-benob, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David. But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him."

MISSION STATEMENT: *Our mission as a church is to*

1. *Preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, in word and in action, teach the scriptures and disciple those who receive the message of Christ;*
2. *Help discover the greatness in through discipleship, and provoke that greatness unto manifestation so that you can fulfil destiny and be a blessing to humanity;*
3. *Become like Jesus.*

Our vision is to raise a crop of people who will carry the Great Commission around the world (Matt 28:18-20). We will reach the unsaved through strategic and unique community development initiatives. We will be Christ's Ambassadors. II Corinthians 5:20.

To accomplish this vision, the Lord has led us to develop the following seven structures:

- ❖ Youth Ministry
- ❖ Music Ministry
- ❖ Prayer Ministry
- ❖ Drama Ministry
- ❖ Europe Missions & Missions
- ❖ Outreach Ministry
- ❖ Care Ministry

CORE VALUES

- To love God wholeheartedly
- To love people unconditionally
- To hate sin militantly
- To pursue destiny passionately

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUARTERLY WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING

Sunday 12 – Saturday 18 June

Prayer Focus: Knowing God: my people perish for lack of knowledge
(Hosea 4:6, 6:1-6, Philippians 3:7-10 (AMP))

We will meet to pray on:-

Tuesday 14th @ 7.00pm-8.30pm

Wednesday 15th @ 7pm-8.30pm

Friday 17th (Night of Prayer) @ 7.30pm-11.30pm

Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel. And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gath: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which was of the sons of the giant. And there was again a battle in Gath with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, a Beth-lehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant. And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea the brother of David slew him. These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants."(2 Samuel 21:15-22 KJV). David surrounded himself with giant killers, he was not the only man who had victory in life, but raised Victors, victorious ones all over the place for the Compare this to 1 Samuel 22:2.

"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also..." (2 Timothy 2:1-4KJV)

1. Those who lead leaders will have a far greater impact for King Jesus and his Kingdom than those who lead followers. What is one practice that sets apart those that lead leaders from those who lead followers?

Biblical Practice #5: "Empower Your Leaders"

There are many kinds of leaders and workers. There are many spiritual gifts. The church is incomplete without all of them functioning as the Body of Christ.

This is what the Apostle Paul wrote to the Church at Ephesus: "*So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...*" (Ephesians 4: 11, 12.)

An apostle is a leader who is commissioned and empowered by our Lord to proclaim the gospel to the nations. An apostle is an ambassador for Christ who makes disciples of people groups. Just as Jesus was sent by the Father to be the Savior of the world, apostles are sent by the Father to proclaim the King and extend his Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

The mission for those with the gift of apostleship today is to plant new churches and ministries, go into places where the Gospel is not preached, reach across cultures to establish churches in challenging environments, raise up and develop leaders, call out and lead pastors and shepherds, and much more. They often have many different gifts that allow them to fulfil their ministry. Apostles are leaders of leaders. They are influencers. They are able to take risks and perform difficult tasks. (SpiritualGift.com)

Sound familiar? Do you find yourself identifying with these