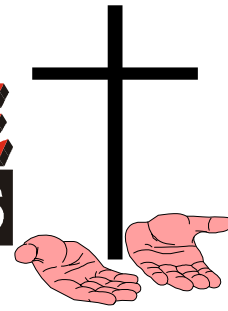


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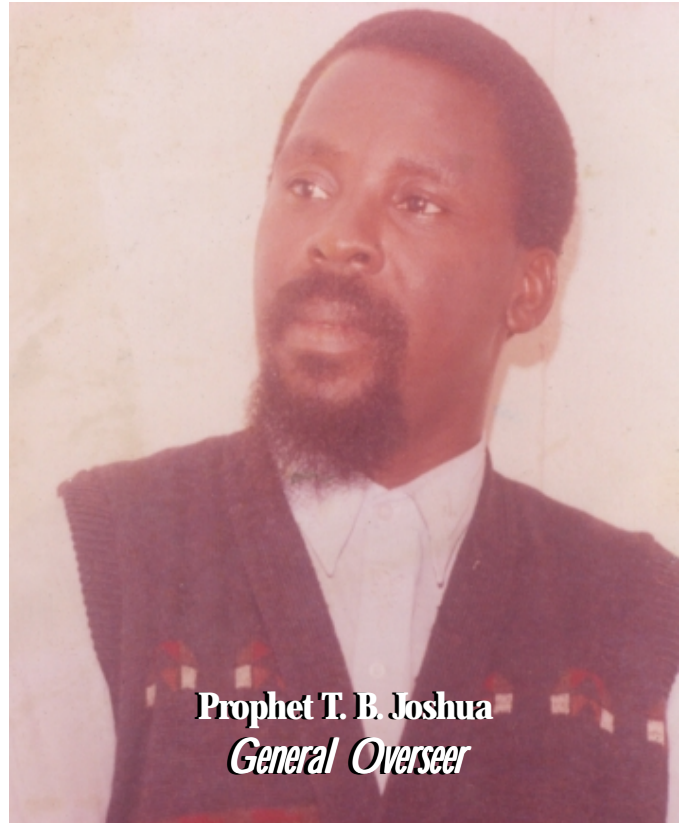
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I HAVE NO POWER OF MY OWN

EVERLASTING Father, we thank you for everything You have done in our lives. We thank You for forgiving our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Accept our thanks in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

Our Heavenly Father is merciful. He is a loving Father who forgives all those who genuinely repent and confess their sins. If you have realised that you have sinned, the Bible says that it is your responsibility to confess your sins. Since your sins had affected a lot of people negatively, your confession should also affect them positively. When they hear your confession, they are bound to learn good lessons from it **(Ps. 51:13)**. God forgives your sins every day, because He wants you to be saved. Salvation is being set free from sin and its penalties. You cannot therefore have salvation and still be neck-deep into sin. The sin in your life is the reason why you are experiencing occasional peace, joy and comfort. This is not a good example of a christian life. The blessing of God is not an occasional experience, but always, for those who are saved, no matter what happens, no matter what comes, because He does not change. **(Mal. 3:6)**

Salvation is a gift from our Lord Jesus Christ who is omnipresent. In fact, His Power and effectiveness **are even** greater today than ever before, because He can be present every where at the same time by His Spirit



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(Ps. 139:7). His mercy endures forever **(Ps. 136:24)**. As a believer, you are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. With the righteousness of God inside you, He is on your side; and He deserves your best at all times. In prayer to God, we learn to put on the Lord Jesus Christ as our righteousness in order that we may have free access at all times. Righteousness, simply defined, is right standing with God. It gives the ability to be free from sin and its penalties.

The occurrence in christendom today is a sad news to the body of Christ. Rather than pursue the cause of righteousness, believers are engaged

in widespread criticisms - binding and rebuking one another - for selfish reasons - all of which are suggestive of divisions in the Body of Christ. The main reason why we are witnessing all these contradictions is that many who dabble into christian services as pastors, evangelists, overseers, deacons, etc are not led by the Spirit. The Bible says that **we are given from the one Spirit to drink and that all believers are members of the same Body of Christ.** If believers truly know that they are members of the same Body of Christ, there will be no need to rebuke, bind and criticize any church. If you are one of those professing believers who condemn, pray against, persecute other men of God or churches, know that you are not led by the Spirit of Christ. This in essence means that you are doing what you are **not called to do.**

Many do not hear the word, "**Go**" from God before they start to carry out christian services. When you do something for God's sake without hearing, "**Go**" from Him, you are on your own and anything can happen to you. When God says, "**Go**" and you obey, He gives you power and authority to succeed. For example, you cannot just pray on your own because you feel like praying. You have to be led by the Holy Spirit, because it is the Holy Spirit that prays within us. This means that human mouth cannot be employed in prayers that are effective; it is the work of the Holy Spirit. Whenever you want to pray, pray therefore as Christ would have prayed. The Bible says, we should walk or pray by the Spirit (**Galatians 5:16**). When you

live or pray with the help of the Holy Spirit, calendars, clocks or wrist watches would not dictate or tell you when to, for they are not things of the Spirit. Prayer therefore is to the spiritual man what breath is to the natural man. For this reason, the spiritual man cannot take a day off without prayer, because a break in prayer means a break with Jesus Christ. It is necessary for us to pray, because prayer is the only source through which we can take in and give out the life of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ was not only an embodiment of the heavenly Father, but also an embodiment of the heavenly Spirit. That is why christians have to walk by the Spirit of God because God Himself is an embodiment of heavenly Spirit. Christians

have to pray, fast, study the Bible and witness by the Power of Holy Ghost. At the point of conversion, the Holy Spirit gives birth to a new creation in the believer. This is what Jesus Christ meant when He said, "Ye must

be born again before ye can inherit the kingdom of God." We are born of the Spirit, we are born again. A christian's life, the Bible says, comes from Christ Himself. If your life comes from Christ, you are an embodiment of Him. With the righteousness in you, you no longer think about your short-comings, but the righteousness of Jesus Christ. **Christ believed is salvation received.** Remember, Jesus Christ lived on earth without sin, and if your life truly comes from Him as you claim, you will have nothing to do with sin. Check yourself, do you still have any business with sin? The Bible says that he who **obeys all** the commandments and **fails in just one,**

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fails in all and becomes a law breaker.

In God's own judgement, there are no two ways; it is either you **obey all** or **fail all**. **James 2:10** says, **"For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point, is guilty of breaking all the laws."**

This is the exact picture of the type of life you live today - keeping only some of the laws. You seem to forget the basic fact that the very God who said, "Do not commit adultery" also said, "Do not murder," because if you murder, you become a law breaker. And as a law breaker, you are a sinner. Also, the Lord Jesus Christ who said, "Do not tell lies," fur-

ther said, "Forgive your enemies." If you therefore forgive your enemies but tell lies, you break the commandment and you are guilty of all.

If you do not keep all the commandments of God, you cannot be baptised in the Holy Spirit, **because the Holy Spirit produces love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, kindness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23)**. If any of these fruits is missing, you cannot receive the Holy Spirit. So also if any of these fruits is missing and you are baptised, you will have a questionable baptism. Holy Spirit baptism is Christ's baptism. When you receive Holy Spirit baptism, anything you say or do for Christ shall be correct and accurate. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is Divine; it is done by Jesus Christ Himself. The evidence therefore of a true christian is the presence of the Holy Spirit in his life. When you receive Holy Spirit baptism, you no longer live but the Spirit lives in you and

does everything through you as He wills. This is the legacy Christ left for all christians! Christ's legacy for all christians is Power over all demons, principalities, anti-christs, serpents, wolves, etc. This legacy (Power) that Christ gives to christians can be likened to a man who builds a house and locks it up with a key. The key here represents the Power. Christ has given this key to all christians to take possession and authority over everything therein. The Bible says that the kingdom is not a matter of eating, drinking and talking, but of **Power and Righteousness**. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and everything shall be added unto you (**Matt.**

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6:33). Beloved, if the promise of God the Father is for you to have Power over all anti-christs, you must also keep all the commandments in order to receive this Power.

Remember, when you do not have this Power from above, you cannot perform your christian services effectively. A true child of God is one who has the character and ability of Christ Jesus.

When Jesus Christ wanted to send the twelve disciples out for christian services, He called them together and gave them Power and Authority to drive out all demons, cure every disease/sickness and preach the good news. The same thing He did when on another occasion, He sent out the seventy-two disciples for christian services. He sent them two by two to go ahead of Him to every town and place where He was about to go (**Luke 10:1**). We are created to render christian services to the glory of God. Therefore, those who are called by the

name of the Lord, whom He created for His glory, whom He formed and made (**Isaiah 43:7**) must be ready to render christian services. Christ said, "Go," I am sending you like lambs among wolves". You cannot therefore live successfully among them without the enablement of God.

So many people worship money, because they believe that money is power. Beloved, you need something more than money to overcome the wolves, serpents that live among you. Your money, no matter how much you are worth, cannot help you in this case, because this "Something" (Power) is divine and cannot be bought with money. It is a free gift from our Lord and Saviour. What the disciples needed to overcome the power of anti-christ in the society was not money, but divine Power which Christ gave to them. When Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, He sent **Him** to clothe the Apostles with Power from on high. In doing this He at the same time immersed their spirits in the Holy Spirit. These Apostles then received the promised Power for witnessing.

Just like the Apostles, Christ has equipped and empowered me(as a man of God) to render effective christian services by solving the problems that worry mankind today. Whatever you see me do or say are not my own works because **I have No power of my own**. In the same manner that a christian life comes from Christ, all powers for christian services come from Christ. **My ability (Power) therefore is from Christ**. I love to meditate on the words of this song: "**I have no power of my own. Holy Spirit, I look upon you, help me. I have no power of my own.**" Whenever your soul is troubled, your mind burdened, and your spirit low; whenever you want to be an overcomer, beloved, remember to pray without ceasing, that is, Spirit prayer - prayer in the Power of Holy Ghost, for **you have no power of your own**.

I leave you here in faith and pray that the Holy Spirit helps you in moments of difficulty, decision and temptation, in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

Note: Before filling your prayer request and petitions, read the prayerful words of encouragement below:

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1. *God made Daniel, the slave, a leader.*
2. *God looked at David, the shepherd boy, and saw in him a king.*
3. *Moses was a murderer and God saw in him a deliverer.*
4. *God looked at the barren woman called Hannah and saw in her the mother of a great Prophet.*
5. *In his nineties, Abraham was childless and God saw in him the father of nations.*
6. *God changed Saul, the persecutor, to Paul, the Apostle.*

Please God, look at me a sinner, forgive me my sins, have mercy on my petition and grant my request before you. If God could turn Moses, the murderer, into a deliverer and also wipe away tears of barrenness from Hannah's eyes; if God could bless poor Jabez, God can also turn around the situation of my life today in Jesus' Name, Amen. (Mal. 3:6 and Heb. 13:8).

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