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**M**an is designed to seek fame, power and wealth. And because success is not cheap, we sometimes hurt ourselves in our quest for it. We feel disappointed after experiencing wastes and go into denial that we still are not fulfilled. So we pretend that having the good things of life is an accomplishment. In our quest for fulfillment, we revert back time and again, to the same old problems and wonder what's wrong with us. Nothing is wrong; our self-centered paradigm is calling the shots.

In 1539, Nicolaus Copernicus overturned more than a thousand years of doctrine that the sun revolves around the earth with his theory that the earth is one of a number of planets revolving around the sun. In 1865, 43 year old

Gregor Mendel presented a paper in Moravia that jettisoned decades of scientific work in genetics and grew a scientific revolution. And in 1982, Barry Marshall showed that the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori* is the cause of most peptic ulcers, reversing decades of medical doctrine holding that ulcers were caused by stress, spicy foods, and too much acid. The breakthrough that won for Marshall the Nobel Prize for Medicine didn't come by improving the conventional theory of stomach ulcers. He had to look at the problem in a totally different way to solve it.

In solving some of life's fundamental problems, working more diligently within an existing paradigm may lead to frustration. Like those who have blaze trails in the past, you may just need to look at the problem from a fundamentally different standpoint to solve it.

*“We are not human beings having a spiritual experience; we are spiritual beings having a human experience.”*

- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

There is nothing here that has eternal value. The monies, cars, houses and companies we boast of now all have no eternal value. Man was made to last forever. He is destined to cross to heaven or hell after a period on earth, to live forever. Life after death is just a continuation of life on earth. The only difference is that you don't work after life on earth, and the life at the other side is lived in a different environment, like someone in Canada relocating back home to Africa to live forever. At birth, you have no permanent possession. You are expected to labour in this temporal earth with all the temporal resources available at your disposal, in order to acquire permanent possessions at the other side which will be your permanent residence forever.

This means that when we die, none of our possessions will be useful to us at the other side. You cannot lay claim to any of your possessions after death. Whatever you have over there is what you live with for the rest of your life (1 John 2:15-17; Matthew 6:19-24; Colossians 3:1,4). The other side of eternity is a place of permanence and consistency. You can neither increase nor decrease in glory while there. If you are a commoner on arrival, you remain a commoner for the rest of your life. If you have no room on arrival, you have no room for the rest of your life. If your property is a mansion, you have a mansion for life. And if your residence is a lake of fire, that becomes your eternal place of abode.

Any wise ambassador temporarily in a foreign land to work should labour to become wealthier when he returns home, and not in the foreign land. He should represent his country and propagate its principles and ideologies. He should labour to project the image of his country, so much so that even the

unborn would believe in his country and its ideologies. As he does this, his nation gains more grounds and his president is magnified. When he returns home, his president would call for him and lavish him with promotions, wealth, commendation and glory, commensurate to his labour in the foreign land. But if all he did in the foreign land is squander his allocation on pleasure, when he returns home, what would his president say of and do to him?

God is in the business of reconciling the lost to himself. As a Christian, you have been engaged by God to contribute to this mission. This is why you were born and redeemed. Any other prioritized venture is a distraction. How effective and profitable you are in this venture determine what you get as your reward in heaven. Your true satisfaction and enduring greatness are embedded in the fulfillment of this divine mandate.

Some of us have squandered heaven's allocation to us. We have invested the

money and time God gave us in perishables - costly toys and engagements that have no worth in eternity. Though you are celebrated here on earth for amassing accolades, trophies, titles, and possessions, when you die, you may be poorer than the poorest man on earth at the other side of eternity. People may immortalize your name here on earth. Stadia, colleges and major roads may be named in honour of you, but if you don't do what is of eternal value, you have only succeeded in frittering irrecoverable time away. This world will pass soon, with everybody and everything in it. No one will be here to walk your street or play in your stadium. All will be gone. So if you want to build something that will last, build it there (Luke 12:16-21).

I'm privileged to have chains of businesses. But I stopped chasing money when I realized that money never comes to you without a list of what you must spend it on. And that list always supersedes and surpasses the amount

you have. This is to encourage you to enter into a rat race of wasting your life on pursuit of decaying earthly glory, which drains you, leaves you perpetually dissatisfied and eternally bankrupt. There is a very thin line between making money and serving Mammon. The why factor underpinning your pursuits in life determines which part of the divide you stand. Any money-making venture embarked upon for the sake of accolades, recognition, material wealth and honour is a service unto mammon. But a money-making venture embarked upon to gain eternal enlargement, wealth and glory is a commendable and purposeful enterprise.

There are deeds that attract rewards in heaven. Heaven does not reward you for rising to become the chairman of a foremost bank. Heaven does not reward you for driving organizational change. Heaven does not reward you for becoming the president of a nation; neither does heaven reward you for being the richest man on earth. Heaven simply

rewards service to heaven. So, in your quest for prosperity and fulfillment, you must be deliberate about how you spend your time.

God has given everyone the privilege to determine how rich he/she would be forever. God gave everyone one life to live on earth; one life to invest in eternity; one life to decide how the rest of our lives at the other side will be. He also gave everyone allocations to trade with. He gave everyone what to sell to buy "a treasure" in eternity. No one was born barren! God in his benevolence gave everyone valuables to trade with, in order to invest in eternity. He gave some the ability to talk convincingly. He gave some power to get wealth. He gave some the ability to write. He gave some the ability to translate write-ups into many languages. He gave some the ability to care for the sick. Even if you accuse Him of giving you nothing, what about time? We all have what to invest in eternity (Matthew 25:14-30).

You may have an opportunity to work with a company with a jumbo package of compensation and benefits, but with little or no time to go for missions. Don't feel carnal, if you are convinced God is leading you to take the offer. God's work on earth needs both human and other resources. So, He may want to make you His divine treasurer on earth, who will be ministering to the needs of the church, just like Mary Magdalene. He is opening that door for you to have resources to contribute to his Kingdom on earth, in exchange for incorruptible wealth and glory at the other side of eternity. If God is leading you to a company with not-so-huge remuneration and perks, but the job gives you opportunity for autonomy and flexibility, don't throw it away. What that simply means is that you have ample time at your disposal to actively participate in kingdom service and win souls beyond the four walls of your organization. In the long run, you have the same opportunity to be as glorious as the man working in a "well-paid" company. While the other man is

investing his earned money alone, you are investing both your time and whatever you can afford in eternity. If God gives you a leadership role in another man's company, know that He has strategically placed you there because there is something he wants to achieve through you, just like Joseph and Esther in the Bible. As you can see, there is no one job inferior to another. Each of them has eternal demands and rewards, as long as you are convinced that God is leading you to take the job. So be sensitive in your spirit man and be sure you are following God's leading and not mere lust.

Those living for eternity don't store up more than they need here on earth. They simply purchase what is needful for living, and transfer the excesses to their heavenly account through kingdom investments. Opportunities to transfer your earthly possessions to heaven abound. When you give to the work of the ministry, so that many could come to the knowledge of the saving grace of our Lord

Jesus Christ, you are transferring your money to your heavenly account. When you give to the needy in order to demonstrate Christ's love to them, you are transferring those possessions to your heavenly account. When you fund any activity in God's kingdom, you are transferring your possession to your heavenly account (Matthew 13:44-46; Luke 16:9).

Some would say I don't have money to invest in eternity. Friend, it is not only money that could be exchanged at the *Bureau de Change* of heaven. Any act done to expand God's kingdom here on earth is a valid currency recognized by heaven. Go preach the gospel, ask God to credit your heavenly account with your wages. Fast and pray for missionaries and the expansion of God's kingdom on earth, ask God to credit your account in heaven with your wages. Write tracts if you can, and prayerfully circulate them. Just do what you have the ability to do for God here on earth, and it will be credited to your account in heaven (Luke 12:33-34).

You may also want to question the relevance of eternal investment in your life, when you are still struggling to make ends meet. Please don't let the circumstances of life propel you to live for the moment only. Don't eat your seed along with the bread. God is faithful; He will feed you and cloth you till you see Him in glory. How you eat is His business; not yours! So in all circumstances, rejoice in the Lord, as this fuels faith and keeps you focused (Matthew 6:9-11; 6:22-34; Hebrew 10:32-34; Philippians 4:4; Romans 8:18).

It may interest you to know that so many low-income earners may have more investments in heaven than the rich. The determinant factor is faithfulness. Everyone is expected to give according to his ability. So, give your all whether it is commensurate to what the rich gives or not, and it will be considered by heaven as much. Faithfulness in kingdom investment is also a key to prosperity. If you are faithful in investing the little you

have, God will give you much more to invest, when you ask, because you are carrying out His assignments here on earth (Luke 21:1-4; 16:10; 19:12-27; James 4:1-4).

Are you just busy but barren spiritually? Are you nursing a sense of emptiness despite all your possessions? Jesus can help you start afresh on a tabula rasa. Don't struggle with God. Let go of all thoughts of what could go wrong if you switch your focus to eternal investments; nothing will go wrong! Retreat from the crowd and wait upon the Lord for strength. The crowd will discourage you. Jesus can start with you afresh where you are and guide you through the initial phase of insecurity.

If you are ready to kick-start a relationship with Jesus, please say this prayer with me:

*"Dear Lord Jesus, I come to You today. I am a sinner. Please forgive me of my sins. Cleanse me with Your precious Blood. I accept You now as my Lord and Saviour. Thank You for saving me. Now I know I am born again!"*

Congratulations for this fresh start. Please abstain from sin to continually enjoy direction from God.

If you have questions or concerns, you may send us an email via [contact@bodebadiru.com](mailto:contact@bodebadiru.com).

Till we hear from you, keep basking in the euphoria of God's glory.

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