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BEAUTY *for* ASHES

From the desk of Editor-in-chief

In our journey to the heavenly kingdom, it is obvious we are going to meet with various obstacles and challenges on this path, but we have an assurance in His word **“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).**

In this edition of your favourite magazine, I will be addressing the issue of **Beauty for Ashes**, and our golden text is from Isaiah 61:1-3. *“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.”*

One of the most interesting and wonderful things about being a Christian is knowing the person of God and the truth of His awesome power. Our knowledge of God is the answer to every situation or challenge we might face in our journey of faith. It helps us build trust in God even in our moments of despair and sorrow.

The Bible passage quoted above gives us an assurance from God. The children of Israel have endured many challenges, from being exiled from their homelands to discrimination and poverty. Some of their challenges came because of their disobedience to God’s instruction. Yet, Isaiah reminded them during a time of their exile that God would not leave them in despair. God would give them beauty in place of ashes, the

poor among them would receive good news. God promised to exchange their despairing spirits with garment of praise and beauty and bring joy to the people, who would now be “trees of righteousness” instead of dejected exiles.

I want you to be encouraged by this story I learnt about recently. The story was about a widow who lost her two sons in a bloody communal clash. She had only her two-year-old daughter left. She lost respect and joy in her village. Despair became her middle name. Yet, she served God faithfully in her local Church. When the daughter was 18, some missionaries visited her village for an outreach. She received an unusual encouragement as her daughter was offered a university scholarship with all allowances in the United Kingdom. Her fortune was turned around, and her despair was replaced with beauty.

Whatever may be the current situation with you, just be encouraged and focus on our ever-faithful God and He will come true for you in Jesus’ name.

Thanks for your continuous support and patronage and remain blessed.



Samuel Sanusi
Editor-in-chief

BSN Supports Makoko Community with Educational, Relief Materials worth ₦5.2M

To alleviate the impact of the current economic challenges on families, The Bible Society of Nigeria (BSN) has donated educational materials to the pupils of the Nigerian Red Cross Nursery and Primary School in Makoko, Lagos, as well as foodstuffs to 70 households in the community worth ₦5.2 million.



Some members of the Makoko community with the items received from BSN

Speaking at the event, Mrs. Grace Benjamin, Manager Production and Programme at BSN, who represented the General Secretary/CEO, Pastor Samuel Sanusi, explained that the initiative was part of the organisation's corporate social responsibility programme called The Macedonian Call.

She noted that the school bags, books, pens, Bibles and foodstuffs donated to the pupils, and their parents were aimed at helping them cope with the current economic challenges in the country.

"This is not our first time in Makoko. We have visited Makoko twice before. We are here this morning to give our lovely pupils school bags, books, pens, and Bibles. We will also give their parents some foodstuffs. We know this will not solve all their problems, but we want to help with alleviating the current economic challenges on them. The government is trying on its part to address the country's food crisis, but this is our way of showing that we are a socially responsible organisation," she said.

According to Mrs. Benjamin, the Society is not only determined to meet the scriptural needs of Nigerians; it is also supporting the government to make life better for citizens, especially the vulnerable ones.

The Branch Secretary of the Nigerian Red Cross, Lagos State, Mr. Olakunle Lasisi, appreciated BSN for the donations and promised that the non-governmental organisation will continue to partner with other credible organisations to protect the vulnerable members of society.

"When partners come around, we are always delighted, because no single

organisation can do it alone. Nigerian Red Cross Nursery and Primary School is not where fees are just paid. We equally look for opportunities for our students and pupils," he added.

One of the elated beneficiaries of the donations, Mrs. Adebanke Fagbamila, whose daughter attends the school, shared

how the donation would ease financial pressure on her family.

"I appreciate the first gift, which is the Bible, and the school bag, because she didn't have a Bible, and her school bag was already torn. I believe the Bible will go a long way in helping me teach her things about God," she said.

Another beneficiary, Mr. Sunday Emmanuel, stated, "I thank the organisers for their efforts in putting this programme together. I know the programme doesn't just end here but spreads across the state. What they have given us may not solve our lifetime challenges, but to an extent, the school bags, books, pens and foodstuffs are a great relief—considering how expensive things are today," he said.

The society has announced a budget of N943 million for 2026, dedicated to Bible translations and organising impactful programmes that engage people with the Word of God across the country.

The Macedonian Call, which commenced in 2018, is one of BSN's key intervention programmes. This project has benefited over 40, 000 people in over 18 Internally Displaced People's Camps in Abuja, Adamawa, Taraba, Edo, and Benue States.



A section of pupils of The Red Cross Primary and Nursery School with the items received from BSN

This programme is open to sponsorship, and we beckon on well-meaning Nigerians to partner with us in this drive. Much more can be done and achieved with your support. For possible support or enquiries, please contact Grace on 07031580684 or visit our website: www.biblesociety-nigeria.org.

UBS Fellowship Distributes 150m Printed Scriptures, 25.9m Digital Downloads as Nigeria leads in Africa, Ranks Among Top Five Globally

The United Bible Societies [UBS] distributed a total of 150 million printed Scriptures and facilitated 25.9 million digital Bible downloads globally in 2024.

This is according to the Global Scripture Distribution Statistics Report published by the United Bible Societies. The United Bible Societies, a fellowship of all Bible Societies worldwide, is the largest translator, publisher and distributor of the Bible. The Bible Society of Nigeria is a member of the Fellowship.

The figures include the distribution of full Bibles, New Testaments, Scripture Portions and Selections, Study Bibles, Youth Bibles, and Children's Bibles. The distributed printed Bible texts consist of 22.5 million full Bibles, 8.6 million New Testaments and 118.9 million Scripture Portions and Selections. Throughout 2024, texts provided by Bible Societies were digitally downloaded 25.9 million times.

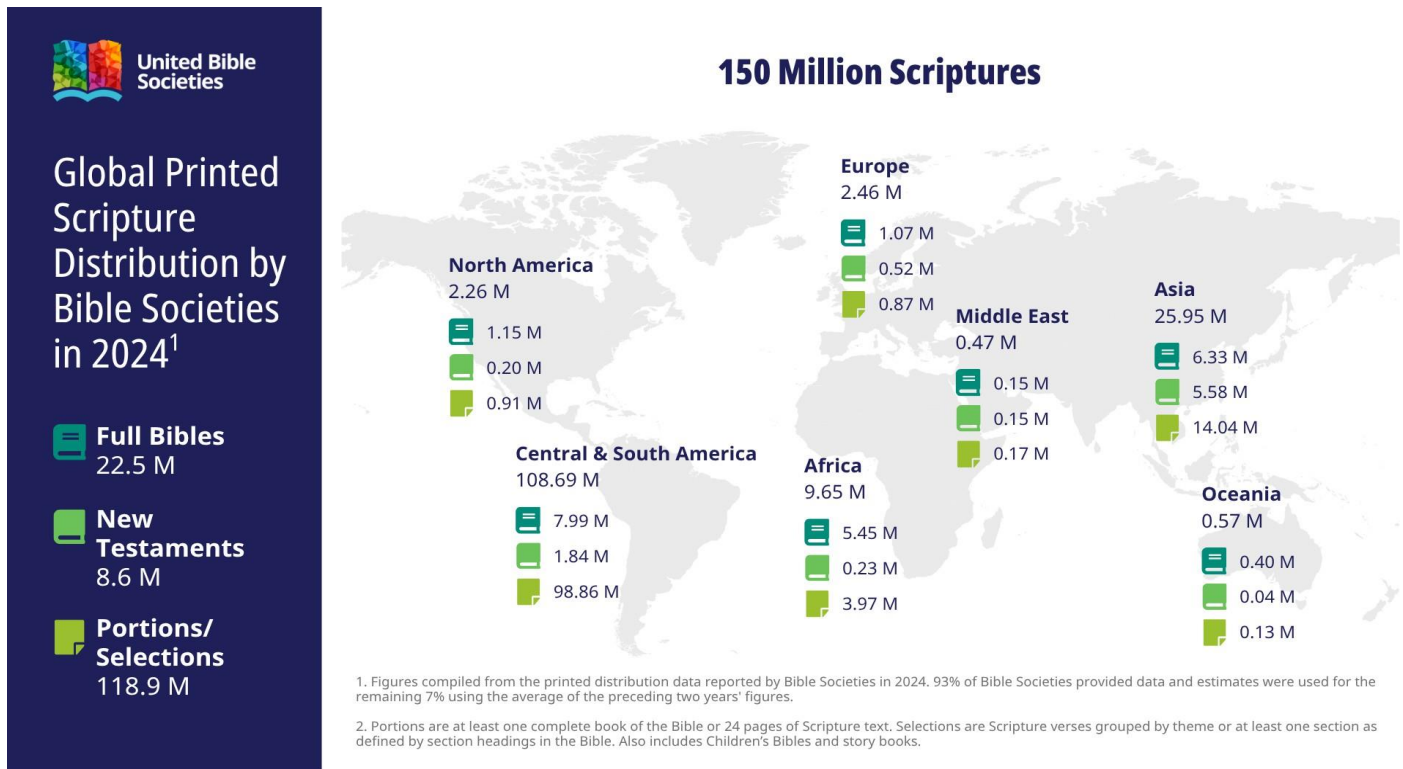
According to the report, Central & South America led other Areas with their distribution figure of 108.69 million copies out of which 7.99 million copies are full Bibles, 1.84 million New Testaments and 98.86 million Portions and Selections followed by Asia with 25.95 million out of which 6.33 million are full Bibles, 5.58 million New Testaments and 14.04 million Portions

and Selections. Africa came third, having distributed 9.65 million copies, out of which 5.45 million are full Bibles, 230,000 New Testaments and 3.97 million Portions and Selections.

Europe distributed 2.46 million copies with 1.07 million full Bibles, 520,000 New Testaments and 870,000 Portions and Selections. North America distributed 2.26 million copies, Oceania distributed 570,000 copies and Middle East distributed 470,000 copies.

The report further states that 10 countries topped the list of 155 Bible Societies in Bible distribution for 2024, distributing 60.3% of the entire full Bibles distributed. The Bible Society of Brazil maintained the first position with a distribution figure of 4.19 million copies followed by India with 1.79 million, China with 1.58 million, and Nigeria 1.15 million. The United Bible Societies, a fellowship of all Bible Societies worldwide, is the largest translator, publisher and distributor of the Bible.

However, out of Africa's 5.45 million copies of full Bibles distributed in 2024, The Bible Society of Nigeria alone accounted for 1.15 million copies representing 21.1% of the total figure distributed by the 41 Bible Societies across Africa.



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Trend over the last decade of Bible Distribution

Between 2014 and 2024, Bible Societies around the world distributed a total of approximately 2.6 billion printed Scripture texts. The breakdown of this shows that 276 million full Bibles were distributed, 102.3 million New Testaments and 2.2 billion Portions and Selections.

Expanding Access in a Connected World

In today's increasingly digital world, Bible Societies are leveraging technology to make Scripture more accessible through various of online platforms, including YouVersion. In

2024, digital Bibles provided by Bible Societies were downloaded 25.9 million times globally. The Bible Society of Nigeria, through the YouVersion app distributed 54,751 copies of digital Bibles in 2024.

Interestingly, Nigeria was also among the top 10 countries with the highest number of online Bible chapter views. Other countries on this list include the US, Brazil, Mexico, Indonesia, Colombia, among others.

BSN budgets ₦943m for Bible Translation, Life-Transforming Programmes

The Bible Society of Nigeria (BSN) has unveiled an ambitious budget of ₦943,020,600 for the year 2026, dedicated to Bible translations and organising impactful programmes that engage people with the Word of God to transform lives across the country.

This represents a significant 97 percent increase from the ₦479,722,500 spent in 2024, underscoring the organisation's commitment to making the Scriptures accessible to all Nigerians, and helping people engage meaningfully with the Bible.

Out of the projected expenditure, ₦288,386,300 will be spent on ten ongoing Bible translation projects currently at various stages of completion. One of these is the Nigerian Sign Language Bible for the deaf community in Nigeria, which is expected to cost ₦62 million. Except for the Sign Language Bible translation which costs over four times the regular Bible translation, it costs a minimum of ₦150 million to complete any other Bible translation project if achieved within eight years.

Furthermore, BSN plans to spend the sum ₦306,392,700 to execute one of its intervention programmes, The Macedonian Call, which focuses on distributing Bibles and relief materials, including foodstuffs, gently used clothes, beddings, and back to school packs in Internally Displaced People's Camps and slum areas across the country.

So far, in the first quarter of this year alone, the organisation has spent ₦148,315,500 in its ongoing mission to make the Bible available to Nigerians in their preferred languages and formats, and on organising programmes that engage people with the Scriptures.

The General Secretary/Chief Executive Officer of the organisation, Pastor Samuel Sanusi, emphasised that BSN's commitment to its mission of making the Word of God available to everyone remains the driving force behind its passion, despite the country's harsh economic realities.

According to Pastor Sanusi, "Our resilience, accountability, and the fulfilment of our mission and vision

statements, as well as the need to be more socially responsible as a corporate citizen, are our driving forces. Government is doing its bit, and we must do ours in fulfilment of our obligation to the people of God that we serve in line with the Great Commission."

The Bible Society of Nigeria is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian organisation committed to making the Holy Bible available and affordable to Nigerians in their preferred languages and formats, while also helping them interact with the Word of God through programmes designed to transform lives.

These programmes are open to sponsorship, and we beckon on well-meaning Nigerians to partner with us in this drive. Much more can be done and achieved with your support. For possible support or enquiries, please contact Grace on **07031580684** or visit our website: www.biblesociety-nigeria.org



WORDS YOU MUST NEVER SAY TO YOUR SPOUSE - *Bisi Adewale*

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." Ephesians 4:29 KJV

If you must build a better marriage, there are things you must never do or say. This chapter focuses on things that must never be spoken to your spouse.

I WISH I NEVER GOT INVOLVED WITH YOU: This is a bad statement from an uncultured mind. No matter what the problem is, settle it. Never speak this way to your partner.

I WISH I MARRIED SOMEONE ELSE: Bringing up a former lover or relationship is the worst thing you can do. Even if it isn't true, your partner will always believe it.

SHUT UP: This is rude and crude. Gentlemen and ladies are not known to say this. Are you one of them?

ALWAYS OR NEVER: Avoid generalisations; they are rarely true. For instance, don't say, "You never do anything right in this house", or "You always behave like a fool".

YOU HAVE TO DO THIS: You should never speak to your partner in an authoritarian manner. That tone is reserved for unruly children or pets, not your spouse.

I WILL DIVORCE YOU: Never use the 'D' word. Most times, people say this to threaten their spouse, even if they don't mean it. Such a statement can cause deep emotional damage and plant a destructive seed in your marriage. It will take God's intervention to repair that damage.

DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY, BUT...: "Complete honesty in relationships can often seriously backfire," says Julianne Derichs, a licensed marriage counsellor. She also said, "In relationships, intimacy, comfort, and closeness are often confused with 'unbridled self-expression', which is where a person lets the flood gates open. Sometimes I hear people say 'I'm just trying to be open and honest' in defence of their behaviour. But being open and honest does not mean spouting off thoughts and feelings without consideration of your partner."

I HATE YOU: Hate speeches and speakers are detested all over the world. This is one of them.

YOU ARE AN IDIOT: If this were true, then the person who married an idiot must be one too.

YOU ARE SUCH A FAILURE: "Hearing these words is like branding failure into your soul. You can't take them back, even if they were uttered in anger and rage. They will linger and may become a self-fulfilling prophecy," says relationship expert, Audrey Hope.

YOU ARE A GOLD DIGGER: Thank God that you are gold that can be dug.

YOU HAVE TO DO THIS: This is a compulsion that always comes with threats. It's very dangerous, don't say it.

I WILL BEAT YOU: This is childish and disgraceful. Such talk belongs in a kindergarten school, yet sadly, many adults have stopped growing emotionally since then.

I WILL KILL YOU: When did you become a killer? This is the height of unacceptable speech.

I AM SORRY BUT...: Apologising is essential in marriage, but the way you say sorry matters. Once you add 'but', the apology becomes defensive and nullified. The word 'sorry' softens the mind, don't spoil it with a punchline.

YOU LOOK TOO FAT: There are better ways to address health or appearance without damaging your spouse's self-esteem.

YOU LOOK UGLY: An ugly mouth is worse than a so-called ugly face. Nobody is truly ugly. People who label other people ugly have an ugly heart.

A & B ARE BETTER THAN YOU: If you say this, you're making others better than yourself too. Never compare your spouse to anyone else.

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YOUR MOTHER OR FATHER IS SO...: When you are angry, leave their parents out of it. It is unfair and childish to do that.

YOU DON'T TURN ME ON ANYMORE: Then the problem lies with you, not your spouse. If your spouse can no longer touch your heart or emotions, something is wrong with your perspective. It's shameful to admit and worse to brag about.

I WILL MARRY SOMEONE ELSE: This is a dangerous threat that could lead to major mistakes. Don't say it.

SEX IS BETTER WITH...: Sex can never be better with someone else whether in your past or present. Comparing your spouse to any other person in this regard is very wrong and dangerous.

MY BODY BELONGS TO ME: No! According to 1 Corinthians 7:1-5, in marriage, your body belongs to your spouse as well. Marriage is about mutual surrender and unity.

YOU'RE WRONG TO BE ANGRY: Never tell your partner how they should or shouldn't feel. "Feelings aren't right or wrong; they're feelings. A person who feels like their feelings don't matter to their partner will feel like they don't matter." Says a life coach, Thomas Gagliano.

I DON'T CARE: "Saying that you don't care stimulates a primitive fear of abandonment in most people and can make your partner feel worthless. Being in a loving relationship means always caring about your partner, no matter what." Says sexologist Sunny Rodgers.

WHAT DID I DO NOW? "Asking your partner 'What did I do now?' is also extremely dismissive," Patterson says. "It sends a message that you know you are always the bad guy or girl in their mind. Nobody likes to be made to feel like they're constantly nagging or complaining, which is why saying this can cause the other person to shut down. In cases like these, the typical response is 'never mind,' or 'why do I even bother?'," Patterson notes. "This is their way of avoiding a possible argument momentarily, but it doesn't resolve the issue.

YOU HAVE STARTED AGAIN: This makes your partner feel like they are always the problem. Avoid this at all costs.

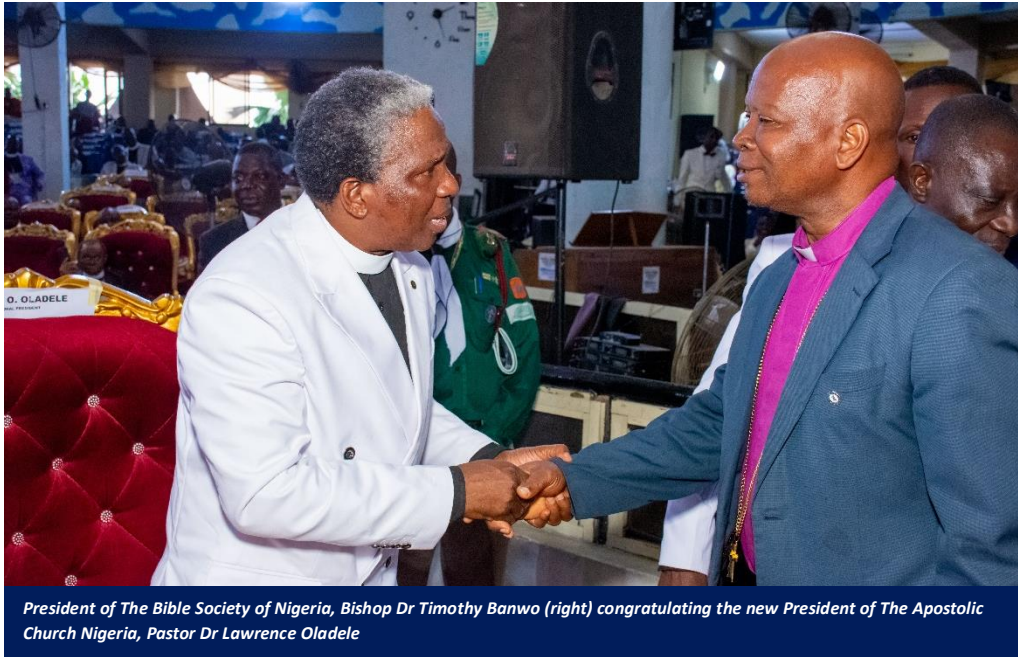
CURSED BE THE DAY I MET YOU: What then will you say when things are resolved? Never speak such words into your marriage.

YOU BEHAVE LIKE A PROSTITUTE: Don't ever say this to a woman; she is your wife, not a whore.

SEE YOU IN COURT: Threatening your spouse with legal action is foolish. You must never do it.

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TACN Inducts New President, other National Officers



The Apostolic Church Nigeria (TACN) has inducted Pastor Dr Lawrence Oladele as its 4th National President and five others as national officers.

Other national officers of the church inducted alongside the new president are Pastor Udoh Johnson, National Vice President; Pastor (Prof.) Barineme Fakae, National Secretary; Pastor Dr

Isaac Awotanmi, Deputy National Secretary; Pastor Odionko Nyong, National Finance Secretary, and Pastor Samuel Ogu, Deputy National Finance Secretary.

The new national officers of TACN were inducted at the 49th Annual National Convention of the church amidst applause by thousands of members and guests in attendance. The immediate past National President of the church, Pastor Simon Igwe, inducted Pastor Dr Lawrence Oladele as the new President, while the new President in turn inducted other five national officers.

Pastor Igwe, during the induction ceremony, requested and got the commitment of the immediate family of the new president to support him to make a success of his tenure as the President of The Apostolic Church Nigeria. Thereafter he led other officers of the church to pray for him and his family. He presented to him a copy of the Bible and the constitution of the church to guide him in making decisions.

In his acceptance speech, the new National President, Pastor Dr Lawrence Oladele said that God preordained the new national leaders to serve and pledged that they would work as a team to pursue the agenda of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Speaking further, he said that they would serve with integrity, diligence, and accountability, adding that they would conduct Strength, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threat (SWOT) Analysis of the entire system for inclusive and objective leadership, corporate governance and result-oriented leadership. According to him, they would subject themselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Oladele holds a Ph.D. in Church History, an MBA, Master's degree in Regional and Urban Planning, Master of Arts in Religious Studies, and several other qualifications. He was ordained as an Assembly Pastor in 2002 and rose through ranks to become the 4th National President of The Apostolic Church Nigeria.

The programme was attended by the President of Christian Association of Nigeria, Most Reverend Daniel Okoh, who was represented by the Association's General Secretary, Prof. Samson Fatokun, President of The Bible Society of Nigeria, Bishop Dr Timothy Banwo, among many other eminent personalities.



Interview

State Police will curb insurgency, crime, says Dele Adesina, SAN

A Senior Advocate of Nigeria, Dele Adesina, in an exclusive interview with Benjamin Mordi, Editor of *SOWER*, declares support for the creation of State Police, which he says will help curb insurgency and crime.

Excerpts below

In the interest of our readers, can I meet you, sir?

My name is Julius Oladele Adesina, SAN. I am a legal practitioner by Profession and a pastor in Living Faith Church. I attended the University of Ife, now Obafemi Awolowo University, where I obtained my LLB (Hons) degree. I proceeded to the Nigerian Law School for my BL and thereafter to the University of Lagos for my LLM. I was called to the Bar in July 1982 and enrolled as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court. To the glory of God, I was elevated to the prestigious rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria in 2007.

May I know what motivated you to study Law?

Let me say that if I did not study law, I don't know what else I would have studied. I gave myself no other choice or option when I decided I wanted to become a Lawyer. I have had the privilege of experiencing God's favour from an early age. He enabled me to discover myself and my destiny early in life and inspired me to pursue my passion even before I became a born-again Christian.

As a daddy's boy, I followed my father to Ado-Ekiti when he accompanied his younger brother to the High Court of Justice. I can't remember clearly if I was still in primary school or just beginning secondary school, but I was a very young boy. The first thing that attracted me was seeing people in what I was later told were wigs and gowns. I was fascinated by their appearance, and when they began addressing the court, I became even more interested. After the court session, I looked around and saw big cars. I asked, "Who owns these cars?" and was told they belonged to some of the Lawyers. I was impressed by the array of nice cars and the lawyers' dignified appearance.

The courtroom advocacy made a lasting impression on me, seeing someone defend another with such commitment. I told my father then that I wanted to become a lawyer. Later, when I was to choose subjects in Class Three, I asked my teacher, "What subjects do I need to become a Lawyer?"

If you were not a Lawyer, what else would you have been?

I don't know, because I have never given it a thought. For me, there has been no alternative to being a Lawyer. By the grace of God, I later came to understand, through greater knowledge and understanding of God's words that he had deposited in me qualities such as selflessness, sacrifice, honesty of purpose, honour, integrity, and a passionate pursuit of truth, all of which are indispensable qualities of a lawyer. God revealed my destiny path and helped me discover it very early in life.

Some people believe that Lawyers cannot be good Christians. As a devout Christian, how would you respond to this?

That belief is not only incorrect but also false. Some even quote the Bible saying, "Woe unto you lawyers!" and I tell them that a half-truth is a lie. The full context of that statement shows that the lawyers referred to had taken away the keys of knowledge from the people. They neither entered the Kingdom themselves nor allowed others to enter. And you know what? When you take away knowledge, you take away power, power to succeed, to excel, to overcome, and more.

Unlike in the past, today's lawyers use knowledge to benefit mankind, not only to advance their interests but also to provide defence in times of trouble. One of the foremost and outstanding Apostles in the Bible, Paul, was a lawyer. You cannot say that Paul took away the key of knowledge or prevented anyone from knowing or following Christ. The preoccupation of legal practice, whether as a Barrister, an Advocate, a Judge or Justice of the Higher Bench, a Mediator or an Arbitrator, is to discover the truth. A legal practitioner who is also a devout Christian will find it easier to uphold the truth in and out of court. Let me say this, truth is fundamentally rooted in the legal profession, just as it is in the character of God.

So, the belief that a lawyer cannot be a good Christian is a huge fallacy. Many seasoned Lawyers, Judges and Justices today are demonstrable devoted and practicing Christians.

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Some Courts have been known to issue conflicting judgments. What is responsible for this and how can it be avoided?

This is a technical question, so permit me to respond in a technical manner. Firstly, a court's judgment is a product of the facts and laws presented before it along with any research the judge may undertake. You will agree with me that comprehension of facts, understanding of law, and persuasive ability differ from person to person. These all affect the outcome of a judgment.

Secondly, most conflicting judgments occur at the Appellate Court. The Court of Appeal, unlike the Supreme Court, has several divisions. Cases are heard simultaneously in different divisions, which can lead to differing decisions. Thirdly, jurisprudentially speaking, Judges and legal practitioners belong to different schools of thought. Remarkably, there is the social school of jurisprudence, which believes the law should reflect societal realities, and there is the second school of thought which is the school of legal theory of jurisprudence which believes the law must be interpreted and applied as it is, even if the heavens fall.

This issue is being addressed as it has become part of the consciousness of legal practitioners, both on the Bench and at the Bar. Finally, let me add that a lower court is bound by the judgments of the higher courts, a principle known as *stare decisis*. The High Courts are bound by the Court of Appeal, and both are bound by the Supreme Court.

There seems to be a resurgence of insurgency in the Country. Are you sure the Government is sincere about stopping them?

It is only reasonable to believe that no Government or individual in a position of authority would be insincere about fighting insurgency in his/her Country. While we may not have recorded absolute success, some progress is being made. We hear news and read reports from security agencies like the Army, DSS, Airforce, Navy, and Police. The Government, I believe, knows that the primary duty of governance is the safety and security of lives; all other things are secondary. While the South has seen a reduction in kidnapping and insecurity, the situation in the North especially Benue, Plateau, and the North East still requires concentrated attention. The Government should enhance its attention as well as invest more funds into the execution of its security programs and policies.

Why do you think the Government is not considering the creation of State Police?

If anything is worrisome about the affairs of this country, it is how we avoid problems instead of solving them. The debate on State Police has persisted for over 15 years. The truth is that State Police is inevitable. First, the state of insecurity. Secondly, we profess, I used the language 'profess' to be operating Federalism, but I dare say that in words and actions, we are not. A true Federal System does not run a monolithic Police force. In other federations there are three-tier Policing systems: Federal, State and Local/City Police. They constitute different layers of enforcement of law and order, and they complement each other.

Ignoring this reality is indefensible, given the practical experience of the people and the Nation on insecurity which I talked about earlier. Some have argued that state police would be abused by State Governments, but my question is this: Is the Federal Police that we have at present not being misused or abused by the powers that be at one level or the other?

What specific areas would you advice President Tinubu's Government to focus on in the new year?

Let me highlight the following specific areas.

- **Addressing Poverty:** There is a need for deliberate policies to tackle multidimensional poverty ravaging the people of this country.
- **Autonomy of Local Government:** The Federal Government should enforce the Supreme Court's judgment on Local Government autonomy. The State Governments must stop hijacking local government funds.
- **Security:** Protection of lives and property must remain a top priority.
- **True Federalism:** Each group in a federation should govern itself in local matters, while the central government handles common interests. Mr. President, with his known advocacy for restructuring, should prioritize this issue. It would be a historic legacy.
- **A New Constitution:** Closely related to the issue of True Federalism and State Police is the desirability of a new Constitution for Nigeria. The 1999 Constitution in its contents, is a Unitary Constitution and amendment alone cannot correct its inherent defects. A new constitution is necessary.

Some people believe the Church is not doing enough evangelism, which could explain why we have so much violence. Do you share the same view? If yes, how do you think the Church can do better?

The misbehaviour among youths of today, moral decay, and the craving for wealth without any verifiable work manifesting in kidnapping, ritual killings, and other social vices should be issues of serious concern for the Nation. There is work to be done by the Church. How much effort are we making to bring our children to Church today?

The Church is doing its bit, but more is required. In my Church, the Living Faith Church a.k.a Winners Chapel, evangelism is a duty and winning Souls for Christ is a commandment. I believe all Churches must earnestly pursue this command and take this responsibility seriously. When the righteous reign, the people rejoice.

In this regard, I commend The Bible Society of Nigeria for its multi-dimensional outreach, including the translation and publication of the Bible in different languages.

How would you describe the Bible?

My Father in the Lord, **Bishop David Oyedepo**, says that the Bible is not a literature, it is the Book of Life. It is a manual for living, filled with God's directive principles and instructions. Following its principles guarantees success.

Which is your favourite version?

All versions are authoritative and powerful. I don't think any of the versions have complicated constructions that are difficult to understand. I study both the King James as well as the Living Bible Versions.

What is your favourite verse?

I have many but for the purpose of this question, one stands out:

1 Corinthians 2:9 which says that *"Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God had prepared for them that love him."*

When you love God passionately and demonstrate it in all that you do, you will be a surprise even to yourself and everyone around you by reason of God's Grace upon your life. With you in God and God in you, you are unstoppable.



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Breast Cancer Treatment Options

Once a person is diagnosed with breast cancer, there are many treatment options. Conventional cancer treatments principally involve **surgery, chemotherapy, and radiotherapy**. A few other treatments might go alongside these three – for example, hormone treatment. Apart from conventional cancer treatment, there are many alternative cancer therapies that work very well. Space constrains me from listing such therapies here. A third option is what is known as integrative cancer treatment, which combines conventional treatment with alternative therapies. Every woman diagnosed with breast cancer will have to prayerfully decide what is best for her. A number of North American & European clinics offer purely alternative or integrative cancer treatments, often with better success rates than conventional treatment alone. You may wish to visit the following websites as examples:

- www.holisticmedclinic.com
- www.utopiacancercenter.com
- www.lifeworkswellnesscenter.com
- www.thebiomedcenter.com
- www.arcadia-cancer-treatment.com
- www.hufeland.com
- www.paracelsus.ch

NB: If the European websites come up in Dutch, simply locate the UK flag at a corner and click on it to change the language to English.

Of course, a more thorough discussion of breast cancer and indeed all cancers as well as the causes, prevention, and treatment options, is far broader than the scope of this article. This would require me to write a whole book. I hope to do this sometime in the future, God willing.



Let's Talk About Breast Enhancements

Another thing that some women are concerned about when it comes to their breasts is their appearance. Most women wish their breasts would not sag as they age. However, this is mere wishful thinking. No woman can retain the same breast shape and texture throughout life. As a woman ages, her breasts will inevitably sag, although the degree varies from person to person.

Many women undergo breast enhancement procedures just to enhance the look of their breasts. The most common procedure for breast enhancement is the installation of silicone breast implants. Meanwhile, breast implants can be very dangerous because some contain dangerous chemicals. For example, it was recently revealed that a French breast implant manufacturer, **Poly Implant Prothese (PIP)**, used a fuel additive in its now-banned implants. The growing list of accusations against the now-defunct company has triggered a worldwide scare, with several countries, including France, advising thousands of women to have their implants removed. France's RTL radio reported that it obtained an exact breakdown of the materials used in the faulty implants, including *Baysilone*, *Silopren*, and *Rhodorsil*, all of which are industrial products never tested or approved for clinical use.

Traditionally, implants are made of silicone. However, these faulty implants can rupture at any time. PIP was shut down and its products banned in **2010** after it was revealed that the company had been using industrial-grade silicone gel, which caused abnormally high rupture rates. It is estimated that between **300,000** and **400,000** women in **65** countries, from Europe to Latin America, have implants made with this sub-standard gel.



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3. Colossians 4:2	3. Numbers 23:23	3. Mark 10:45
4. Proverbs 17:6	4. Luke 15:7	4. Psalm 90:12
5. Acts 2:3-4	5. Psalm 119:14	5. Proverbs 22:3
6. John 14:16	6. Acts 17:30	6. Matthew 6:33
7. Psalm 119:60	7. Ephesians 6:13	7. Galatians 6:19
8. Psalm 42:1	8. Acts 1:11	8. Luke 1:37
9. 2 Corinthians 5:21	9. Deuteronomy 10:21	9. Revelation 12:11
10. Deuteronomy 28:1	10. Daniel 9:9	10. Romans 8:2
11. Psalm 90:4	11. Psalm 112:7	11. Colossians 2:15
12. Matthew 6:2	12. Psalm 12:7	12. Galatians 3:13-14
13. 1 Corinthians 12:12	13. Psalm 27:5	13. Galatians 6:7
14. Ecclesiastes 10:12	14. Revelation 1:9	14. Luke 6:38
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17. Romans 8:10	17. Micah 7:7	17. Philippians 4:13
18. Psalm 5:3	18. Philippians 4:6	18. Psalm 107:8
19. Psalm 3:5	19. Proverbs 3:5-6	19. 2 Timothy 1:7
20. Job 5:12	20. 1 Thessalonians 5:17	20. Ephesians 2:8-9
21. Hebrews 12:29	21. Daniel 6:26	21. 1 Timothy 6:36
22. Isaiah 53:5	22. 2 Timothy 2:15	22. Psalm 139:1-2
23. John 3:16	23. Mark 1:15	23. Revelation 3:10
24. Hebrews 1:9	24. 1 Corinthians 13:1	24. 1 Kings 2:3
25. Revelation 3:20	25. Psalm 119:2	25. Psalm 5:
26. Revelation 22:4	26. Philippians 4:4	26. Luke 12:22b-23
27. 1 Corinthians 10:3-4	27. 1 Timothy 6:6	27. Philippians 4:9
28. Matthew 5:8	28. Proverbs 10:12	28. Psalm 105:1
29. Psalm 149:6	29. Isaiah 41:13	29. Romans 8:1-2
30. Proverbs 3:1	30. Luke 17:3b-4	30. 1 Peter 2:16
31. Daniel 4:3		





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