COVENANT CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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HOMILY

Mastering the Will of God

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". (Jeremiah 29:11)

The first step in the faith walk is; whosoever wants anything from God must ascertain from the scriptures that what they desire from heaven has a scriptural backing. The will and the mind of God concerning the issue or situation must be known in order to have a good head start.

So if you are in a situation and you want God to move in that situation on your behalf, you must know the promise of God concerning that very situation, in other words, what does the written word of God say about it? You must look nowhere else except at the bible, and also know that what you are reaching for as a person is the will of God for you at the time.

It is impossible to boldly claim anything by faith if you are uncertain it is God's will and intent. So instead of creating something contrary in your mind, go to God first for clarity. There are heaven born possibilities that emerge from God, which He wants to pour out into humanity as rain that falls out of heaven. And when these things come out of God's being no effort is required on the part of that individual for the earth to respond to something that emanates from God's being. He says ***"so shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth, it shall not return unto me void" (Isaiah 55:11).*** The reason a lot of people make mistakes is that they are reaching for things that they cannot ascertain from the word of God is God's will for their life at that time. They just think that once they can see it and desire it that is all it takes to have it. But in the faith walk it takes much more than that. The scripture says, ***"so shall my word be, it shall be like rain that cometh out of heaven. It shall not return void, it shall accomplish".*** It further says, ***"it shall make the earth bring forth and to bud".*** This means the word has certain elements within it that will cause certain things to come out if which is the will of God. So there is wonder working potentiality that is contained in God's word.

Therefore, as believers it is imperative to know what the scripture expects of us per situation we experience in order not to 'miss' God in that season. Faith rests on the will of God alone and not on your desires neither does it rest on your wishes. God's will for every believer is for His will to be done and perfected in His children's lives.

Pastor 'Poju Oyemade

What's Up!

01 DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM: The Covenant Christian Centre Discipleship Institute announces the first discipleship program for 2019. Classes will start on Saturday 6th April 2019. Registration is opens from Monday 4th of March. To register, please visit: www.insightsforliving.org/discipleship. Limited places are available.

02 MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT: The Marriage Enrichment Department invites all married couples to its Town Hall event, a breakfast meeting, titled: 'He said, She said" (refining the art of communication in marriage). Date is Saturday, 23rd March. Time: 8.30am. Venue: The Covenant Place, Iganmu.

03 COVENANT GAMES: Did you know JUMPING JACKS keeps the heart healthy, increases your metabolism, makes bones stronger and increases your overall strength?

Covenant Games will hold the first of its monthly general aerobic sessions open to all church members on Saturday March 23, 2019 at the Iganmu centre, 7am to 8am. Come along with a friend.

04 BABY DEDICATION AND BABY NAMING ONLINE: You can now book for Baby Dedication and Baby Naming online using these links: www.insightsforliving.org/babydedication & www.insightsforliving.org/babynaming
NOTE: Kindly endeavour to book early (at least a week or more prior) in order to process your request accordingly.

05 LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Are you new in church or you have been around for some time but still quite on your own but will love to be integrated into our Life Fellowship (cell group) system, here are the hotlines you can call to get you started 0818 600 0025 or 0818 600 0081 or 0818 600 0082. These lines are open every weekday from 9am to 5pm.

06 CHURCH QUALITY CONTROL: The Covenant Christian Centre Quality Control Team request that you kindly send any comments, observations, suggestions or challenges you may have while using any church infrastructure or facilities to ***contactqcteam@gmail.com.***

Feedback:

At Covenant Christian Centre, we love to have feedback. Please send any feedback you have to ***respond@covenantchristiancentre.org***

Poem

There's No Time Like The Present

There's no time like the present;
To-morrow's far away;
And what our hands may find to do,
God bids us do to-day.

Be ready in the golden
Now To do a helpful deed;
And never let the chance go by
To meet a sister's need.

Don't wait until another time,
For she who waits may lose
The grandest chance of all her life;
It is not ours to choose.

The opportunities to do,
They come at God's command,
And sue who never squanders one
Is she who lives the best

Poet: Unknown

Notice

If you or an immediate family member or friend is sick & in need of prayer kindly call any of the following numbers below:

IKE – 0805 654 5600
ABIMBOLA – 0802 305 5212
EMMANUEL – 0802 972 0555
OLUSHOLA – 0818 074 0031

ELECTRONIC TRANSFER DETAILS

for **Covenant Christian Centre (Covenant Christian World Assembly)**

GTBank Herbert Macaulay Branch.
Account number - 0010471264.
*For mobile transfer simply dial *737*32*Amount*138# to give offering and *737*32*Amount*139# to give tithe.*
Zenith Bank Herbert Macaulay Branch.
Account number - 1010845720.
*For mobile transfer simply dial *402*96600803*Amount#.*
This can be used on any bank's card To give either offering or tithe
Stanbic Bank Herbert Macaulay Branch
Account number - 0003699923

Domiciliary Account for C3 Online transfer is now available with GTB - 0114030385 & Zenith Bank -5070235873

TQL is the programme to watch on Sunday. Mouth-watering interviews, interesting personalities and much more is what is in for you when you Tune in EVERY Sunday by 3:00pm prompt on STV and 4:30pm prompt on Channels Television!! The charismatic host of this programme is Pastor 'Poju Oyemade.

Sunday Services

Yaba Centre

400 Herbert Macaulay Rd. Yaba
Service Time: 6.30am prompt.

Covenant Connect (Youth church)
Venue: 400 Herbert Macaulay Rd. Yaba
Service Time: 10am prompt.

Office phone Number: **081 60000 239 or 081 42459 324 or 0809 4999 998**

Covenant Place, Iganmu

Right beside the National Arts Theatre
Service Times:
1st Service: 7.45am prompt
2nd Service: 10.30am prompt

Covenant Chapel, Lekki

Former 4th roundabout behind Enyo filling station, Chisco Bus stop, Lekki.
Service Times:
1st Sevice: 8:00 am prompt
2nd Service: 10.30am prompt
Office Phone Number: **081 8841 1111**

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Mainland Centre

YABA CENTRE: 400 Herbert Macaulay Rd. Yaba.
Day: Wednesday | Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Island Centre

THE COVENANT CHAPEL: Former 4th roundabout behind Enyo filling station, Chisco Bus stop, Lekki.
Day: Thursday | Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Pre Marital Counselling

Have you completed foundation of faith? Are you a committed C3 member? Do you have your parents' consent to marry? If yes to all, then plan to attend the pre-marital classes. ***Kindly note that fixing of wedding dates cannot be earlier than 2 months after counselling has ended.*** Classes now start first Saturday of every month so, kindly register early.

2019 Walk-in/Physical classes Dates
1st: Feb 2nd – March 9th
2nd: March 2nd – April 6th
3rd: April 6th – May 11th
4th: May 4th – June 8th
5th: June 1st – July 6th
6th: July 6th –Aug 10th
7th: Aug 3rd – Sept 7th
8th: Sept 7th – Oct 12th
9th: Oct 5th – Nov 9th
10th: Nov 2nd – Dec 7th

Distance/ Diaspora classes (Special):
March - April 2019 AND August - September 2019

For more details: Please call Olajumoke or Tobi at the church office on 08160000239 or 08142459324

****.....Through Wisdom a house is built....In all thy getting, get Wisdom****

Marriage Enrichment

We are committed to Enriching & nurturing marriages, thus impacting God's Kingdom.
Invest in your marriage & Connect with us too. To join our mailing list, do contact us.
For more details, call church office; Jumoke or Tobi, 08160000239 or 08142459324.
You may also contact us at c3marriages@gmail.com

EVENT	TENTATIVE DATES	VENUE
Marriage town hall (Breakfast)	23rd Feb	Joint
Couples love feast	25th May	Joint
Marriage seminar	24th Aug	Joint
2019 Couples Weekend Getaway	7th - 10th Nov	Joint
Couple's fellowship	21st Apr, 23rd Jul, 26th Oct	Lekki & iganmu
Quarterly Marriage prayer meetings	30th Mar, 13th Jul, 21st Sept, 14th Dec	Lekki & iganmu
Marriage Enrichment Classes	Duration of 4-6 Wknds	
Quarter 1 (Levels ME 1& ME 2)	Starts 2nd Feb.	Lekki & iganmu
Quarter 2 (Levels ME 1& ME 2)	Starts 4th May	Lekki & iganmu
Quarter 3 (Levels ME 1& ME 2)	Starts 3rd Aug	Lekki & iganmu
Quarter 4 (Levels ME 1& ME 2)	Starts 2nd Nov	Lekki & iganmu
One – One Couple Counselling	Available for booking	Contact us.

Note:
ME 1 explores topics such as; Money, Sex, Roles and Responsibilities, Conflict Resolution e.t.c & ME 2 explores topics such as: Winning Together, Marriage & Family as a Tool for God's Kingdom Agenda, Managing Change and Long Life & Divine Health - Our Covenant and Heritage.

CHUCKLES, TRUTH & FUN-FACTS

Christian Ways To Reduce Stress...

13. Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.

14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.

15. Do something for the Kid in You everyday.

16. Carry a Bible with you to read while waiting in line.

17. Get enough rest.

18. Eat right.

19. Get organized so everything has its place.

20. Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life.

21. Write down thoughts and inspirations.

22. Every day, find time to be alone.

23. Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed to try and pray.

24. Make friends with Godly people.

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Project W.R.A.P

The Widows Relief & Assistance Program
Supports over 200 families of late police officers and military personnel annually with scholarship, rent assistance, holiday job placement, business loans and skills acquisition workshops.

You can give back through Project W.R.A.P by;
1. Becoming a Financial Partner.
2. Volunteering with us.
3. Giving in-kind support to our families.

For enquiries, please call:
Eunice on 08180032237
Or email ***contactc3wrap@gmail.com.***
Website: ***www.projectwrap.org***
Account Info for Donation:
Zenith Bank/1013751758/Covenant Christian World Assembly (WRAP).

Covenant Capital

Covenant Capital is an initiative of the church to provide financial and advisory assistance to entrepreneurs in the church to empower them to achieve their God-given financial potential and contribute in practical ways to their immediate community through job creation, financial empowerment and role modelling. Covenant Capital is available to all members of Covenant Christian Centre at these levels: Microfinance, Micro Credit, Business school and Business Advisory Services and much more.

For enquiries, please contact KELECHI at the Church Office, Yaba from Monday to Friday: 8:30am – 5:00pm. You can also call 0816 000 0238 or visit www.covenant-capital.org

Edu-Aid
Educational Aid Global Initiative

Edu-Aid is Covenant Christian Centre's social response to the standard and quality of public primary education in Nigeria through innovative and creative weekly programs and activities as well as scholarships and sponsorships for primary school students. We are presently active in 10 schools on the Lagos Mainland and Lekki environs.

Get involved in 3 ways:

1. **Volunteer Partner:** Join us on the field weekly to mentor or train a child
2. **Resource Partner:** Donate academic materials to support our cause
3. **Financial Partner:** Sponsor a child or donate funds to support our programs.

For enquiries, call Teju on **07066736513**
OR reach us on:
Email - eduaidccc@gmail.com, **Facebook -** Edu-Aid CCC,
Twitter - @eduaidccc, **Instagram -** @eduaidccc
Account Details for Donations:
Zenith Bank/1014339803/Educational Aid Global Initiative

First Time?

With great pleasure we warmly welcome you to ***Covenant Christian Centre*** and believe that without a doubt you received practical wisdom through the ***Word of Faith.*** Today's message is available in audio CD, MP3 format and you can download at the E-Library unit. Past messages can also be found at the CD sales stand and the E-Library stand.

The church website is ***www.insightsforliving.org*** online you'll be able to access messages, mails and publications.

For more resources on various outreaches of the ministry (e.g. ***the Platform, WAFBEC*** etc) visit any of the following websites ***www.theplatformnigeria.com, www.wafbec.org*** or call ***0816 000 0239.***

You can also check out our online community on face book i.e. C3. Meaningful contributions through discussions, comments and suggestions are highly coveted. You can also participate in the occasional competition and win something! You can visit ***www.facebook.com/CovenantChristianCentre*** to join our facebook community.

To get integrated into church, you can volunteer for any of our programmes which are organised periodically e.g. Lagos Sees, Edu-Aid, WAFBEC or The Platform. Simply look out for information about these programmes.

Kindly fill the visitors form and return to the welcoming unit.

We appreciate your presence here today and look forward to seeing you at any of our services, monthly seminars and special events.