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Topic: Do not work for perishable things – Part 1

Bible Reading: John 6:22-29

Introduction

Perishable things are those things that will come to an end one day. They are the things that will vanish or fade away. **All the physical things in this world will expire and dissolve at the end of age.** Therefore, perishable things can be described as those things that cannot abide forever; **so, humans must be careful not to waste their energies on such things; but work, or labor for those things that endure forever in order to receive eternal life. Since the ultimate goal of every Believer is to inherit the kingdom of God; then, the Beloved must concentrate their efforts on the imperishable things of heaven. If you want to rule and reign with Christ eternally; do not waste your energy on perishable things; but conserve it for the work of God that will make you to receive eternal life. Anyone who does not want to pass away with the world will pay attention to this warning.**

The Alpha and Omega

The journey of humanity started with God and it will certainly end with God. Everything on earth will finish, only God will remain. This universe will wear out but God alone will abide forever. Only God will be in existence, and endure eternally; when this world disappears; according to the Book of Hebrews which says, “And: ‘You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment.’” **Hebrews 1:10-11.** It is clear from the passage; that **everything created by the Lord will return to Him in one way, or form; because He is the Alpha and Omega. Jesus Christ is the Eternal One; He is the One Before all, and the End of all.** The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, “I am the Alpha

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and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”

Revelation 22:13. Why not devote yourself to the One who abides eternally; so that you can live forever? Why not use your money, time and effort for the Supreme Being; who will give you water from the springs of the water of Life? If you do not labor, or work for things that perishes; Christ will give you water at no cost from the fountain of Life.

Everyone who is thirsty for eternal life; come to Your Maker today, and receive water from the life-giving fountain; according to the scripture which says, “And He said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.” Revelation 21:6. Remember that you must be dedicated to the work of God; before you can be given water from the fountain of Life, in order to live forever. You must not waste your energy striving for perishable things; but set your mind on the heavenly things; before you can be given the right to drink from the spring of the water of Life.

The world is in turmoil

Today, the whole world is in a state of disturbance and confusion; because people concentrate their attention on perishable things. Disorder and uncertainty is prevalent throughout the globe; because humans place value on physical things rather than spiritual things. Nowadays, we are witnessing unrest and agitation in the four corners of the world; due to the preference of vanities of this world rather than the heavenly things. Are you one of those people who are working for food/things that perish? The mindset of many people is how to gain wealth and be famous; with or without the assistance of God.

Most people value the basic necessities of life (food, clothing and shelter) more than the inheritance of the kingdom of God.

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The perception of numerous people concerning the assessment of success is, ‘how wealthy you are, and your position in the state/community.’ Countless people are dedicated to their chosen careers and they value their post/education more than the gifts of the Holy Spirit. All these aforementioned mindset and behaviors is causing chaos throughout the world; in a manner that is obstructing the manifestation of the awesome glory of God on earth.

Moses instructed the people of Israel to love God, and be obedient; so that He will send rain at the right season, and His authority of abundance will abide in their lives. However, if they act otherwise; God will become angry; He will shut up the sky and hold back the rain. Deuteronomy 11:13-17.

Likewise, drought is widespread in the world; because people are focused on perishable things, rather than the imperishable things of the Lord. Humans are concentrating their efforts and labor on vanities of this world; rather than the eternal things that can make them to live forever, in the kingdom of God.

Nations of the world are witnessing several catastrophic events; such as earthquake; floods; or flash flood; wildfire and many more. The earthlings will continue to witness disastrous events; until they realize that they need God to survive, and concentrate their energies on the imperishable things of heaven. Today, we call heaven and earth as witnesses against the Nations of the world; not to break the covenant of God, but repent and return to Him; else they will disappear from the surface of earth. As it is written, “I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day; that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong your days in it, but it will be utterly destroyed.” Deuteronomy 4:26.

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The secret to a stable Nation/State is obedience, and the fear of God. Therefore, every Nation that desires stability and prosperity; must acknowledge that their development, and their positions in the world stage, is not by their might or power; but it is due to the grace of God. Such Nations must not relegate God to the background; but allow Him to take preeminence in whatever they are doing. Inasmuch as Nebuchadnezzar was driven away from human society; to prove the superiority of God as the Ruler of the whole universe. It is inevitable for humans to submit themselves to God and honor their Creator at all times. The Book of Daniel attested to this fact by saying, "...the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses." Daniel 5:21. The leaders and the rulers of such countries must rely solely on the Lord; they must not use their own wisdom, but utilize the wisdom of God to govern their countries.

For this reason, we call heaven and earth as witnesses against the Nations today; we are giving them the choice between life and death, between God's blessing and God's curse through this publication, and we pray that they will choose life. Right now, it is the decision time; will the Nations choose the Lord who will make them prosperous and give them a long life? Or will they reject God, so that they can be put under a curse, and be destroyed? According to the Bible passage which says, "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live." Deuteronomy 30:19. We have proclaimed the messages of God to the Nations; therefore, we are innocent of their blood.

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Bible Reading: John 6:22-29

Mankind has limited time to live on earth

Mankind has limited time to live on earth before we die; then those who do the will of God shall receive the gift of life; that will make them to live eternally. **Whether we like it or not; either we believe or not; no human will live forever on earth, but those who did not waste their energies striving for perishable things of the world; will live perpetually in the kingdom of God. With this knowledge, why not labor extensively for the work of God, when you still have the opportunity? Why not begin to strive for the imperishable things of the Lord? Why not concentrate your energy on getting admission into the Glorious Home?**

Life is short and sorrowful: Anyone born of a woman, or carried out of a woman's abdomen through cesarean section operation; will live for a limited number of years that are full of problems. Human beings born of women have few years to live, and those years are full of turmoil. We are all born weak and helpless, all of us are leading the same short lifespan and troubled life; which means, **Life is short and sorrowful for every living soul. The Book of Job corroborated this fact by saying, "Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble." **Job 14:1. How frail is humanity? How short is life? How full of difficulties?** The reality is that mankind must tread cautiously on earth; in order to inherit the kingdom of God.**

Humans can be compared with wildflowers that spring up in the desert and then wilt, or wither. We are transient as the shadow of a cloud that is not permanent, but lasts only for a short time. Since we are mortals with a brief period to live on earth, why not endure our issues and focus on the assistance of the heavens?

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Why not pray to the Supreme Being who can resolve our situations? Why not allow the Alpha and the Omega to fulfill His purpose in our lives?

What do we bring into the world? Nothing! What can we take out of the world? Nothing! Humans brought nothing into the world and obviously they cannot take anything out of this world. Since we did not bring anything into this world, and we won't take anything with us when we leave; let us divert our energies towards the imperishable things of the Lord. As it is written, "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." 1 Timothy 6:7.

People should not rely on the physical things of this world that will perish; instead they should rely on Almighty God who can give them eternal life. We only need the physical and perishable things to nurture our bodies during our temporary stay in this sinful world; but we need the imperishable things that will nurture our souls in order to live forever. Do not be deceived; you came into this world from your mother's womb naked without any possession, and naked without any possession you will depart from this world. You are born with nothing and you will die with nothing. Therefore, awake to the reality that 'We bring nothing at birth; and we take nothing with us at death. The Lord alone gives and takes.' According to the statement of Job which says, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21.

Your accomplishment is made possible by God: You need to realize that it is God who gave you all the possessions that you have, and praise His holy name as a sign of appreciation. Continue to bless the awesome name of the Lord throughout your existence, and be concerned about the imperishable things of the kingdom of heaven. Even if you are in a precarious

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situation; it is not an excuse for you not to praise God; or spend your energy on trivial things. If you are in a dissatisfactory condition, because God permits Satan to tempt you; it is not a justification for you to start striving for the perishable things. However, if you endure your trials, you will be blessed and you will receive the crown of life **James 1:12.**

Whatever the circumstance; never forget that every possession that you have is from God. All your achievements is not due to your power or smartness, but the grace of God; according to the Bible passage which says “So he answered and said to me: ‘This is the word of the Lord to Zerubabel: “Not by might nor by power, but My Spirit,” says the Lord of hosts.” **Zechariah 4:6.** Since you cannot succeed by your own strength or power; why not seek the Lord and His imperishable gifts throughout your existence? Inasmuch as the grace of God alone can make you to prosper; do not depend on your wisdom or power.

However rich you may be; and whatever post/position that you occupy in your State/Community; always remember the Lord your God with profound respect; because He is the One who gives you the strength to gain wealth. Therefore, do not arrogate your accomplishments to your capability, or knowledge, or understanding; because they are due to Almighty God who gives you the strength to make a living; according to the scripture which says, “And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.” **Deuteronomy 8:18.** Hence, do not forget that you came to this world naked, and you will return naked; so, make the best use of your stay on earth; by striving for imperishable things.

Death is inevitable for humans: Mankind is dust and we will certainly return to dust one day. Humans are created from dust,

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and at the appropriate time we will die and turn back to dust; according to the Book of Genesis which says, “And the Lord formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.” **Genesis 2:7**. **Why not seek the imperishable gifts of the Lord when you are still opportune? Abandon the perishable things, and pay attention to imperishable things that can make you to inherit the kingdom of God.**

Make sure that you labor for the imperishable things before death comes; so that you will be given a crown of glory. Remember that you have a limited time to change your attitude, and restructure your life in accordance with the instruction of the Lord. It is time; for you to start doing things that pleases God, and also teach/encourage people to be focused on imperishable things; that can make them to receive eternal life.

Inasmuch as this world is like a market place; every marketer will return home after the marketplace closes for the business of the day. Since people are destined to die once and then face judgment. Are you returning home to receive eternal life, or severe judgment? As it is stated; “And it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.” **Hebrews 9:27. Therefore, do the will of God; by seeking the heavenly gifts before you die and return to dust.**

Whether we like it or not, whether we believe or not; every living thing will perish, and mankind will turn again to dust. We humans would die and return to the soil. On the appointed day, all life would cease, and humanity would turn again to dust; according to the scripture which says, “All flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust.” **Job 34:15. Since everything in the world will expire, and God alone will remain; are you ready to embrace the imperishable things in order to live forever?**

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Strive to obtain imperishable crown

Everyone who competes for physical reward/benefit always exercises self-control; in order to win. People work hard, and practice self-discipline; in order to win a crown that cannot last. Nowadays, people are putting in their best to contest and win; political positions, nominations, appointments, and designations; that are temporary things that will expire one day: whereas they are handling the imperishable things with levity. If every competitor is serious, and working hard in order to win the perishable prize; don't you think that people should be more committed and resolute to receive eternal prize? The Bible attested to this fact by saying, "And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown." 1 Corinthians 9:25. Are you laboring to win a prize that will fade away, or an eternal prize? If you work for the imperishable things; you will be given the crown of glory.

The scripture stated that; **what advantage do people have if they gain the whole world for themselves, and perish, or lose their lives? What will you gain, if you own the world, but destroy your admittance into the Glorious Home? Don't you know that it is worthless, if you gain the world and waste your life?** The Book of Luke confirmed this fact by saying, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?" Luke 9:25, Matthew 16:25. **Don't you know that you are a big loser; if you get everything you want on earth, but end your journey in Satan's camp? It is time to pursue the imperishable things, instead of perishable things, so as to receive the eternal crown of righteousness. We pray that we will all endure till the end, and receive the crown of glory, in Jesus name. Amen.**

Topic: Do not work for perishable things – Part 3

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Bible Reading: John 6:22-29

Everything in this world is vanity

Humans should realize that everything in this world is worthless in God's sight; it is the heavenly things that are precious.

Whatever that we have in this world is valueless before the Lord, that is why we should strive for the valuable things of heaven.

People need to know that the things of this world are temporary; because they do not last, and they are only useful on earth.

However, the heavenly things are eternal; leading to blessing in this world and in the world to come. With this knowledge, you must be focused on the useful heavenly things, rather than the useless things of this world.

All things in this world are trash in the presence of God. Though, we need them to survive, as long as we are in this sinful world; but we must not concentrate our energies on them. There is a song which says, "Human, do not think of yourself more that you are worth. Humanity is ordinary dust; you are dining and wining in dust; the money you possess is dust, your wealth is dust; your children are dust; human who is dust, who is covered with dust, and will eventually turn back to dust. So, do not think of yourself more than you are worth."

The Preacher came to the conclusion during his lifetime, and he said; all that is done without God's guidance is futility. Nothing in this world makes sense; everything is nonsense to those who are spiritually evolved. The Preacher professed to have seen it all, and nothing makes sense. Everything that is against the directives of God is emptiness and vainglory. Whatever that defies the instructions of the Lord is pointless and meaningless.

The Preacher stated that "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." Ecclesiastes 1:2. It can be deduced

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that life is useless and everything is futile. Most things in this world are absurd, illogical or inappropriate and they are enigmatic; because they are difficult to interpret or understand. Since humans themselves are transient; because they can be alive today and dead tomorrow; so, why not work for the imperishable things that lasts forever?

The achievements of humans are vanities: The accomplishments of mankind are futility. All the activities that are done under the sun is vanity; it is like trying to catch the wind. Everything done in this world is useless, and it is trash before the Lord. Every achievement of humans is meaningless, and it is like chasing the wind. The Preacher warned by saying “I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind.” Ecclesiastes 1:14. All the attainments of humans on earth are like a waste of time and it’s nothing, but smoke and spitting into the wind; because whatever that is exalted among men is abomination in the sight of God.

Majority of things that are highly valued by people are deeply offensive to God. Therefore, what people regard highly as achievements, and things that most people think are important are worthless as far as God is concerned. Inasmuch as the earthlings are corrupt; and they are distorting and misrepresenting the meaning of the words of the Lord: So, what societies see and call monumental; God sees through and calls monstrous. The Bible attested to this fact by saying, “.....For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.” Luke 16:15. Is your accomplishment in conformity with the instructions of the Lord? Don’t you think that your achievements are detestable in the presence of God? Do you know that what you highly admire may be abhorrent in the sight of God?

Inasmuch as the things the world honors is detestable in the presence of God; change before it is too late. Most things that

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humans consider perfectly splendid are revolting in God's sight; therefore, make the imperishable things of God (the work of God) your goal.

If you turn your attention to what you have done and think about your toil; then, you will realize that it is useless, and it is like chasing the wind. If you consider all that you have accomplished, and what you have labored to achieve; you will find everything to be futile and pursuit of the wind; which means there is nothing to be gained under the Sun. When people think about everything they have done, including their hard work; they will discover that it is simply chasing the wind, and nothing on earth is worth the trouble. No matter how hard you work, you will realize that it did not mean a thing.

If you observe everything you worked so hard to accomplish, it is meaningless; so, there is nothing that is worthwhile anywhere in the whole world; according to the Book of Ecclesiastes which says, "Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done and on the labor in which I had toiled; and indeed all was vanity and grasping for wind. There was no profit under the sun." Ecclesiastes 2:11. Since nothing is gained on earth, why not focus on the heavenly things? Inasmuch as there is nothing profitable under the sun, why not seek the imperishable gifts of God? Brethren, let us work towards our admission into Glorious Home; because there is no benefit in this world for our achievements.

The insatiable nature of humans: All the labor of humans is for self-preservation and enjoyment; however, the desire of their soul is not satisfied. The purpose of all toil is to fill the mouth, yet the appetite is never satisfied. We struggle just to have enough to eat, but we are never content. People in this world work to feed themselves, but they never seem to get enough to eat; according to the scripture which says, "All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the soul is not satisfied." Ecclesiastes 6:7. Are

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you content with what the Lord has done for you? Do you have an insatiable appetite?

Anyone who loves money will not be satisfied with money; likewise those who love abundance with gain will never be content. It doesn't make sense that people who love money and wealth will never be satisfied; according to the Bible passage which says, "He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This is also vanity." **Ecclesiastes 5:10**. **Are you content with what you have? Be pleased with what you have, and make the imperishable things of the Lord your priority; because everything that is done without God's guidance is futility and emptiness.**

Therefore, everything in this world is meaningless, and nothing makes sense; except striving for the imperishable things of the Lord. The Preacher corroborated this fact by saying, "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, 'All is vanity.'" **Ecclesiastes 12:8**. **We pray that you will not waste your time/life on perishable things of this world. We also pray that your coming into this world will not be in vain, in Jesus name. Amen.**

Topic: Do not work for perishable things – Part 4

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Bible Reading: John 6:22-29

Be cautious in the world

Humans should be careful in this world; so that the darkness will not use their needs to put them in bondage. People should be vigilant; in order to make it difficult for Satan to entrap them through their ambitions. It is inevitable for humanity to pursue their aspirations gently and moderately; else it may lead to the destruction of their souls. We must never forget that we cannot take anything with us when we die, and we would not have anything to show for all our earthly works. Remember that people came into this world from the wombs of their mothers naked with nothing, and when they die; they will leave with nothing. In spite of all their toil, they will leave just as they came into this world.

Do you know that humans always end up with nothing, just like they started their journeys in this world? What profit is accrued to humans after toiling to earn the wind/futility? The Book of Ecclesiastes warned by saying, "As he came from his mother's womb, naked shall he return, to go as he came; and he shall take nothing from his labor which he may carry away in his hand." Ecclesiastes 5:15. We all come to the end of our lives as naked and empty-handed as on the day we were born; because we cannot take our riches/wealth with us.

In addition, we must not forget that this world lies in the power of Satan; who is opposing God and His precepts. Though we belong to God, but, this world where we are residing is under the power of the devil. Despite the fact that the Christians are children of God; they must exercise restraint in all their dealings, because Satan controls the whole world. Even if you are of God; you must exhibit self-control in pursuit of your ambitions/aspirations; if you don't want to end your journey in

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Satan's camp; according to the scripture which says, "We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one." **1 John 5:19**. **Since this world is under the control of Satan; be cautious, else you will be ensnared.**

Do not misuse the things of this world

Nowadays, most people are preoccupied with the vanities of this world. Many are engrossed in thought of the worldly affairs, and they are distracted by the present scheme of things in this world, that won't last; instead of focusing their attention on the heavenly things. The Bible stated that we should use the things of the world in a manner that will not make us to be dependent on them; instead of relying on God. **Christians should live in a way that will make using the things of the world less important to them.** This world in its present form will soon be gone; so the Believers should use this world as if they are not absorbed in it.

Whether we like it or not, this world will fade away; therefore, let us deal in material goods, as though we are not occupied with them; according to the Book of Corinthians which says, "And those who use this world as not misusing it. For the form of this world is passing away." **1 Corinthians 7:31**. **Do you know that those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them? Are you obsessed with materialistic things? Are you paying attention to the worldly things, instead of God? Are you too busy with things in this world and you disregard or ignore God? Since the present world order is passing away; do not overuse the enjoyments of this life. You can take advantage of the opportunities that abound in the world, but do not abuse them, if you want to abide forever.**

It is a fact that this world will disappear with its forbidden craving, but anyone who carries out God's purposes will abide

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forever. Whether we believe, or not; the world and the desires it causes will fade away; however, only those who obey God will live forever. Take note that the world and its shameful pursuits is passing away; but those who do what pleases the Lord will remain forever; according to the Bible passage which says, "And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever." **1 John 2:17**. For this reason, do not misuse the world; instead do what is acceptable to the Lord, so that you will abide forever. Since the world is vanishing away with its ungodly longings; why not fulfill the will of God? Use your time for God instead of your wants; so that you will be set for eternity. Why not make a resolution now; to obey God and live eternally?

Obey God and live forever

People need to realize that not all of us will abide eternally. Christians should be prepared and watchful; so that they will be among those that will be saved. **Even if the numbers of the Believers are as many as the grains of sand by the sea; only a few of them that are obedient will be saved.** Though the Christians throughout the world are uncountable, but only a small believing minority will be saved from God's condemnation. Prophet Isaiah cried out concerning this issue by saying "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved." **Romans 9:27**. Do you think you will escape perdition? Do you think you are qualified to abide forever? Will your deeds allow you to live forever? Change before it is too late, because not everyone will abide eternally in the presence of God.

Who will live forever?: Who are the people that will dwell in the spiritual heavenly Temple of God? Who are the people that will reside on His holy hill? Will you be among those who will rest in the spiritual holy tent of God? Will your acts permit you to live on the holy mountain of God? Since God is impartial; you must be obedient, and satisfy/fulfill the conditionality mentioned in the

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Book of Psalms; before you will be granted the opportunity to worship in the heavenly sanctuary of the Lord. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, “Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart.....”

Psalm 15:1-5. Honest and obedient people are the ones who will find refuge and shelter in the sacred tent of God.

You will be granted passage to the holy mountain of God, if you do not work for the perishable things of this world. Be obedient, if you want to abide forever in the presence of God, and worship eternally before His heavenly throne. Hence, it is a moral obligation of the obedient people, who accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; to conduct themselves in godly manners. It is a personal debt for Christians, to walk and conduct themselves in the same way that Jesus walked and conducted Himself. Whoever claims to belong to Christ must follow His example; in every aspect of his/her life. You must live a Christ-like life; before you can abide in God. The requirement to abide forever in Jesus Christ is to live in the same way He lived. The Bible testified to this fact by saying, “He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.” 1 John 2:6.

Are you in union with God? Is your lifestyle reflecting obedience of the instructions of God? Are you living your life as Jesus did? You must behave like Jesus Christ and follow His footsteps; before you can live forever. If you rely on the Lord with confident expectation; you will never be moved, but abide forever. Everyone who leans on the Lord will never be shaken spiritually; instead such people will stand forever. You must have confidence in the Lord before you can abide eternally. As it is written, “Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever,” Psalm 125:1. If you want to be secured and remain perpetually; depend on God alone. You must have assurance in the Lord, if you don't want to be defeated by

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your physical and spiritual adversaries. We pray that you will endure forever, and be among those who will live eternally in the kingdom of God, Amen.

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Bible Reading: John 6:22-29

Vanities must not cause your downfall

Satan has covered the faces of humans with his contrary veil; in a way that is making humanity to be spiritually blind. Lucifer is waging the end-time battle, and he is deceiving people with the rootless and meaningless things of the world. The devil has created a situation throughout the world that has made people to shift their priority from obedience and serving God, to pursuing the vanities of this world.

Since the whole world is under the power and control of Satan; he is manipulating and coercing people to believe that the pursuit of careers/works, fame, money, wealth/riches and positions is better than the imperishable things of the Lord. Therefore, the mindset of people these days is that it is inevitable for them to have abundance of money and be wealthy during their lifetime. Earthlings are pursuing fame and exalted positions; they are so much absorbed in their profession/occupation to the extent that only few people pay attention to God. Humans are busy pursuing futility, while they disregard their Creator who sent them into this world. They forget the Ancient of Days, who can give them eternal life.

Your career must not obstruct the work of God: Nowadays, the career of many people is their life. These days, people are preoccupied with their chosen career, and they have little or no time for their Creator. It is a common occurrence that humans are so busy with their jobs, to the extent that they are ignoring God. Satan is waging a spiritual war at this end time; that is making people to prefer their careers to serving the Lord. It is a fact that countless people do not have time to worship God; due to the demand and the pressure of their works. The situation is so dire in the world today, to the extent that most people cannot confess

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their faith publicly; because of their chosen professions, as if they are ashamed of the Lord.

Numerous people that lack knowledge always quote the scripture that says, “But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead.” **James 2:20.** It is true, but the works mentioned in the passage are neither the professions nor the careers; but the good works that will prove that your faith in the Lord is real. **You need deeds that are pleasing and acceptable to the Lord to prove your faith, and not your job/s.** It is your positive actions and reactions that you need to prove your faith and win souls for the Lord and not your occupation. With this knowledge, do not allow your trade to interfere with your relationship with God. Make sure that you devote more time to fellowship with God than your work or profession.

Remember the statement of our Lord Jesus Christ which says, “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.” **John 9:4.** Are you busy with the imperishable works of God? Are you paying attention to the works of your Creator who sent you to this world? Do you know that death will come one day, and you won't be able to work anymore? Since you are still alive and you have the opportunity; waste no time in doing the imperishable works of God. Reconcile with God today, and make His imperishable works your priority.

Mortals are obsessed with fame

Today, everyone is thirsting for fame; both the young and old; male and female; white and black people are thirsting for fame. There is a strong desire for fame in the world; to the extent that there is practically nothing that humans cannot do, to become famous. One thing that mankind has forgotten is that, **God alone can make anyone to be popular in this world, and in heaven.**

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Most famous people in the world are not recognized in heaven; because of the means they utilize to achieve their fame.

Inasmuch as countless people are using ungodly manners to become celebrities; then their fame is useless in heaven. Even when people use godly ways to become prominent; if their conduct is not in conformity with the teachings of the Holy Bible; or if such people are proud; then, the fame of such people is meaningless before God.

Though people are craving for fame throughout the world, and they will go to any length to become famous; however their fame is foolishness in the presence of the heavens. The fame of the majority of the people that are using Television stations, Radio Stations, internet facilities (Social Media) and newspapers to become prominent is insignificant and irrelevant in heaven. Why not do the imperishable things of the Lord; instead of seeking trivial fame that is limited to this world?

If you do what is right and good; God will give you fame in this world. Your fame will spread around like a wide fire, and you will be recognized in heaven. The news of your good deeds will be heard by countless people, and you will become blessed. Joshua did what was acceptable to the Lord during his lifetime and he was famous everywhere in the land of Canaan. The Bible corroborated this fact by saying, "So the Lord was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout all the country." **Joshua 6:27. You do not have to ask God to give you fame, before the Almighty God will make you a celebrity. Once you start seeking His imperishable things, He will make you famous.**

Have the assurance that you will become notable, if you act according to the instructions of the Lord. As long as you do not defy the directives of God, or rebel against Him; the Lord will make your fame to transcend that of your predecessors. King David was more famous than King Saul; because he obeyed the

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commandments of the Lord. The scripture testified to this fact by saying, “So David did as God commanded him, and they drove back the army of the Philistines from Gibeon as far as Gezer. Then the fame of David went out into all lands, and the Lord brought the fear of him upon all nations.” **1 Chronicles 14:16-17.** **Are you ready to abide by the directives of the Lord; so that your fame can spread across the globe? Do you know that God can make your adversaries to be afraid of you; if you are obedient? God will give you fame and He will make your enemies to be terrified; if you do what pleases Him.**

Your shame will turn to praise and fame if: If you do what is right and acceptable to the Lord; He will turn your shame to praise. God will give whoever does what pleases Him honor, wherever such person has been disgraced. Whatever the circumstance; God will make the obedient people famous, and He will turn their humiliation to praise; according to the promise of God which says, “Behold at the time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, and gather those who were driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame in every land where they were put to shame.” **Zephaniah 3:19.** Today, God will punish the people who are afflicting you, and He will get rid of your oppressors; if you seek Him. Jehovah will turn your mockery to glory; He will turn your shame to honor, and He will give you fame throughout the world, in Jesus name.

Almighty God will reverse both your physical and spiritual captivities; He will make you famous everywhere on earth. The Lord will restore your physical fortunes and spiritual freedom today, right before your eyes. The Alpha and Omega will change the story of your life, and He will make you prosperous once again. You will be called by a new name, a name of distinction among the peoples of the earth; according to the Book of Zephaniah which says, “ ‘ At that time I will bring you back, even at the time I gather you; for I will give you fame and praise among all the

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peoples of the earth, when I return your captives before your eyes,' says the Lord." **Zephaniah 3:20**. **Inasmuch as God can be trusted to keep His promises, He will quench your thirst for fame, and give you honor and praise throughout the world. Why not seek God who can give you fame free of charge? Why not seek the imperishable things of the Lord; so that you will be famous throughout the world?**

Topic: Do not work for perishable things – Part 6

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Bible Reading: John 6:22-29

Humans are craving for money

The situation of the world is precarious, and chaos is rampant throughout the globe. Corruption is widespread; deception is extensive and fraud is thriving everywhere. Majority of the leaders of the world are embezzling the funds of their Nations, and many are taking bribes. Everyone on this terrestrial ball called earth is craving for money, and most people are ready to obtain it through nefarious ways.

Many rulers in the world are contemptuous of justice, and they always disregard the issues that are supposed to be taken into account, for the benefit of the populace of their countries. At the slightest opportunity; they will twist the instructions of the Lord, and distort right living. There are many expansionists among the leaders of the Nations of the world; who are advocates of a policy of territorial expansion, and they are bent on using force to acquire the territories of other weaker Nations.

Nowadays the corrupt judges are selling verdicts to the highest bidders, and they are very partial in their judgments. The priests are teaching for payment, and the preachers are preaching only for money. That is why the preaching of countless preachers is about prosperity, riches and blessings. Even the prophets and the prophetesses divine for a price; despite all these nefarious activities, everyone is posturing and pretending dependence on God. As it is written, "Her heads judge for a bribe, Her priests teach for pay, and her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean on the Lord, and say, 'Is not the Lord among us? No harm can come upon us.'" Micah 3:11. Disasters are ravaging the world; because people have ignored the Lord and His precepts; instead they are busy pursuing money. Most people in the world have turned money to their god, and there is nothing that they cannot do to make

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money.

Do not love money: The perception of most people is that money has an answer for everything, and all things obey money. People believe that money is the answer for everything on the earth; however, it cannot buy the gifts of the Lord. Even the Christians always say ‘Money is the vehicle to propagate the Gospel.’ Which is true, but money cannot make them to live forever in the kingdom of God. We must not love money; even though it is money that makes the world go around, and resolves every need on earth; according to the Bible passage which says “A feast is made for laughter, and wine makes merry; but money answers everything.” **Ecclesiastes 10:19. Money can only solve or buy physical things; but not the spiritual things; which means, the capability of money is limited to this world. So, if you want the imperishable things of heaven; do not love money.**

The greedy desire for money and the willingness to gain it unethically is a root of all sorts of evil. Note that the love of money causes all kinds of trouble, and it is the source of all kinds of wickedness and immorality. **Anyone who is after money at all cost will self-destruct in no time; because the lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble.** Numerous people have impaled themselves with a lot of pain; because they made money their goal. Countless people have wandered away from Christian faith; due to their lust for money. Striving for money in immoral way will cause you acute mental pangs and many grieves, according to the Book of Timothy which says, “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” **1 Timothy 6:10.**

Have you given up your faith, or stray from the righteous path because of money? Are you craving for money, or have you set your heart on getting rich quickly? Are you eager to get more and more money without consideration of untold agonies of mind?

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Do not forget that lust for money will make you to lose your footing in the true faith completely, and you will live to regret it bitterly. Though humans need money to survive in this world; but, they do not need to love it; instead, people should love God and His imperishable things. Learn from the story of Gehazi; so, do not be greedy for money. **2 Kings 5:15-27.**

People are doing unethical things to make/get money

There are hundreds of unethical ways that people are using to make money in the world. The Holy Bible is against these nefarious ways of getting money. Therefore, whoever that is claiming not to love money; must not use any of the contrary manners mentioned below to obtain money. The Christians must beware; so that their means of making money will not obstruct or destroy their opportunity to inherit the kingdom of God. We will mention some of the amoral ways that are rampant in the world today.

Exploitation and extortion: Exploitation and extortion are among the common unethical practices across the globe. Most of the wealthy people always cheat their workers of their wages or benefits accrue to them. Many of these influential people even abuse their employees by maltreating them. These days, countless employers are treating their employees unfairly; even in countries that have laws that are against exploitation. Presently, the practice of obtaining benefits such as money, properties and several other things by coercion, is flourishing throughout the four corners of the globe. Using force, threat, violence or intimidation to collect money, or properties, or valuables from others; is the norm of the day. The situation is dire, to the extent that the governments/authorities of certain countries in the world are the ones that are extorting money from their populace. Blackmail and other vices too are thriving in the world; because of the love of money. However, Prophet Isaiah

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warned about this practice with his statement which says, “‘Why have you fasted,’ they say, ‘and You have not seen? Why have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?’ In fact, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and exploit all your laborers.” **Isaiah 58:3.** **It is clear from the passage, that the fasting and prayers of the oppressors and extortioners will not be answered by the Lord. Furthermore, any money realized from exploitation, extortion and oppression is an abomination to God. If such money is contributed as offerings, or donated to the churches; such offerings/sacrifice will not be accepted by the Lord; inasmuch as the greed for that money, leads to exploitation, extortion and oppression.**

Lust for money causes fraud: Fraud is illegal in the Nations of the world; yet people are using wrongful or criminal deception to cheat others, for their own financial or personal gain. Fraud is happening in every aspect of our lives at an alarming rate, on a daily basis. People are using tricks or deception to deprive others of their hard earned money or possessions throughout the world. With the internet that makes the world to become a global village; people don’t have to come in physical contact with their victims; before swindling them of their funds or valuables. **The Believers must not cheat or defraud others; so that the promises of God will come to pass in their lives. Whoever swindles others, is a lover of money;** according to the Book of James which says, “Indeed the wages of the laborers who moved your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.” **James 5:4.** **Hence, pay the wages of your employees promptly, and do not withhold their rights or dues.**

Harlotry is an abomination: Prostitution is forbidden in most countries of the world; likewise it is an abomination before the Lord. Many people who are using this trade to survive should retrace their footsteps, and reconcile with God before it is too late. **Do not participate, support or encourage prostitution; if you**

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want God to be delighted in you; because wages/income realized from harlotry, is an abomination to the Lord. Money realized from prostitution and other vices connected to harlotry, is not acceptable to the Lord. The Bible affirmed this fact by saying, “You shall not bring the wages of a harlot or the price of a dog to the house of the LORD your God for any vowed offering, for both of these *are* an abomination to the LORD your God.” **Deuteronomy 23:18. Hence, stop making prostitution and its connected vices your source of income.**

Topic: Do not work for perishable things – Part 7

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Bible Reading: John 6:22-29

Wealth will expose you to temptations

Today, people place value on wealth more than the spiritual things of the Lord. Every soul desires to have abundance of valuable possessions, and live in affluence. Success and prosperity are what people are preaching or discussing on a daily basis. Most people are even desperate to be opulent, and live the remainder of their lifespan in luxury and lavishness. However, those who set their hearts on being wealthy expose themselves to temptations, and they will fall into one of the world's traps; if care is not taken, such people are laying themselves open to all sorts of silly and wicked desires; which are capable of utterly ruining and destroying their souls.

Though it is a good thing to aspire to be wealthy; but you must strive for wealth in a righteous way; else it will be meaningless before the heavens. The riches of the majority of those who are claiming to be rich and successful in the world are worthless before God. The wealth of the people that the tabloids or newspapers are proclaiming to be the richest people in the Nations of the world are useless, in the presence of God; because of the means they used to amass the wealth. The situation of many of those people who are saying 'I am rich and I don't need anything' is spiritually pathetic; because whatever they have achieved is valueless. This category of people is not rich in the Lord; because they did not lay their treasures in heaven; so they are spiritually wretched and poor.

In addition, they are spiritually blind; because the path they are following leads to destruction. They are also naked spiritually; because Satan has collected their glorious garments. The Book of Revelation corroborated this fact by saying, "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not

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know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked.”

Revelation 3:17. Furthermore, Jesus Christ warned that “it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of the needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” **Mark 10:25, Luke 18:25.** **Therefore, humans should cease accumulating their wealth in a dubious way, and rectify their ways before the Lord.**

Capability of wealth is limited: The capability of wealth is limited to this world. King Solomon realized that wealth or riches cannot make humans to inherit the kingdom of heaven; because it is a perishable thing of this world. So, he asked for wisdom, knowledge and understanding to successfully govern his people from God. The Bible testified to this fact by saying, “Then God said to Solomon: ‘Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life—but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king—wisdom and knowledge are granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like.’” **2 Chronicles 1:11-12.** **For your wealth to be meaningful before God; it must be obtained from a decent way, and must be used for the just cause that is acceptable to God.**

Get rich-quick-syndrome: These days, people don’t want to work over a period of time, and wait to acquire wealth. They want to become wealthy at all costs, within a short period of time. Get rich quick syndrome has destroyed many souls; it has caused many broken homes, and put countless people in pains and grieves. Majority of the people on earth are craving for wealth; while others are money-grubbers that are bent on accumulating money by all means. People are getting into criminal activities at an alarming rate; with brazen audacity to amass wealth and make money; and this should be a societal concern. This get rich quick syndrome is rampant throughout the world; most especially

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among the younger generation, and it is like a cancer that is spreading to every aspect of humanity. Get rich quick syndrome is eating into the fabric of our societies at the speed of light; therefore mankind must be cautious.

Premature death is prevalent in the world today; because of those who gained wealth through dubious means. It is a common occurrence among this group of wealthy people; to spend their days with much more than they need. Then, all at once, they will go down to the place of the dead. Their trademark is to spend their years lavishly in prosperity, and die shortly. The get-rich-quick people usually enjoy their days in opulence without a worry, because they are successful; until the day they die suddenly. They always live out their lives in fun and comfort; then die prematurely and go to hell. Even if these people did not die untimely, but live to a ripe old age, and enjoy successful lives in pleasure; still they will die miserably; according to the Book of Job which says, "They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave." Job 2:13. **Do you know that get-rich-quick syndrome contributed immensely to untimely death throughout the world? Do you know that after death, there is no repentance anymore? You must not participate, support or encourage get-rich-quick syndrome; if you don't want to spend your eternity in hell.**

The scripture made it clear that any wealth not earned; but acquired hastily in an unjust way, will diminish. Riches obtained from the production of things for vain or detrimental use; will dwindle away. Whatever wealth gained by fraud or worthless means; will continue to wane. Any wealth that comes easily disappears quickly; which means the more easily you get your wealth, the sooner you will lose it. 'In a nutshell' wealth from get-rich-quick syndrome/schemes quickly disappears, but wealth from hard works grow over time; according to the Book of Proverbs which says, "Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, but he

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who gathers by labor will increase.” **Proverbs 13:11**. Do not forget that wealth wrongly gotten will disappear bit by bit; while the wealth earned little by little will grow and endure. For this reason, do not participate in get-rich-quick schemes, or use any fraudulent way to accumulate wealth.

‘A word is enough for the wise;’ If humans refuse to change; God will give away the wealth and belongings of the disobedient Nations. He will allow people to dispossess them of their treasures; because of their dishonesty. The only way that will make you not to lose your wealth, is to abstain from sin and strive for the imperishable things. If you stop your nefarious ways of amassing wealth, and reconcile with your Creator; He will not permit your enemies to loot your riches and wealth; according to the Bible passage which says, “Your wealth and your treasures I will give as plunder without price, because of all your sins throughout your territories.” **Jeremiah 15:13**. Unless you change your lifestyle to suit the purpose of God; He will give everything that you own away to those who are better than you; in order to punish you for your sins.

Topic: Do not work for perishable things – Part 8

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Bible Reading: John 6:22-29

Many are longing for positions

Most people in the world are longing for one position or the other. Majority of people are desperate to upgrade their status in the society, or their ranks in their places of work. The situation is so dire; because people are using nefarious means to get installed in positions. It is a common occurrence nowadays to see political aspirants using diabolical ways to get elected in political positions or get political appointments.

What people do not know is that God alone can install anyone in a position, and only Him can remove anyone from a position/office. Even when a wicked person is elected or appointed to a prominent position; there is a reason or reasons; why the Lord permits it to happen, and there is a lesson or lessons; to be learnt from the tenure of the wicked person. Furthermore, humans need to realize that election/appointment to any position is like a test; whereby if the elected person use the office judiciously; such a person will be rewarded by the Lord; however if the person uses the office for extortions, oppression and corrupt purposes; then such a person will receive the judgment of God.

God alone can install or remove from office: When King Saul misbehaved; by offering burnt offering, which is the task of the priests. Samuel rebuked him by saying "You have done foolishly, you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God which He commanded you. For now the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you." **1 Samuel 13:13-14.** God rejected Saul as King, when he

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deliberately disobeyed His directives; by sparing Agag King of the Amalekites. Samuel confirmed his rejection by saying, “The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of your, who is better than you.” **1 Samuel 15:28.** **Though Saul tried to kill David, in order to keep the throne; but he was unsuccessful due to his rejection.**

God rejected Saul, and anointed David as King. The Book of Samuel chronicled this event by saying, “Now the Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons.” **1 Samuel 16:1.** **David was anointed by Samuel; later the kingdom was transferred from Saul to David; according to the promise of God. It is clear from the passages, that God alone can install whoever pleases Him in position; or remove anyone from office.**

The house of Eli was ban from priesthood: **The sons of Eli were corrupt, and they committed grievous sins before the Lord. Then, God removed the house of Eli from priesthood, and pronounced severe judgment on the house of Eli.** The scripture affirmed this fact by saying, “Therefore the Lord God of Israel says: ‘I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.’ But now says the Lord: ‘Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me will I honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed. Behold, the days are coming that I will cut off your arm and the arm of your father’s house, so that there will not be an old man in your house. And you will see an enemy in My dwelling place, despite all the good which God does for Israel. And there shall not be an old man in your house forever. But any of your men whom I do not cut off from My altar shall consume your eyes and grieve your heart. And all the descendants of your house shall die in the flower of their age.’” **1 Samuel 2:30-33.** **If you don’t want to be removed from office; apply the wisdom of God to the demands of your position, and**

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seek the imperishable things of the Lord. Obedience is what will not make you to be deposed from your office, or ousted from your important position. We pray that you will not be forced out of your influential office, and your powerful position will not be given to your neighbor, in Jesus name.

Use our position in a godly manner: Whatever position that you are currently occupying, utilize it in a godly manner because; ‘Any king that reigns, and there is peace and prosperity during his tenure; people will memorialize his name. Also, any king that reigns, and there is chaos and insecurity during his rule/term; people will not forget him too.’ Do not misappropriate the assets of your community, or siphon the funds of your institution. Remember that only the Lord’s blessing enriches living souls. If you want riches that endure; please the Lord. When the Lord blesses you with riches, you will have no regret; because Satan will not have the opportunity to use it to cause your downfall. To get a toil free and sorrow-free wealth; seek the blessings of the Lord; according to the scripture which says, “The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.” **Proverbs 10:22. Think carefully: what legacy do you want to leave behind in the world? How do you want people to remember you, after you pass away? Therefore, change before it is too late.**

Finally, do not forget that everything in this world will perish, and God alone will remain. Every earthly thing will disappear, and wear out like clothes; but God alone will abide forever. The only way for you to endure and reign eternally; in the kingdom of heaven, is for you to be obedient. Whether we believe it or not; this world will pass away; according to the Book of Psalm which says, “They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will change them, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will have no end.” **Psalms 102:26-27. We pray that you will not come to this world in vain, and you will not be a subordinate to your peers, in Jesus**

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name. Wherever your colleagues are spending money, you will not be in lamentation. Everything that your age-mate achieved with ease will not be difficult for you to accomplish, in Jesus name.

The Seal: John 6:27: Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”