

Pathfinders & Pacesetters 1

by Gbile Akanni

Gbile Akanni teaches that through divine guidance, discipleship, and a Christ-centered mindset, believers can become pathfinders and pacesetters in their spiritual and professional lives.

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Description

In this teaching sermon, Gbile Akanni explores the vital role of discipleship, divine guidance, and a Christ-centered approach in becoming pathfinders and pacesetters. Through testimonies and practical insights, he highlights how believers can excel in their careers and personal lives as a ministry to God. The message encourages listeners to seek God's will through prayer and godly counsel, emphasizing diligence and integrity as key ingredients for success.

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Telephone numbers 0703 03636 59, 0703 76811 98. Email address lsmediaatlivingseed.org or visit our website at www.livingseed.org. Let us sit back and listen as the servant of God brings forth the Word of Life. Today, we'd like to welcome you to day one of our Pathfinders and Pacesetters discussion.

It's going to be an interactive session with three of our guests today. And my name is Priscilla Hannah-Stevenson from Canada, and I'll be one of your hosts. I am a recent graduate from Ryerson University where I obtained a certificate in economics and finance.

And I'm also a graduate from the University of Toronto where I received a certificate in project management. And with me as co-host in today's discussion, we have our brother, Guto Tembe, who is joining us from Russia. He's currently doing his postgraduate in applied mathematics and informatics at the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology.

We want to welcome you, brother. Thank you very much, Priscilla. Before we commence our discussion, I would like to first of all announce that while the discussion is going on, you can simply log into menti.com

and ask whatever question you like our guests to answer.

So thank you. I'm going straight away to introduce one of our guests. He's by name, Oluwadegar Johnson.

He's a full professor at the University of Namibia in the Department of Mechanical and Metallurgical Engineering. Professor Johnson obtained his PhD in materials engineering at the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa. Among several awards, Professor Johnson was awarded the Dean's List Award for students with GPA above 4.5 out of 5.00. That was a 90 percent or 100 percent maximum point in School of Engineering, Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria.

And this, he won this award seven times out of 10. Professor Johnson has a lot of awards and he also had the University Meritorious Award, Outstanding Performance and Contributions to Teaching, Research, Community Development and University Service, as well as community involvement. And this was in 2017 and 2021 respectively.

He has over 80 scientific publications, which include book chapters, peer reviewed journals and conferences. He has also supervised 15 of various students, four PhD, 11 masters. Professor Johnson is the founder of Mathematics and Science Clinic, an initiative which contributes to achieving the Faculty of Engineering and IT management plan by offering free extra classes to learners taking mathematics and physical sciences at higher level within and outside Oceania region, Namibia.

Prof is joining us today from Namibia. You're welcome, sir. It's good to have you with us.

Welcome, sir. All right. So I'm going to hand over to Priscilla to introduce the rest of our guests.

Priscilla, over to you. Thank you. Our second guest for today is Miss Michelle Shikesi.

She's a partner at G. Elias & Co, a tier one law firm in Nigeria. She leads much of the firm's capital markets, structured finance, venture capital and private equity transactions. She holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Masters of Laws degree.

Sorry, Masters of Laws degree from the University of Lagos, Nigeria and New York University. School of Law, New York, USA, respectively. She's admitted to practice law in both Nigeria and New York State, USA.

She has concrete experience and expertise in capital markets, banking and finance, mergers and acquisitions, structured finance, venture capital and private equity transactions. She has advised and driven financing transactions with local and foreign investors on well over 60 transactions with an aggregate value in excess of US \$1 trillion in Nigeria and West Africa. She's been ranked by IFLR 1000 as Rising Star Partner in Capital Markets, Nigeria, and by the Legal 500 as New Generation Partner and Recommended Lawyer in Banking, Finance and Capital Markets.

She was also a finalist on the 40 Under 40 ESQ Nigerian Legal Awards in 2021. And Michelle joins us today from Lagos. So thank you for joining us, Ferrister Michelle.

Our next guest today is Miss Bolu Essien. Bolu is a seasoned digital and marketing professional with over six years of professional experience. She started off as a social media executive and thereafter grew through the ranks to become the head of digital marketing.

So account director where she trained and led a team of hardworking professionals. So social media managers, media planners and buyers, account managers and digital strategists who use digital as a tool to drive brand growth and transformation across Nigeria and Ghana. She has managed advertising budgets for OEMs, FMCGs, banks, oil and gas, fintech, tech companies and many others.

Currently, she's the head of the media for Cadbury West Africa. And in 2021, she was recognized as one of the top 40 Under 40 female marketing professionals in Nigeria. Recently, she won an award, a Mondelag Managers Award.

And she's also a certified marketing professional from Simon Page College of Marketing, where she also served as a digital marketing tutor where she trained brand and marketing managers. When she's not working, she writes and produces film and TV projects with the most recent documentary called Scars of Honor under the production company she co-founded called Evolving Light Studios. And Bolu is married to Emmanuel Essien, an astute marketing professional, an ardent follower of Jesus, and they are blessed with a son.

And he is also a co-founder at the Evolving Light Studios. And Bolu joins us today from Lagos. Welcome, Sister Bolu.

We're grateful to have you here. Thank you. All right.

Thank you, Priscilla. We want to welcome our guests. This is a privilege having you in the studio.

We are excited to see you. And it's interesting that all our guests this evening are young people. So we are going to go straight into our discussion, just interact together.

I would like to ask our professor, Professor Johnson. Sir, please, at what age did you become born again? Thank you so much once again for having me on this platform. Well, I was born into a Christian family.

My parents raised us in the way of the Lord. But of course, as we grew up here and there, we enter into sin, we come out and all that. But then I can put it to it that the actual time when I came to the realization of being born again would be in 1999.

When I was a first year student at the Federal University of Technology in Nigeria. Oh, I see. That should be roughly around 16 years.

Yes, I was 16 years when I got there. That was quite early. Oh, all right.

So when exactly did you discover that it was God's will for you to take this career path? And how did you discover it? Can you just share with us? Well, as I was concluding my secondary school education, I saw that God gave me this special gift to explain things to my friends, to my colleagues. And that's transmitted into the university. So when I was in the university, I also had the opportunity to teach my colleagues and my mates.

And I joined a fellowship, a Christian fellowship, where I became the academic coordinator. And it was from there that I sensed that this is not just a passion because I felt that there were many of our students in that fellowship that were not doing well academically. They were very spiritual, but the academics was not good.

So I saw God speaking to me that, well, even though there is a president that oversees the spiritual life of these people, I want you to focus on the academic life. And from there, I began to pour myself into teaching. And by God's grace, in just one or two years, the result of Brethren began to increase.

And I continued to pursue that as God led me. Wow. That's interesting.

Amen. We do have a follow up question to that. Do you see your career as a ministry? And please share briefly one practical experience of how you've been able to showcase the life of Christ in research or lecturing.

All right. Thank you so much. Well, as I grew on, I saw that the hand of God was strongly upon my life in the aspect of teaching and becoming a lecturer, particularly in 2006.

We got that in just in Nigeria. And our brother was speaking to us. And he was talking about that.

The king should suffer no loss. And it was from that meeting that I caught the burden that even over my own life, God must not suffer any loss. I felt that God has invested so much in my life.

And this has to transmit into a game for the kingdom. So when God moved us to Namibia and we saw it as a ministry and God gave me a strategy, which is to ensure that I was teaching first year students. So which means that no student coming to the university without being my students.

So with that, I was able to relate to them. I was able to begin to speak to them so that while they come into that gate, I will be already there to position them for Christ. Just to conclude that answer, as we speak in this meeting, this cycle meeting, we have about 50 or thereabouts of my students that are also watching this live.

Wow, wow, wow. Thank you very much, Sam. That's interesting.

Seeing the teaching profession now as a ministry. Thank you very much. So we want to find out, I went through your profile and discovered that you have had an accelerated progress in your academic pursuit.

And I would just like to know, how did you become a professor in such a short space of time? And because you are still in your 30s, you became a professor in your 30s. How did you become a professor in such a short space of time? And what has been your motivation for excellence? Well, thank you so much once again. I saw that God has a need of me.

Just like we were hearing yesterday, as the word of God was coming that, is there not a cause? There is a cause. And God helped me to discover this very early. So I look at myself as a product of divine guidance.

Just as our elder brother, Brother Simeon, was speaking about discipleship just now. Very early, as of 2007, I began to pursue the aspect of discipleship. And God brought my disciple into my life, which became the driving force.

Every time God permits me to achieve any success, and we are celebrating that, my disciple comes in and says, no, let's keep going. God still has a higher plan for us to go through. So I finished my first degree when I was 21, with a distinction in engineering from FUTA in Nigeria.

Then I moved to South Africa. I had my master's when I was 24. And I had my PhD when I was 27.

And by God's grace, I became an associate professor at 34. And by God's grace, I became a full professor when I was 37. So it was God walking through us.

Amen. We see how vital discipleship is in the making of our lives and fulfilling the individual purpose God has for each and every single one of us. How would you say discipleship played a role, just like it played a role in your studies and helping you in the process of knowing God's will concerning who you will marry? Well, we want to thank God.

Particularly, I sincerely thank God for bringing godly counsel my way at the junction of marriage. While I was about to finish my PhD, the desire to get married began to come in. But before then, because I've been going to several seminars and Bible study while I was young about marriage.

But then I couldn't see the picture that I had in my heart about a Christian home. Until in 2008, when I visited my disciple and I was there for three days, I visited his home for three days. And I was thinking that I was going for Bible study.

I was thinking these three days would be for Zephaniah. It would be for the book of Zechariah and all of that. But I was shocked that there was no Bible study.

We're just waking up and we're just leaving. After three days, I saw the picture of a Christian home. I felt that this was what I've been having at the back of my mind.

This is it. This is the audio visual of it. Then after that, I came back to South Africa and I was living my life.

Then suddenly I started getting attracted to a particular sister. As I was getting attracted to her, I contacted my disciple to say, Sir, there is this sister and this is how my heart is moving towards her. I feel maybe she's the one and all that.

What do you say? It was shocking to me that my disciple never said yes or no. He just said, let's keep praying. Then after I prayed for some time, it wasn't coming true.

Then I decided, I said, maybe I should speak to the wife. Maybe the wife will help me to convince the husband to allow me to go on. I got the shock of my life.

As I spoke to the wife, she reprimanded me with the word of God to say, no, it is not correct that a child of God should fall in love first before discovering the will of God. When she reprimanded me, I said, no, no, no. I better run back to daddy.

I just left her. I ran back to daddy. I said, let me wait on daddy.

Eventually, when my disciple came, he said, he told me, he said, he was going to give me TV prayer points. That after those TV prayer points, when I get the answers to them, then I should come back. Then we can continue talking.

I was so excited. Prayer point number one. Lord, introduce her to me.

Since you know all men. Prayer point number two. Lord, what is the length, the breadth and the depth of our life? Prayer point number three.

Lord, will our life be expanding with the expansion of my life? I felt what kind of prayers are these ones? But I obeyed. After praying that prayer for about three months, I discovered that all the affection that I had for this sister melted. And very soon after that, God began to minister to me about my wife today.

Who has been a very good friend and a prayer partner. We have been friends for many years. Then God began to speak to me about her.

Then I also presented this again to my disciple and her disciple to check for us. And that is how we thank God. All right.

Thank you very much. Yes. On that same topic.

I would like to ask sister Bowie. What has been your experience regarding the role of discipleship and knowing the will of God concerning marriage? Thank you. Thank you.

I'm smiling because. You know, It's the same thing with discipleship. These are his principles remain the same wherever you are, whatever the gender male or female.

Is the same thing for me. You know, I got into, of course, I gave my life to Christ as well. At the age of like 17, 18.

And so there was just this focus on just Jesus. I just want to be like Jesus. You know, that's what it's like.

That's why I came in contact with peace house. It was just. Well, to be like the, you know, just to be like this.

The more I finished my invest. I wasn't focused on relationship, Jesus. And so when I started working, of course, Different people started, you know, approaching me.

You know, similarly to what. My brother had said, I also, I'm from a polygamist home. And, you know, my parents really tried from what they could, you know, But, you know, when you have.

Experience Jesus. And you just know that a home with Jesus is not like this. I don't know what the home with Jesus fully looks like.

But I know what it's not. You know, I'm God so good at that time as well. And, you know, And, you know, And, you know, going to their house, just seeing the way.

The wife is very accommodating. I see what I knew in my future and my mind that in my home. I'll be accommodating people.

Very accommodating. Access how they are more about. So by the time you go to the point of marriage, when.

You know, I'd met my husband. You know, You know, It was important for me to live more with them. And then my husband also came into discipleship.

Engaging with, you know, my disciple. He now became our father. You know, Principles.

So really much. The joy and peace. We're experiencing our home.

Now. And as we continue. Simply because we have seen examples.

All right. Thank you. Thank you very much.

It's becoming clear that. Discipleship has played a very critical role. In both our marriages.

Just like a professor. Was sharing. Please.

You have one. I would like to. You to share with us.

You have won quite a number of awards. And. We are aware that.

You have over six to nine years of professional experience. Please share with us. What has been.

What are the notable ingredients? That were key in facilitating this achievement. Okay. There's a scripture that has always been in my heart.

You know, since I gave my life to Christ. And you know how the word of God. You study the Bible consciously.

Consciousness. One of the scriptures is. You know, so that has been.

Right from the beginning. I'm not walking. Of course, it's wonderful to be promoted.

And I have experienced that. I wasn't expecting promotion. And they just come to HR's office.

You know, I'm one of those people that visit HR's office a lot. Because. But it's simply because the focus was diligence.

And doing everything. I just asked myself if Jesus was in my shoes. How would Jesus do this work? So I think that's always been the focus.

For me doing it. And not because you want to be recognized. Oh, that's great.

Thank you very much. That was the motivation. All right, so.

Priscilla, do you have any? Yes, we would like to ask you a question. Is there a specific time that you can remember. As head of digital marketing.

Where you saw the agenda of the enemy being pushed. But through the position of leadership. You were able to shut it down.

Okay, so I think I would rather use. The experience of when I was at the agency. And currently.

So typically in the space where we work marketing. In marketing you deal with money. Yes, of course.

And if you are not grounded. In the faith to know that you will give account of anything. There is a very likelihood and temptation.

And in the marketing space. People will tell you. People siphon money, people steal money.

Sometimes it is a partner will offer you money. To give them more money. Just to cut corners and all of that.

But the discipleship. And the understanding that everything is going to flow. And whether you will give account.

Now that I am on this side. Of managing the client. And on the brand side.

There is really no partner that can reach out to me. Please give us this. You cannot reach out to me.

I am a Christian, I do not joke with my integrity. I do not want to be caught now. That is not even the focus.

You can hide things. You can cover things up. But because we give accounts to God.

You cannot bribe me to get. Thank you very much. If we have more time.

We will come back to you. I would like to share a practical experience. During your experience.

In the marketing space. We would like to hear from. Barista Michelle.

You look very young. Yet you seem to have accomplished much in your career. You are already on the global scene.

You have already been ranked by. The IFLR 1000 as a rising star partner. 500 as a new generation partner.

And recommended partner. How did you achieve all of this? And what has been your motivation? Can you share with us briefly? Yes, thank you very much. Can you hear me? I would say that.

First of all. God getting hold of me. Or getting my attention at a very young age.

Around 17. Right after secondary school. That is very important.

That helps me to be grounded on time. Not that I am completely grounded. I am still growing.

But that set me on that path. With God leading me as well. Going for my first degree.

My Bachelor of Laws degree. God had told me. This is the school that you would go.

This is why you are going there. This is what I am going to do. If I did not know the Lord.

If he did not get my attention at the time he did. It would not be the same story. I would say that.

What has been my motivation. Having guides. Having people.

Especially much older Christians. Who are looking and saying. You should do this at this time.

The professor would say. You need to step up. This is not where to stop.

Keep going. I would call it a type of restlessness. Keep moving.

Not for myself. But for the kingdom. Thank you.

Thank you very much. We see the importance of serving the Lord while you are young. We did have a question.

Did you ever face a situation as a barrister. Where you were encouraged to lie and do the wrong thing. How did you deal with it? What was your approach? Yes, as a lawyer.

Not all lawyers. It is about standing my ground. There have been times.

A lot of times. I remember one time. When a partner in a firm I was working.

Told me. You are going to work on this for me. Do this and do that.

To handle that matter. By the time I looked at everything. I saw some fraudulent activity was going on.

It is about some landed property. Someone trying to take it over. It is a choice place in Lagos.

There was much motivation to go ahead. The client had paid millions of dollars. Without us doing anything.

I respectfully went to the partner. I said I see there is a lot of fraud going on. Look at this.

I am not going to handle this. He tried to convince me. I said I am not doing this.

I had to stand my ground. I was able to work on it. God helped me not to be involved in that.

Thank you. Would you say it is normal for Christians to experience persecution in the workplace? It is normal. Anyone who is Godly will suffer persecution.

People will misunderstand you. People will speak against you. People will try to get you to do something wrong.

Encourage you. Let's just do our work. You can leave church aside.

You can go back. That is not how we have learned Christ. It is just one life.

You always have that persecution. Continue to be excellent at what you do. Working hard.

Nobody wants to lose you. That is how God has been helping me. Thank you.

Thank you very much. I think we have listened carefully to your discussions and experiences. Everything is looking so sweet.

It is looking very sweet to hear. I would like to know maybe from Sister Bulu within the shortest possible time can you share with us very quickly what specific experience you had maybe in the course of working in your office, in your company and how you were able to overcome certain challenges to stand out for God and where you failed. Briefly.

I remember an experience I had. It was a betting company. They had offered me an opportunity.

When I was waiting for the interview I went. After I went for the interview they wanted to give me the job. I was pregnant at the time.

I told them I can't do it. I remember the HR manager asked me why I couldn't do it. I told him it was against my faith.

Jesus will not have me do this. The head of marketing spoke to my pastor. He said I can't work here.

I said Jesus is not permitting me. I cannot freely tell you I work in this company. I cannot tell you to come and buy my product.

When I'm preaching to people I can't tell them I'm preaching Jesus to you. I can't take that offer. They were even willing to pay me while I was on maternity leave.

That's how I refused. After I refused that offer this organization called me. I'm working here with peace of mind and joy.

That's great. Because of time we will pause here and see if we have questions. We will quickly take them.

Priscilla, can you help us? Yes. I'm going to turn this question over to you. How did you balance your academic life and your spiritual life without interference? Thank you so much for that question.

The first thing we learned in discipleship is that we don't have double lives. We don't have a spiritual life and a secular life. What we have is the life of Christ.

God wants us to take that life whether we are in the academic world whether we are in the classroom or whether we are in church. Sometimes I was struggling to preach in church. I want to preach and all that.

Then God said, I have given you a puppet in your classroom. What have you preached to them? I embraced that. In terms of the life whether it is academic or secular it is one life and it is the life of Christ that desires excellence everywhere.

Thank you very much. Whether you are in the classroom or in the market or in business, it is one life. Can we have the next question? What is it that inspired you to keep going in the effective pursuit in your career? Barisa, can you answer that question for us? What has been inspiring you? I think you mentioned something that we have responded to.

What I would say is key is God's hand and God's leading. When you are in an organization in my own experience people said to me you are more than this. You are doing this and that.

You have all of that. If I am led by what people are saying what I am feeling how maybe dissatisfied I might feel without God saying it is time to move on it is time to do the next thing. That means I will miss what God wants me to if not by God's mercy I will miss out on what he has planned.

God's ways are past finding out. What is key is continue to work with God continue to be led by the Holy Spirit continue to beg God for help that is how to keep going. Critical is it is not about my career what I want to achieve what I want to put under my name at the end of my name it is about what God wants me to do why he wants me to do it for his own glory and kingdom.

That is what has driven me so far. Thank you very much. I know that Sister Ebulu has been so passionate about her career in the media space.

Can you make an input to that? I don't think I could have said it any better. It is the same thing. Honestly, what does Jesus want you to do? Trusting that you understand it you are guided through it and you walk in it.

Thank you. I don't know if the brethren are helping us do we still have a critical question that we must take before we move on? This is coming to the Prof. What are the practical ways that Professor Benga put forth

in soul winning of new students and what advice can he give to the youth to use in winning souls in their schools and places? Professor, over to you. Thank you so much.

Practically, like I just said for example, this meeting we have over 50 of my own students that are sitting in this meeting. What I do by God's grace is first of all to be excellent in what I am doing. Jesus said, follow me.

He asked his disciples to follow him because he was followable. He was moving. What I do in class is that I try to by God's grace, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to be the best in my classroom.

When I am teaching, first just by my teaching the students are attracted to me. They just love Prof. Johnson. It is that love that draws them.

When they come closer, I begin to share with them that actually this is not in myself. There is an excellent spirit that you need to catch. From there, I begin to guide them particularly in their own academics to help them.

Sometimes I organize tutorials. Sometimes I just make myself available and accessible. By God's grace, God has been using that to draw them.

We have been meeting. We have opened our home. Our house is open to our students.

They come to our house. Sometimes they come for food. From the food, the food of the word of God also comes to them.

It is beautiful. Thank you very much, Prof. Follow Christ. The life of Christ attracts.

Following is attracting them. They are also compared to follow to come. Thank you very much.

We will still take a question from NC.com. Priscilla wants to share it. She will help us read out the question. I think that may be the last.

I do have a follow-up question just for Sister Volu. How is your production company? How have you used that as a tool to win souls? We just skipped off. For us, just to put some context into it, with growth comes a different level of interactions.

For us, what we want to do is create Godly alternatives. We have a documentary that we shot recently. It is not only content that is going to be evangelical.

It is content that is important whether entertaining or informative. We are creating Godly alternatives. We can't just watch TV . We want to create content that families can sit, watch and enjoy without the fear of upsetting the Holy Spirit , what is happening to my faith and all of those worries and the impact that social media is having.

That is what we intend to create. Like I said, look out for more. Thank you very much.

I think we will follow up . While the professor was speaking, I would like him to throw more light on it. You said that there is something about possessing an excellent spirit. How do you mean by that? What does it mean to possess an excellent spirit? How does that manifest in your academics? How did it manifest for you practically? Thank you so much.

Just like we were following the instruction that came this morning, there is a seed that wins. There is a spirit . Where others are struggling, you just see that grace breaking forth for you. Just like we saw in the life of Daniel.

I sense that it was important for me to collect that spirit. It was important for me to be a carrier of such seeds. I remember vividly , I think in 2010, when our dad came to South Africa and we were talking about the message that makes me usable.

I wanted to showcase some of the things that I have here. We started from this. This is where we started from, collecting the instructions.

Before, we went to things like that. This is the dress to carry the king. This is the license to carry the king.

This was 2008. The other one here is 2006. We have been keeping all of this because we felt that we are drawing instructions from all of this for my own life, personally.

First of all, it is not that God does not want to give this seed that wins. It will not fall on the wrong life. It will not fall on the wrong heart.

If it falls, then pride will come in. When God begins to break forth in one's life, pride will begin to set in. As we are going through discipleship, we are learning that God is putting all of these accolades on us just to be able to carry the king.

As young people listening to me this evening, I want you to open your hearts and prepare your hearts to receive this seed that causes a man to win in every aspect of life. I have experienced this and I thank God for that. Thank you very much.

As you were talking, you made mention of the message that came up in 2006 or 2008. Dressed to carry the king. For those of you that have been with us, those of you that attended last year's cycle, you will note that one of our guests made mention of that same message.

Dressed to carry the king. It is coming up again. I would like to advise and counsel that wherever you are and you are hooking up with us, please find time to go on YouTube and search for that message.

Thank you very much. We really appreciate it. As we are discussing, it is becoming much clearer from what God began saying to us when we started with the opening church.

The reason, I am beginning to be very challenged right now because I am saying more to what God is doing. The reason for why I must insist to be excellent is the fact that there is a cause. And that Judah indeed is under siege.

The territories of Judah have been occupied by the enemy. And Judah depends on what it is to you. God is leading you into whether you are in the legal profession, whether you are in media, whether you are in the classroom, wherever you are.

We are noting again and again that those territories, God intends that we will take over those territories. He wants us to reclaim them back. It is so exciting to listen to what our guests are sharing with us this evening.

Thank you very much. Priscilla, is there any question you quickly want to ask our guests before we ask them to give us their final parting words? Any questions? I think we only have a couple of minutes left so we can go straight and we can ask them. Our guests, thank you.

We are so grateful. We are excited that you were able to join us in the studio. Before we go, is there any parting words that you want to leave with our viewers? Yes.

Please go ahead. As God's word is coming, as God is reaching out, the Holy Spirit is touching your heart and speaking to all of our participants, students, youth, don't trust what God is saying. Don't be like, I will deal with it later.

That is where your future is. You need to let God lay hold on you. That is where your future is.

Thank you. Thank you very much. Ralph? Thank you so much.

The parting words for me is this. When I look at my life and I summarise everything. Sorry, let me interrupt you.

Your parting words are going to be very strong. The way I see you, you have a lot of momentum. Let's allow you to come last.

There is one question that is pressing. Let's take that question. As a disciple under a human disciple, I want to further my education.

How can my disciple be of help to me academically? Any of our guests can respond to that. I want to take that. Not because I have experienced a disciple that is not of education, but discipleship is not ownership.

Discipleship is guidance. In the course of my journey from 2008 to today, I have journeyed through three disciples. The first was when I gave my life to Christ.

As I continued to grow, when I got to 300 level, my walk with God increased. I knew that God wanted me to move onto a new disciple. I prayed and then I started my walk with God.

The third disciple, which is my current disciple, was after I finished university. God told me his name specifically. When I went to his place, he called my former disciple and said this is what God is saying.

I can never forget that day. After that conversation, I knelt down and he knelt down. We prayed because it was a transfer.

It was like in marriage, how you hand over. I remember that day because it was a significant aspect of my life. The disciple that God is helping you to go with is not educated.

It doesn't mean you can't interact with another disciple. If you need counsel for a disciple that is educated, please prayerfully speak to somebody else. Discipleship is not ownership.

It is guidance. Thank you very much. I think right now we can ask our professor to bring his final words.

Thank you so much. I was just passionately saying that when I look at the journey of my life, I can put it down to two things. It is that when God wants to help a young man, when God wants to help a young person, he exposes that person to his words early in life.

It is not money that God gives to a young person first. God just creates that anger for his word. I have shown you some tapes.

These tapes have been with me for more than 16 years. I carry them from one nation to the other. Even though I don't have anything to play them, but I cherish them.

That is the first thing. The second thing I sense is that apart from God exposing a young person to his word early in life, he also monitors and directs his choices. This is the aspect of discipleship.

I have made a lot of mistakes in my life if not for discipleship and guidance. God using my elders to say, let's pray, let's watch this, let's do this. I see how God was doing that.

I could today give thanks to God for what God has done in my life. Young people that are here today, don't take for granted these instructions that are coming. The first student congress in 2004 was my own first encounter.

The battle for the young. That is what I have continued to process. I have seen what God has done in my life.

Don't take for granted these instructions. This is what God wants to bring into your life and the aspect of choices. I thank you.

Thank you very much. I would love to go on and on. Because questions are coming left to right.

I would love to respond to them. We will first look at that. Maybe tomorrow.

We sincerely want to appreciate our guests once again. We want to thank you for making our time to be part of this discussion. Also to our listeners, thank you for following this session.

We hope you have been tremendously blessed. We will take to heart the issues that God has raised amongst us. We will continue this session at the same time tomorrow.

Make sure to tune in. Until then, stay safe. God bless you.

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