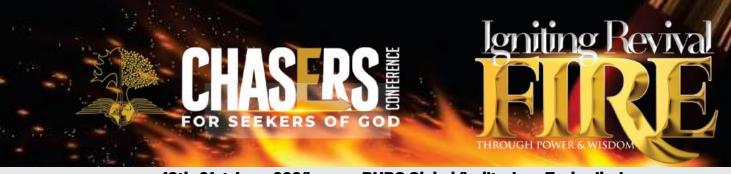


Igniting Revival



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Thursday 19th June 2025

3:30–3:45 PM – Open Arrival & Registration 3:45–4:00 PM – Declaring the Conference Open - Pst. David Makanjuola 4:00–4:20 PM – Praise Session - Worship Team 4:20–4:30 PM – Welcome & Information - Mr Timothy Adeolu 4:30–5:45 PM – Plenary Session 1 & Prayer – Rev'd Bolaji Odejide **The 21st Century Prophetic Church in Power & Wisdom** 5:45–5:50 PM – Documentary – Media 5:50–6:00 PM – Worship Medley – Mrs Damilola Aniyikaye 6:00–6:05 PM – Introduction of Guest 6:05–6:55 PM – Plenary Session 2 – Rev'd Idowu Olawuyi

Igniting and Equipping Men God Uses

6:55–7:05 PM – Uproar – Rev'd Matthew Taiwo 7:05–7:15 PM – Information & Closing - Rev'd Bolaji Odejide

Friday 20th June 2025 (Afternoon) GRADUATION OF SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

12:00 – 12:05 PM – Academic Procession (Hymn) 12:05 – 12:08 PM – Opening Prayer 12:08 – 12:13 PM – Welcome Remarks (Registrar) 12:13 – 12:20 PM – Admission to Degrees 12:20 – 12:40 PM – Impartation 12:40 – 12:45 PM – Administration to SOM Alumni Body 12:45 – 12:50 PM – Vote of Thanks & Closing 12:50 – 12:55 PM – Recession

Presiding: Rev'd Dr. Dayo Oladeji 1:45–2:00 PM – Declaring the Heaven Open - Pst Ibukun Aniyikaye 2:00–2:20 PM – Praise – Worship Team 2:20–2:25 PM – Welcome & Information - Mr Timothy Adeolu 2:25–2:30 PM – Introduction of Guest 2:30–3:20 PM – Plenary Session 3 – Rev'd Dr. Gideon Akanbi Igniting the Next Generation: Launching and Growing a Vibrant Youth

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3:20–3:30 PM – Uproar - Rev'd Bolaji Odejide 3:30–3:40 PM – Information & Introduction of Guest 3:40–4:30 PM – Plenary Session 4 – Rev'd Taiwo Opajobi Spreading the Fire of Stewardship of Influence through Wisdom and Power

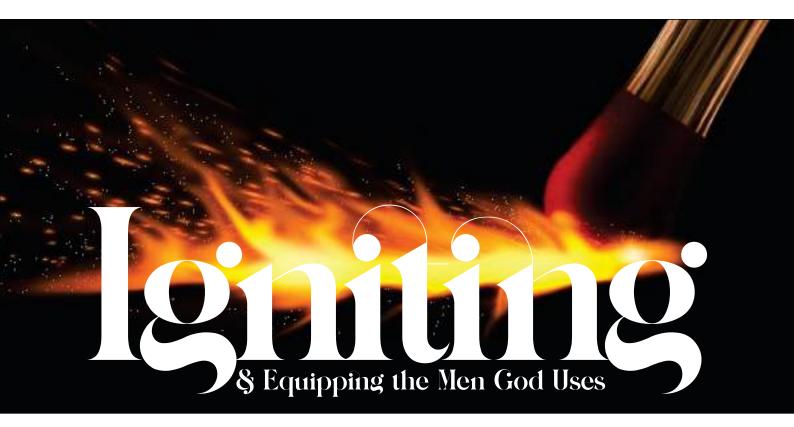
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Friday 20th June 2025 (Evening)

Presiding : Rev'd Dayo Oloyede 5:10–5:15 PM – Opening Prayer - Pastor Mayowa Oni 5:15–5:30 PM – Praise – Mrs Bimbo Akinrinola 5:30–5:35 PM – Welcome & Introduction - Rev'd Bolaji Odejide 5:35–6:25 PM – Plenary Session 5 (Panel Discussion) Participants: Rev'd Idowu Olawuyi, Rev'd Taiwo Opajobi, Rev'd Niyi Adebayo, Rev'd Dr. S. O. James 6:25–6:30 PM – Uproar - Rev'd Dr Dayo Oladeji 6:30–6:35 PM – Introduction of Guest 6:35–7:25 PM – Plenary Session 6 – Rev'd Niyi Adebayo **The Church Wealth Transfer: Raising Funds for Church Growth** 7:25–7:30 PM – Uproar - Rev'd Bolaji Odejide 7:30–7:35 PM – Information & Closing - Rev'd Bolaji Odejide

Saturday 21st June 2025 (Morning)

Presiding : Rev'd Bolaji Odejide 8:30 – 8:45 AM – Aerobics - Mr Afolabi 8:45 – 8:55 AM – Let the Fire Fall – Rev'd Olumuyiwa Oke 8:55 –9:10 AM – Opening Praise - Worship Team 9:10–9:15 AM – Introduction of Guest 9:15–10:05 AM – Plenary Session 7 – Rev'd Dr. S. O. James **Spreading the Revival Fire: Balancing Family & Ministry** 10:05–10:10 AM – Uproar 10:10–10:25 AM – Information & Update 10:25–11:15 AM – Plenary Session 8 – Rev'd Dr. Lakin Olabiyi **Igniting Revival Fire through Prayer, Fasting, and Winning Souls** 11:15–11:25 AM – Uproar - Rev'd Bolaji Odejide 11:25–11:30 AM – Information & Closing - Rev'd Bolaji Odejide



Throughout history, God has never depended on great, mighty and wise men to use. Rather, He takes ordinary men and turns them into extraordinary people. He takes ignorant and unschooled men, overhaul them and equip them for His use.

He calls us not just to exist, but to live as burning and shining light to our world. We are called to arise, shine and never to dim down our light.

The Holy Spirit remains the igniter and equipper of men for God's use, and He does this through different channels.

WORD CHANNEL

As useful as the handset is, it is useless when the battery is flat. The Word of God is the power bank to charge your spirit for kingdom usefulness. It is also your maintenance tool. Without it, you are cut off (Act 6: 3) God will only ignite the power of the Spirit after you have loaded your rifle with the bullet of the Word. You can't dominate the world until the Word dominates you. Supernatural wisdom comes when you regularly sharpen and upgrade your mind with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, which is the Word. The Holy Spirit illuminates the Word so you can discover your road map (Psa 119: 105).

FAITH CHANNEL

Your faith opens the flood gate of heaven for the outpouring of the rain of the Spirit. Grace qualifies you before God but faith gives you access into God's grace. When you take God at His word, you commit Him to act on your behalf. Your belief triggers the release of joy, peace, hope and the extra ordinary power of the Holy Spirit. Your eager expectation that God will do something glorious through you creates a vacuum of faith that the Holy Spirit always fill (Rom 15:13). God uses men who dare to

believe Him for the impossible.

OBEDIENCE CHANNEL

Faith devoid of obedience is like a heavily loaded rifle without a trigger. You must believe God enough to follow, irrespective of where He leads. God opens His treasury only to those who have been tested in the school of obedience. Until you take His instructions as your life commands, you cannot command His power. Your quick response to divine instructions establishes your authority as a messenger. Obeying God's leading guarantees the anointing in the place of service. Access to power is matched with His leading. God is only committed to what He has called you to do and not what you like to do(1 Thes. 5: 24)

PRAYER CHANNEL

The Holy Spirit, the power and sustainer of the man whom God uses is given in answer to earnest and passionate prayer (Eph 3: 14 - 19).

The disciples waited passionately and prayed passionately. When the passion for prayer is lost, flesh takes over and uses a man instead of being used by God. Thus, rather than praying to possess, they pay and pressure to possess. Instead of agonizing, they begin to organize and they replace intercession with interference. Prayer will not only bring down the power to do exploits but the power to sustain the man of God. Praver keeps the channel for the supply of the Spirit continually open (Acts 2:42).

PURITY CHANNEL

God does not use unclean vessels but He cleans the vessels He calls to use. The Spirit of God is called the Holy Spirit and that of Satan is called the unclean spirit and both can't cohabit. God made us holy when He called us but the responsibility of maintaining our state through sanctification does not depend on God alone afterwards. The man that God uses knows how to keep himself pure even as he has been made pure. He knows how to possess his body in sanctification (1 John 3:3) Sanctification is a nonnegotiable qualification for the man whom God uses. Salvation makes you a son of God but sanctification backs you with the power of sonship (2 Tim 2:21).



Introduction

Many servants of God, past and present, may have great and varying definitions for the term Revival. For this study, we will define *revival as the awakening of the spirit, soul, and body of an individual or a group of people to fellowship with God, experience Him in diverse ways, and ultimately serve as conduits to bring that same experience to others around them.*

When revival begins with a man or a people, the will of God is for it to spread from people to people and place to place. Hence, revival can be pictured as the fire that God ignites in a man or a people (Judges 15:4-5, Matt. 3:11, John 5:35). His intention is to keep the flames burning and spreading. This fire is not just emotional or momentary, it is the tangible and transforming move of the Holy Spirit. Though many believers may have experienced spiritual awakening at different points in their faith journey, not many have built the capacity to sustain the fire, let alone pass it on. Some were once aflame for God but have been cooled by

relationships, the cares of life, or its many challenges. Yet, God is willing to restore any man, no matter how far they have fallen.

This is why it is crucial to understand the *ambient of revival*, which is the spiritual environment and practices a believer must embrace to dwell in and sustain the fire of God.

The Nature and Atmosphere of Revival

The ambient (or atmosphere) of revival facilitates the awakening of the human spirit, soul, and body in response to the move of the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 32:13-15). Notice how that scripture moves from a wilderness to a fruitful field and then to a forest; this informs that personal revival precedes corporate revival. Jesus Himself set the pattern. In Luke 4:1-2, we read that Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. There, He fasted for forty days. And when He returned, He came back in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:14). This is the beginning point of revival: being filled, being led, being yielded. The move of the

Spirit is the move of revival. The absence of the Spirit is the absence of revival. Our churches, no matter how well structured, are spiritually dead if the operations of the Holy Ghost are lacking.

Prayer and Fasting in Revival

When Jesus entered the wilderness, the Bible says He ate nothing. Though the Spirit led Him into the wilderness, the Scriptures do not state explicitly that the Spirit commanded Him to fast. Yet Jesus *chose* to fast. Revival is not sustained by waiting for clear commands; those who walk in revival are those who *choose* to seek God with fasting and prayer.

In the delicate moments of Jesus' earthly ministry at Gethsemane (Matthew 26:38 -45), He invited Peter, James, and John to pray with Him. They could not. "*The spirit is* willing, but the flesh is weak." Later, in Acts 4:23-31, the disciples, now filled with the Holy Spirit, prayed so powerfully that the place where they were gathered shook physically. The difference? They were revived. The Church must awaken. As in Acts 12, when James was killed, the Church did not pray. But when Peter was imprisoned, the Church prayed fervently and heaven responded. How many "James" have been lost because the Church failed to intercede? How many "Peters" are in prisons of addiction, depression, divorce, or demonic oppression, simply because we have fallen asleep?

The Power and Expression of Revival

Revival transforms ordinary practices into extraordinary results. In Acts 3, Peter and John went to the temple for the three o'clock prayer. A lame man, who had always been at the *gate of prayer*, was healed that day, not with silver or gold, but by the power of God. The ambient of revival turns religious routine into a miraculous encounter. In Acts 13, men were commissioned into ministry during a time of intense prayer and fasting. Revival expands ministry beyond the pulpit; believers are equipped and sent to carry the Kingdom wherever they go (Ephesians 4:11-12).

When our Christian gatherings are marked by genuine encounters with God, their impact will echo far beyond the walls, replacing the emptiness and shame that come from spiritual dryness. *Quicken us, O God, and we shall call upon Your name!* When Jesus returned from the wilderness, *He returned in power*. He taught in their synagogues, and His fame spread. But it was not about self-glorification.

Revival's *flame* and *fame* are tools for witnessing, not for ego. Jesus did not seek to make a name for Himself; God gave Him a name (Philippians 2:9). True revival directs attention to God, not to man.

Soulwinning as the Goal of Revival

The heart of revival is not just power, it is compassion for

souls. What Jesus agonized over in Gethsemane was the salvation of man. His final commission was, "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). "You shall receive power... and you shall be My witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Where there is consistent revival, souls are saved and discipled. But sadly, many believers today cannot clearly articulate the Gospel. Even fewer have the depth to disciple a new believer. The revived are soul winners. They don't merely feel good during worship; they go out and make a difference.

Experiencing and sustaining personal revival

Revival must be sustained before it can be spread. Here are five keys:

1. Hunger Thirst for the Holy Spirit. Without deep desire, the flow of the Spirit cannot be contacted, and revival cannot be birthed (Isaiah 55:1-3).

2. Communion God is not a respecter of persons; whatever a man sows, that he will reap. Sow into your spirit by spending quality time in God's presence. What happens in secret determines what manifests in power (Matthew 17:1- 5).

3. Prayer and Fasting Men who sustain the fire are given to prayer and fasting (Acts 13:2, Acts 9:9, Acts 6:4,Luke 5:35, 2 Corinthians 11:27b). Jesus said, "*This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting*" (Matthew 17:21). Revival is one of those "kinds" that cannot be birthed or sustained casually. 4. Fellowship Anything is possible in an atmosphere where God's children are gathered in unity and prayer. God has designed corporate experiences that cannot be replaced by solitude. (Acts 2:1, Hebrews 12:22-24).

5. Continuity Spiritual things are slippery. Consistency in prayer, fasting, and the Word is non-negotiable (Acts 17:11, Hebrews 3:13). Revival is continuous, not a one-time event.

Conclusion: The Call to Arise

The road to corporate revival is paved by personal revival. When we embrace the ambient of revival, when we are led by the Spirit, given to prayer and fasting, moved with compassion for souls, and committed to teaching and witnessing, then God begins to turn ordinary places into *pools* of Bethesda (John 5:1-15) where people are changed forever. Now is the time. Stand up against that satanic assault in your life, home, business, church, and nation. Where are the intercessors who will feel the anguish in the soul of the Saviour? Who will not be ignorant in this season of revival?

Arise. Burn. Shine. Not just in words, but in conduct. The mandate is to make disciples, not just within the Church, but everywhere. Shalom!

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Introduction

2 Cor. 12:15, Luke 12:16-21

The place of money in the ministries of the church is vital. Money does not drive the Church, but the many in-reach, outreach and meetings of the church require adequate breath of fund. Building, maintenance, procurements, taxes, welfare, evangelism, missions, help ministries, community services, stipends and more are parts of the daunting needs of the church. The church responds to financial participations of parishioners by ways of 12&13).

offering, tithe, thanksgiving offering, personal pledges, willful donations and other forms of sacrificial giving acceptable to each local assembly and denomination. In the case of Jesus Christ, certain people touched and impacted by His ministry gave Him support (Luke 8:1ff). At a time when the Master was to pay tax, it was by money from the mouth of a fish (Matthew 17:24-27). Suffice to say that the first time the word money shows up these by ways of calling for in the Holy Scriptures, it was mentioned by God (Genesis 17:

worship offering, project One of the key duties of the

church is to manage God's sustainability. Crash and other online media of the resources properly. Thus, fundraising drives are not managing the human, material, healthy forever. For instance, as financial and other resources you plan the structural layout of God blesses the church with your church building, can you becomes the burden of trust on accommodate a hall or space for the leadership of such lease? assembly. In most cases, the Lead Pastor focuses more on the management of the ministries of the word and prayers. A set of leaders are then commissioned to help manage the financial structure of the church, hereafter called the Finance Committee. This will allow the lead ministers face other core ministries of the church. The Lead Pastor is the accounting officer but not necessarily the account officer.

The Finance Committee of a church plays a crucial role in managing the church's financial resources. The committee is expected to join the Pastor in raising funds for the many activities of the church.

STRATEGIC WAYS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR **MINISTRY**

A. Budgeting and Financial Planning

1. Develop and Manage Budgets (Proverbs 21:5): Create detailed annual budgets and monitor to ensure alignment with the church's mission and goals. Such budget is expected to be ready one month before the projected year. This is the first thing to do. It helps us to know how much is needed for a particular project or programme of the church (Luke 14:28).

2. Long-term Financial Planning (Genesis 41:34-36): Develop strategies for long-term investments for the church.

3. Stewardship Education (1 Corinthians 4:2; Malachi 3:10): Biblical stewardship principles and teachings that can encourage members to give generously and sacrificially.

4. Fundraising and Development (Exodus 25:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:7): Develop strategies to raise funds for specific church projects, missions, or programs in-house.

5. Special Fund Support Appeals (Nehemiah 2:17-18; Philippians 4:16-18): The finance committee and leadership of the church shall identify church partners, hidden disciples, former members, members in diaspora and other friends of the Commission to support in the face of huge projects. This is why the church's account should not be limited to Naira operations.

6. Investments (Matthew 25:14-30; Proverbs 13:11): The church can raise an investment team or engage the service of a fund manager to come up with reliable investment options. Such investment drives must be take the commerce of the church's environment into consideration. School, agriculture, rentals, shares, transport services, mini marts, printing, kitchen services, fuel stations, MFBs, travel agency, treasury bills, real estate, and more are open areas of financial stability, growth, and Monitisation of the YouTube

church also helps. The church will need a skilled team for this.

7. Celebrations (Deuteronomy 16:16-17): Family thanksgiving, men's day, women's day, birthday thanksgiving and more.

8. Support-based appointments (Exodus 36:2-5): Appointing patrons, matrons and board of advisors for the youths, teenagers, children and some selective departments in the church. These individuals mobilise funds on their own for some of the activities of their departments.

9. Grants and blessings through divine provisions (John 6:11-13): No vision of God will lack divine provision. The church should always look up to God for financial miracle.

10. Skill Development and Vocational Trainings (Proverbs 22:29): Produce and sell churchbranded items such as books, CDs, T-shirts, and souvenirs to raise funds for ministry expansion.

B. Compliance and Governance

1. Financial Policy Development (1 Corinthians 14:40; 2 Corinthians 8:20-21): Establish and maintain financial policies, procedures, and guidelines. The members of the finance committee shall be given random responsibilities for the sake of transparency and avoidance of counting or recording errors. Again, no amount of the church may be spent without raising vouchers. Receipts and invoices shall also be kept.

2. Compliance with Laws and Regulations (Romans 13:1-7): Ensure the church's financial activities comply with relevant laws, regulations, and industry standards.

3. *Regular Banking:* Income of the church shall be deposited to the bank from time to time. As we count cash collections, online transactions shall also be counted per service.

4. Accounts in Foreign Currencies (Isaiah 60:5): The committee shall open foreign currency accounts to accommodate supports from online worshippers.

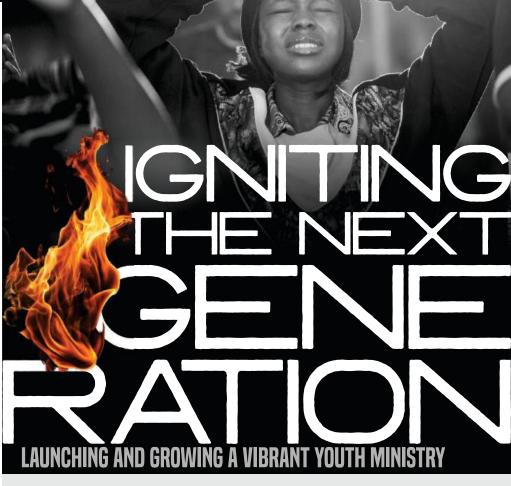
5. Periodic Auditing (2 Corinthians 13:5): Conduct internal and external audits regularly to ensure financial integrity.

6. Transparent Reporting (Habakkuk 2:2): Publish quarterly and annual financial reports to keep the congregation informed.

7. *Risk Management (Proverbs* 27:12): Assess and manage financial risks through proper insurance and reserve funds.

Conclusion

A finance system built on Biblical principles, transparency, and vision guarantees the growth and effectiveness of ministry activities. The church must continually look to God for wisdom, guidance, and provision (James 1:5; Psalm 23:1). With diligence, accountability, and faith, the church will fulfill its divine mandate without financial hindrance (Philippians 4:19).



TEXT: "In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains... and all nations will stream to *it.*" – Isaiah 2:2

"I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy... your young men will see visions." – Joel 2:28

Introduction: Why Youth Ministry Matters

In God's end-time agenda, youth are not just the *future* — they are vital to the *now* of God's kingdom movement. Whether or not you're part of a church leadership team, if you feel the burden to disciple young people, **you're answering a prophetic call**.

Key Insight: You don't need a pulpit to start a youth ministry. All you need is vision, compassion, and the courage to start where you are – with what you have.

1. Laying the Foundation: The Biblical and Prophetic Mandate

Scriptures that empower independent youth ministry:

- **Joel 2:28** God's Spirit will be poured out on all people, not just those within traditional church structures.
- **Acts 2:17** *The early Church began with young voices, prophetic passion, and non-traditional expressions of faith.*

Ephesians 4:12 – You are part of God's plan to equip and build others, no matter your title or platform.

Principle: Youth ministry is a spiritual mandate, not a church Youth long to understand their program. If God has called you, He will also equip you.

Action Tip: Start by building a prayer foundation. Seek God's direction for your target group, location, and first steps.

> 2. Launching the Ministry: **Understanding Youth** and Building Strategy

Whether on a campus, in a neighbourhood, or online, you need to connect with youth on their terms, while guiding them into spiritual truth. **Understanding Who They** Are: Getting into the Heart and Mind of Today's Youth If you want to lead youth, you must first **see them clearly**. Each trait they exhibit is a key to unlocking their purpose.

Energetic & Expressive Youth carry immense energy. This energy is not a problem to manage—it's a **resource to** redirect.

Ministry Application: Plan interactive, actionbased programs. Leader Insight: If you don't give them something meaningful to do, they will find something else.

Curious & Questioning They seek relevance and truth and often challenge norms *Ministry Application*: Host open-dialogue forums.

Leader Insight: Jesus engaged with questions more than He gave lectures.

Purpose-Driven & Passionate

identity and life purpose.

- Ministry Application: Use gift discovery tools and mentorship.
- *Leader Insight:* Purpose brings clarity and moral conviction.

Tech-Savvy & Socially Influenced

Their worldview is often shaped by media.

- *Ministry Application*: Engage through social media and media literacy training.
- Leader Insight: Don't just use media – teach them to master it.
- Emotionally Vulnerable but Image-Conscious

Beneath confidence lies insecurity, anxiety, and fear of rejection.

- *Ministry Application:* Provide emotional support, prayer counselling, and identity-based teachings.
- Leader Insight: Minister to the *person*, not the image.

Community-Oriented but Autonomy-Seeking They crave belonging and ownership.

Ministry Application: Balance structure and freedom. Let them help shape the ministry. *Leader Insight:* Honor their voice, and they will trust your guidance.

Spiritually Open but **Not Easily Impressed**

They desire authentic encounters, not performance.

- Ministry Application: Create space for Spiritled moments and reallife faith.
- *Leader Insight:* They want authenticity, not perfection.

Practical Launch Steps:

- Identify your mission (What burden has God given you?).
- Choose a context (Campus? WhatsApp group? Park gatherings?).
- Recruit 2–3 like-hearted people to pray and plan with you.
- Launch a pilot session – a discussion, outreach, or creative workshop.
- 3. Growing the Ministry: **Becoming a Youth-Focused Movement**

You don't need a church building to build a youthfriendly environment. What you need is intentionality, consistency, and culturebuilding.

Core Elements of a Youth-**Focused Movement:**

Consistency

Youth thrives on dependable rhythms. When meetings are irregular or disorganized, it communicates lack of value.

- Set a regular time and location for gatherings.
- Create a simple format (e.g., welcome, worship, word, discussion, hangout).

Authenticity

Young people are not drawn to perfect leaders, but real ones.

- Share your story. Be honest about your journey.
- Address relevant topics: anxiety, identity, relationships, calling.

Opportunity

Let youth own the movement.

- Create leadership teams (worship, media, hospitality, outreach).
- Let them lead devotions, projects, and community drives.
- **Mentorship Culture**

Discipleship is the heartbeat of **Keys for Independent Leaders**: sustainable growth.

- Pair older youth with younger ones.
- Offer one-on-one or small group mentoring every month.

Creative Engagement Boredom is the enemy of engagement.

- Use arts, music, sports, and digital content to communicate. Celebrate birthdays, talents, and wins
- regularly.

Outreach Mindset

Growth happens when youth bring youth.

- Plan monthly outreach: invite nights, socials, or service projects.
- Empower them to bring friends and share the message.

Self-Evaluation Questions:

- Are we relevant and rooted in truth?
- Are youth growing spiritually and relationally?
- Do they invite their friends?
- their leadership?
- Do they feel heard, seen, and needed?
- 4. Sustaining the **Ministry: Long-Term Strategies for Growth**

- **Cast Vision Frequently:** Keep the mission in front of people.
 - **Build a Support** Network: Stay connected to other leaders.

- **Multiply Leaders:** Develop disciples who disciple.
- Fund Creatively: Use partnerships, merchandise, and crowdfunding.
- **Document the Journey:** Share testimonies and growth online.

Stay Relevant:

- Understand youth trends and concerns.
- Learn digital tools and teaching methods.

Sustainability Tip: Build leadership teams, even informally.

Conclusion

You don't need permission to start - you need obedience, Are we making room for **boldness**, and love. If God has stirred your heart for youth, then He has already planted a seed of revival in you.

Your Mission:

- Start where you are.
- Gather who you can.
- Teach what you know.
- Trust God for the rest.

"Your sons and daughters will prophesy ... your young men will see visions." (Joel 2:28)

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SPREADING THE BALANCING REVEAL FIRE: BALANCING FAMILY AND MINISTRY

INTRODUCTION

Revival is one of God's greatest agendas. Nothing is more desirable in the Church today than authentic biblical revival as in the days of old. The present situation of the church and the Christian homes is a matter of concern. Even though we have many churches and many who professed to be believers, ungodliness, corruption and wickedness kept increasing at an alarming rate. The true "salt and light" of the world are becoming few. Sin and sinners are being celebrated on the altar of God. "Live" and "life" miracles are becoming rare, and the church of the living God is becoming a subject of ridicule in the world.

One crucial but often neglected or trivialised aspect of igniting and spreading the revival fire by this generation is the family life. True revival will ignite and transform our family lives. The homes of many Christians are in shambles and a disgrace. Many are weeping in secret, while some have lost their calling and gifting because of a lack of understanding, the pressure of life and inability to balance the family life, career and ministry. The main focus of our teaching in this study is balancing our family life and ministry to ensure a glorious future without regret. Other teachings will focus on spreading the revival fire. However, let us briefly consider some key issues on igniting and spreading the revival fire before we delve into balancing family life and ministry.

I. UNDERSTANDING BIBLICAL REVIVAL

The psalmist cried, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psalm 85:6) The church and the world today are in dire need of a great revival. Not just ordinary revival but true biblical revival; for the so-called revival of our contemporary day simply and mostly only has the form of revival but denies the power thereof. We need divine touch. The church must be awakened from her sleep and revived from her slumber and lukewarmness before the end of the age. Today, sinners abound and live comfortably in the Church. They must be convicted and the believers set ablaze for God. The fire must catch the unbelievers outside and bring them into repentance and total transformation of life and consecration to God.

Many spiritual endeavours have been misconstrued and misrepresented as revival.

What Biblical Revival is not:

- Not mass evangelism, crusade or simply mass conversion
- Not a church or denominational weekly, monthly or annual revival
- Not merely a single day special outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- Not simply a prophetic or miracle rally (though this will surely occur in revival)
- Not merely religious reformation (though it may bring reformation)
- Not when men fell down during meetings in the name of anointing(though this will surely occur in revival)

Biblical Revival goes beyond all these spiritual endeavours. Biblical Revival is a spirit initiated, *unquenchable move of God to draw men unto Him*. It is divine visitation leading to great spiritual awakening, conviction from sin, soul harvest, consecration and dedication of people to the Lord over a period of time.

Steps in Spreading the Revival Fire

- a. Ignite the fire: Spreading the revival fire begins with igniting the fire of revival. This often comes through prayer.
- b. Catch the fire: We must catch the fire of revival when it is ignited (Acts 2).
- c. Keep the fire burning: This requires holy and purposeful living. Continually remove the "ashes," put in only "dry woods" (Numbers 4:13-20)
- d. Spread the fire

II. IMPORTANCE AND BENEFITS OF BALANCING FAMILY LIFE AND MINISTRY

Balancing family life and ministry is often challenging, but a necessity in fulfilling our callings and destinies. It is key to sustaining and spreading the revival fire. It doesn't come by accident but requires understanding and intentionality. Balancing family life and ministry is important because of the following:

- * The unending demanding nature of family life and ministry.
- * Reduces stress, pressure and frustrations
- * Enhances effectiveness and productivity
- * Ensure a peaceful, fruitful and fulfilling life
- * The eternal consequences of an unbalanced family life and ministry.
- * Building a lasting ministry and generational glory

Biblical Examples of men of like passions and consequences:

- Eli (1 Samuel 2:12-17; 22-36; 3:11-14; 4:1-22). They lived corrupted and careless lives that brought God's wrath and judgment and led to the death of their father.
- Samuel (1 Samuel 8:1-5) -Samuel appointed his sons as judges but they took bribes and perverted justice, and were rejected by the elders as successors to Samuel because of their lifestyles.
- David (2 Samuel 11-12 (Bathsheba); 13-14 (Amnon, Tamar and Absalom actions); 15-18 (Absalom rebellion); 1 Kings 1 (Adonijah attempts to seize the throne)
- Deborah (Judges 4:4 "And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, she judged Israel at that time."

III. FOUNDATION OF A FAMILY THAT WILL SPREAD THE REVIVAL-Genesis 2:15-18

- * Right and Divine location
- * Defining the divine assignment
- * Divine and right Choice
- * Understanding the purpose of marriage
- * Walking in covenant
- * Commitment to the "cause"

IV. BALANCINGFAMILY AND MINISTRY

Balancing family and ministry is essential for destiny fulfilment and ensuring a meaningful and fulfilling life. Many gifted men have made a mess of their lives and ministry because of failure in balancing family life and ministry. Many others have jealously guarded their ministry and family lives to bring glory and honour to God's name.

A. ESSENTIAL IN BALANCING FAMILY LIFE AND MINISTRY

i. Understanding And Working The Angles

Every person who desires a profitable future must carefully work on and balance the three angles of human life. These are family, ministry and career.

The Family Angle

Your marriage will affect your future. The person you marry will make or mar your future. Even when you marry in the will of God, your commitment and devotion to your home will affect your life tomorrow. Home is crucial in life fulfilment. When home crumbles, the anointing, grace of God and the career of a man become fruitless and unproductive. It is unfortunate that many youths toy with marriage in the name of love affairs and ruin their future. They enter into relationships carelessly and untimely at the cost of their destinies.

The Ministry Angle

Your relationship with God and the ministry he has committed to your hands is crucial. This demands devotion to God despite distractions. It requires discipline and tenacity as a disciple.

• The Vocation Angle

This has to do with your career. God expects you to succeed, not only in your home and your ministry, but also in your career. This demands diligence. The Bible says, "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men" (Proverbs 22:29).

Your ability to navigate the pressures inherent in the three angles and ensure balance is crucial in ensuring glorious living and fulfilling your destiny. **Planning And Setting Priorities** Balancing your family life and ministry demands careful and strategic planning.

ii.

- Prioritise your family relationship. You will be left with your family at the end of the ministry
- Put your family statutorily on your calendar (schedule) and ensure regular physical and online family time
- Integrate your family properly into the ministry
- Ensure adequate financial planning and provision
- iii. Understanding the dynamics and stages of family life and ministry, and the demands

Family life and ministry are in stages and have seasons. Balancing marriage life and ministry requires different demands and adjustments in the stages and seasons of life and ministry.

- iv. Pay the price to win the prize Balancing family life and ministry will cost you some things. You must pay the price to win the noble prize of a glorious home and a fulfilling ministry without shame or regret in future.
- v. Annexing the resources
 - Divine resources (prayer, revelation, wisdom and divine help)
 - Your partner
 - You
 - Purposeful relationship
- vi. **Regular and sincere evaluation** and adjustment
 - Always be sincere
 - Be sensitive to "red flags" and divine warning
 - Regularly identify weak links and areas of failure
 - Be careful and address burnout and stress

Staff your weaknesses and confront failures headlong

B. The Demand of the Ministry on the **Minister's Family**

In ensuring the balance:

- \rightarrow The Minister owes his family love, care and adequate attention
- \rightarrow The Minister owes his family the duty of provision (1 Timothy 5:8)
- \rightarrow The Minister owes his family the opportunity of counselling services
- \rightarrow The Minister owes his family security
 - ∞ Prevent your family from too much exposure to unnecessary information about church CONCLUSION problems and conflicts
 - spiritual attack
 - the home.
 - security.
- his family sexual discipline.

womb, but was careless with women. David, the man after God's Revd. Dr. S. Olawuyi James, own heart, yielded to temptation and Director, Youth and Student Ministries, brought sword and calamity upon Nigerian Baptist Convention

the family. Solomon's love for women, despite being the wisest man who ever lived, destroyed God's covenant of Davidic generational royalty in Israel.

The Minister must try hard to be an example of the believers (1 Timothy 4:12)

The minister is expected to be a good husband, a good father and a good minister. All must be combined. Eli was a good minister, but he was not a good father. He did not give enough discipline to his children.

There is no doubt that God desires revival to ∞ Give your family security from begin in us and with us. God is looking for vessels of revival in this end time, but usable ∞ Ensure financial security. vessels are scarce. Your home will affect your Provide enough money to run usefulness in God's kingdom. The ministry will affect your family and future either ∞ Provide necessary social negatively or positively. Also, your family will affect your ministry and future, either negatively or positively. It is therefore \rightarrow The minister owes his members and important to be intentional in ensuring necessary balance to secure a glorious future Samson was anointed from the with delight and fulfilment without regret.



Introduction

We are in a dispensation where God's intent and purpose for His Church must be fully revealed. Our generation is in disarray; compromise and lukewarmness have crept into the body of Christ, limiting the demonstration of God's power and wisdom. Yet, amid this perversion, God has promised revival – and this fire will spread across the earth. Revival is not just an event; it is the awakening of the total man into the dimensions of the Spirit, operating in the fullness of God. Every true revival draws people back to God, ignites love in their hearts, compels them to pursue Him, and transforms their lives. Despite all the last-days turbulence, one thing is

certain: revival will come (Joel 2:28–30). There will be a great awakening – men and women will return to God and stand for Him.

The last days will be characterized by an increased consciousness of God's presence and a tangible release of His power. The Word of the Lord will spread from coast to coast, and His power will be unhindered.

The Dimensions of Revival: Power and Wisdom When revival comes, it expresses itself in two vital dimensions – Power and Wisdom.

Many have encountered the **power** dimension, yet lack the **wisdom** required to sustain it. Revival gives power which has the capability to gather people but it takes wisdom to keep them. Power has the ability to fix things but it takes wisdom to sustain it. Revival that lacks wisdom is short-lived. Many past revivals fizzled out because the vessels lacked the wisdom to steward the move of God.

Whatever movement will last must combine both power and wisdom.

God's desire is to raise men and women who will uphold, sustain, and spread revival through divine wisdom. Wisdom ensures longevity of revival David's strategic wisdom before Achish sustained his life – 1 Samuel 21:10–15). Any revival that will last must carry both power and wisdom.

The Promise and Fulfillment of the Prophetic Church From the beginning, God established a prophetic agenda for His Church:

• The Promise of Victory Through the Seed of the Woman

Genesis 3:15 (NKJV) "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel." From the Church will come the Seed, the Saviour, who will crush the serpent's head...

 The Promise of a Redeemer from Zion
Romans 11:26 (NKJV) "And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: 'The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob.'" Isaiah 59:20 (NKJV)
"The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the Lord. Out of Zion – the Church – shall come the Deliverer, a prophetic promise of salvation.

• The Promise of the Outpouring of the Spirit

Joel 2:28–30 (NKJV) "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke."

The prophetic Church is birthed and sustained by the Spirit's outpouring upon all flesh.

• The Promise of Spiritual Empowerment

Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV) "So he answered and said to me:

'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts." The work of the prophetic Church is not by human effort, but by the Spirit of God.

• The Promise of Global Attraction to God's House *Micah* 4:1–2 (*NKJV*)

"Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the

hills; And peoples shall flow to it. Many nations shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths.' For out of Zion the law shall go forth,

And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

The Church shall be exalted and nations will stream to it for teaching and truth.

The fullness and fulfilment was in

Acts 1:8 (NKJV) "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." The prophetic Church receives divine power to witness globally. • The Promise Fulfilled: Birth of

the Prophetic Church Acts 2:1–4 (NKJV) *"When the Day of Pentecost had* fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. *Then there appeared to them* divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

The Promise in Operation: Miracles and Power

• **Peter Acts 5:15 (NKJV)** "...so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them."

• **Paul** Acts 19:11–12 (NKJV)

Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

Strategies of a Prophetic Church

The Church was never meant to be static or localized. God's desire is for multiplication—spreading

revival fire into every sector of society. He employed the following principles:

1. Character Formation (Acts 1:8)

Acts 1:8 (NKJV):

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

They waited to build capacity. It's not enough to carry power; character sustains it. Patience, endurance, and integrity are forged in this season (Romans 5:3–4; James 1:2–4).

Romans 5:3–4 (NKJV): "And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope."

2. Small Group Discipleship After Pentecost, they formed house fellowships (Acts 2:46). Sustained revival thrives in small groups. While crowds are impactful, small groups are foundational to lasting transformation. This is also achieved through

Discipleship strategy Acts 2:46–47 (NKJV):

"So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

Acts 5:42 (NKJV):

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ."

3. Persecution Strategy

God used persecution to scatter the Church and spread the fire.

* **Philip:** Acts 8:1, 4-5 NKJV [1] Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. [4] Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. [5] Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.

- Stephen Acts 7;
- Peter and John Acts 4:1–20).

4. Accountability and Connection

They maintained unity and checked excesses.

Paul: Galatians 2:1-3 NKJV [1] Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with me. [2] And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.

- Paul confronted Peter's hypocrisy (Galatians 2:11–14).
- Regular meetings ensured alignment (Acts 15:6–29).

Sustainable Strategies of the church: The Ministry of a Watchman

To sustain the power and wisdom given by God and to dominate every sectors then, we must imbibe the **Ministry** of the Watchman.

The Prophetic Identity of Every Believer

1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV) – "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood..."

Every believer is called into a priestly dimension and must discern where God wants them per time.

Five Expressions of a Priest: 1. Intercessor

1. Intercessor

An intercessor is one who sits in God's courtroom to insist something is done for the people.

Ezekiel 22:30 (NKJV) "So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one."

Abraham – Interceded for Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:22–33) Moses – Stood between God and Israel after the golden calf incident (Exodus 32:11–14) Samuel – Prayed continually for Israel (1 Samuel 12:23) **2. Watcher**

A watcher is a person who serves as covering for people. *Isaiah 62:6 (NKJV)*

"I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night."

Moses was covering for Israel. **Moses** served as a spiritual covering for Israel. His pronouncements brought preservation: Deuteronomy 33:6 (NKJV) "Let Reuben live, and not die, Nor

let his men be few."

3. Gatekeeper

They are Fighters who contend with enemies at the gate. Nehemiah – Watched over the rebuilding of Jerusalem with prayer and vigilance (*Nehemiah* 4:9 Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night.)

4. Custodian

Custodians are trusted with the secrets of God. They are repositories of divine knowledge – understanding God's calendar, agenda, and voice

Simeon - Luke 2:25-26 (NKJV) "25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.



Disciples - Matthew 13:11 (NKJV): He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given."

5. Judge

Judges are Legislators, whatever they say becomes law who decree and establish spiritual laws.

Job 22:28 (NKJV) "You will also declare a thing, And it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways." Elijah "(1 Kings 17:1, NKJV) And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, 'As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.'"

Who is a Watchman?

Habakkuk 2:1 (NKJV) "I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected."

A. A Watchman is a Gatherer of Spiritual Intelligence Daniel (Daniel 9:2, NKJV)"In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem." Daniel 2:19 NKJV Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV) "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." B. A Watchman is a Spiritual Spy that sees from far and send warning or signal to the church Elisha 2 Kings 6:12 (NKJV) "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." they see what God is doing and hear what God is saying – Abraham [(Genesis 18:17, NKJV)

- they pick what angels are doing – Luke 22:43
- they see what satan is doing – Paul 2 Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

C. A watchman is one whose personal work and walk with God is intact and consistent.

Enoch - Genesis 5:24 (NKJV) "And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him."

Abraham

Genesis 17:1 NKJV When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.

D. A watchman is one who has establish and align with the will of God for His life. *Romans* 12:2 (*NKJV*) *"That you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*

Responsibilities in the Ministry of the Watchman

1. They stand before God to See the Past, Present, and Future Isaiah prophesied about Christ

Isaiah 43:19 (NKJV Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert."

Paul

I Corinthians 2:9-10 NKJV [9] But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." [10] But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

2. They Receive Signals and Alert the Church of what is coming John the beloved [*Revelation* 1:1 NKJV] The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants – things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John,

Ezekiel 33:7 (NKJV) "So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman... therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me."

3. They Possess a Voice to Declare What They Saw Jeremiah 1:7 (NKJV) "You shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak."

4. They Give Direction to the body of Christ to Maintain God's Standard Moses Ten Commandments Paul 5. They Focus on What God Reveals

2 Corinthians 4:18 (NKJV) "While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen..."

Caution for Watchmen

A. Regardless of reactions of people, they declare the mind of God Ezekiel 2:7 (NKJV) "You shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they are rebellious."

B. Develop discipline of silence when God did not speak Amos 5:13 (NKJV) *"Therefore the prudent keep silent at that time, For it is an evil time."* C. Develop compassion to plead when God's judgment comes.

Exodus 32:11-12 (NKJV) "Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, and said: "Lord, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people..."

Conclusion

The 21st Century Prophetic Church is not a passive body, but an active movement in alignment with God's eternal agenda. We are living in prophetic times – times of intense spiritual battles, cultural confusion, and global perversion. Yet, it is also the season of revival, where the church is being summoned to arise in power and wisdom to fulfill her destiny. God is not raising a mere gathering of religious people, but a company of fire-branded watchmen – men and women who understand the times, carry divine intelligence, legislate God's will on earth, and disciple nations through Spirit-led revival.

The call to the prophetic church is a call to power and wisdom. It is a call to be relevant in the spirit and visible on earth – manifesting the dimensions of heaven in every sphere: education, governance, family, business, and media.



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