



COMPASSION DIGEST

A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF ALL CHRISTIANS FELLOWSHIP MISSION

THEME OF THE YEAR

GOD OF ALL IMPOSSIBILITIES

JEREMIAH 32:27 KJV

JUNE

ANNOUNCEMENT

- 04** SUNDAY 4TH JUNE, 2023
Celebration Service
General Overseer's Appreciation Day
- 05** MONDAY 5TH JUNE, 2023
Men's Fellowship General meeting
Time: 5:00pm.
Venue: ACFM Cathedral of Compassion
- 06** TUESDAY 6TH JUNE, 2023
Bible Study
Manual: Be the Change You Want To See
Previous Study: Be Pleasant
Topic: Be Punctual
Page: 95-96
Time: 6:00pm. (Or as agreed by the various centers)
Venues: All Small Group Centers.
- 08** THURSDAY 8TH JUNE, 2023
HELP FROM ABOVE is
- Prayer and Fasting day for the entire church.
- A Healing, Miracle and Deliverance service
- An outreach programme (reaching unsaved people for Christ and reaching out to other people who are hurting and are in need). Please invite your neighbors, friends, colleagues and unbelievers.
Time: 5:00pm.
- 10** SATURDAY 10TH JUNE, 2023
Church Sanitation
Joy group, Sanitation Group B and the Youth Fellowship All (Tribes).
- 11** SUNDAY 11TH JUNE, 2023
The Family of Bro. & Sis. Osita Eche will be dedicating their baby
Date: Sun. 11th June, 2023
- 16** FRIDAY 16TH JUNE, 2023
Men's Fellowship Weekend/Fathers' Day
Date: Fri. 16th – Sun 18th June, 2023
- 23** FRIDAY 23RD JUNE, 2023
Hi-Praise/Mid-Year Thanksgiving (For ACFM Choir; Members and General public)
Date: Fri. 23rd June, 2023.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

WHEN JESUS COMES TO REWARD HIS SERVANTS

1. When Jesus comes to reward His servants,
Whether it be noon or night,
Faithful to Him will He find us watching,
With our lamps all trimmed and bright ?

Chorus
Oh, can we say we are ready, brother ?----
Ready for the soul's bright home ?
Say, will He find you and me still watching,
Waiting, waiting when the Lord shall come ?

2. If at the dawn of the early morning,
He shall call us one by one,
When to the Lord we restore our talents,
Will He answer thee ?---- Well done !

3. Have we been true to the trust He left us ?
Do we seek to do our best ?
If in our hearts there is naught
condemns us,
We shall have a glorious rest.

4. Blessed are those whom the Lord
finds watching,
In His glory they shall share;
If He shall come at the dawn or midnight,
Will He find us watching there ?

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH
Atmosphere of Worship
ACFM Cathedral of Compassion

6AM

EVERY TUESDAY
Bible Studies
Small Group Centres

6PM

EVERY THURSDAY
Help from Above
ACFM Cathedral of Compassion

5PM

EVERY SUNDAY
Celebration Service
ACFM Cathedral of Compassion

8AM

PASTOR IN CHARGE
Resident Pastor
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MON - FRI

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OUR VISION

To raise Christ-like disciples who would be agents of transformation in the world.

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OUR MISSION

To bring people to Jesus and membership in his family, develop them to Christ-like maturity, equip them for their ministry in the Church and life mission in the world, in order to magnify God's name.

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2023 MEMORY VERSE

"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; Is there anything too hard for me?"
JEREMIAH 32:27 KJV

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OUR MOTTO

LOVE GOD AND LOVE PEOPLE.
Life is all about love and developing relationship with God and with other people. Learning to love is life's most important lesson.
Jesus called it THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT.

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WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise.
EPHESIANS 6:2 KJV

ACCOUNTS

TITHES & OFFERING
ZENITH BANK
ACFM MAITAMA
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USING WHAT GOD GAVE YOU (PART II)

MATTHEW 25: 14 - 30

REV. (DR.) WILLIAM OKOYE

Remember the Bible story about the lady whose husband was a minister of God and died in debt? When Elisha noticed her pitiful state, he inquired, "What do you have in your house?" She said nothing except a pot of oil. "That's enough," Elisha said and provided her instructions on how to increase the oil. Some of us are like this woman: we look down on the gifts we have. But it was that little 'but' that salvaged the day. When I read this piece, one of the things that struck me was, what would have happened if the dead man didn't have a good relationship with his neighbours? When Elisha told her to borrow kegs from her neighbours, they gave her more than she needed. Some of us get into fights with our neighbours. It does not make Christianity appealing.

Another story to consider is that of Moses. When God sent him to deliver the children of Israel from captivity, God placed a rod in his hands and stated, "Through this rod, I will deliver my people and perform a great miracle." But when the chips were down, Moses looked down on the rod. What Moses thought was only a rod was actually what God used in Moses' ministry to deliver the children of Israel during the journey.

Thank God for the purpose-driven paradigm. It easily shows us how to uncover God's gifts in our life. "SHAPE" is an acronym that helps us discover who God has created us to be—the **S** stands for Spiritual gifts. As I previously stated, spiritual gifts are given to us when we are born again. How can you discover which gift you were given? "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might," the Bible instructs. Begin serving to God in any way that may benefit humanity and bring honour to God. When you perform these things progressively, you will uncover your area of gifting.

The letter **H** stands for "Heart." This is your heart. You learn who God created you to be through your areas of interest, passion and

desire. It is quite rare for God to employ you in a field where you have no interest. Discovering your gifts and passions is one of the most important keys to success in life. You will see yourself excelling if you pursue them.

Another way you discover yourself is through your "Abilities," [letter **A**]. You were born with these innate abilities. There are many persons who are not spiritual yet excel in their areas of endeavour, such as football, for example. They do not need to be spiritual to excel in this profession because they are born with it. We were born with many gifts that we can develop and use in the service of God and humanity.

The letter **P** represents "Personality." Our

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It makes no sense to compete with anyone because we are all unique and created to compliment one another.
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personalities are distinct, some of us are introverts, others are extroverts etc. There is no such thing as a superior personality. God created your personality as a result of what He intends to do in and through your life. So don't strive to be someone else. Be who God created you to be, because that is part of your ministry.

The final letter "**E**" stands for "Experiences." God purposefully exposes us to a wide range of life experiences, both good and terrible. Being a child of God does not insulate us from challenges and temptations. "In the world, we shall have tribulations," Jesus remarked

[John 16: 33]. God exposes us to these trials in order to prepare us for whatever He has planned and purposed to do in and through our life. This is explained clearly in James 1: 2. God provides these events to prepare us for the ministry of helping those who will go through similar circumstances.

We can see examples of some of the gifts God has blessed us with and what is expected of us in Romans 12: 3. You are gifted to make use of it, to be contributors and to add value. You are supposed to be a contributor, wherever you are. The scripture has this to say, "So God has put the body together in such a way that extra honour and care are given to those parts that might otherwise seem less important. This makes for happiness among the parts, so that the parts have the same care for each other that they do for themselves. If one part suffers, all parts suffer with it, and if one part is honoured, all the parts are glad. Now here is what I am trying to say: All of you together are the one body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it" [1Corinthians 12: 12 - 27 TLB].

In what ways are you contributing to the growth of this church and ministry? You are not here by chance. You have a unique gift and you have a place of assignment and service waiting for you. May God grant us the strength to do so for the glory of His name. Amen.

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PARENTAL ROLES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN'S GOD GIVEN TALENTS

GENESIS 18:19, EPHESIANS 6: 1 - 4, PROVERBS 22: 6, MATHEW 25: 14 - 30. [KJV]

EVANG. OLATUNJI ERUKUBAMI

DEFINITION OF PARENTS: These are adults who are matured and capable enough to adequately take good care of a child. Maturity goes beyond age, it involves character, how you live your life, the way you reason and what you do can be a yard stick for measuring one's maturity. As parents we have to be mature all round - in mind, spirit etc. God expects every child to grow physically, spiritually, psychologically and so God expects every parent to have the ability to nurture a child in all these areas of a child's life [Proverbs 22: 6 KJV].

More importantly, as parents, we must have what to offer our children. They must be able to look up to us as their role models; this way, our children will not add more problems to the church and the society at large. We have to do what is expected of us rather than point fingers at the church.

This teaching will be divided into parts for purpose of clarity and efficient delivery.

CATEGORIES OF PARENTS

1. Godly parent (religious)
2. Ungodly parent (unbelieving)

PARENTING STYLES:

We shall highlight four parenting styles to wit:

1. Permissive.
2. Neglectful (uninvolved).
3. Authoritative.
4. Authoritarian.

• PERMISSIVE

- Child-driven, rarely gives or enforces rules and overindulges child to avoid conflict.

• NEGLECTFUL

- Uninvolved or absent, provides little nurturance or guidance and indifferent to child's social-emotional and behavioral needs.

• AUTHORITATIVE

- Solves problems together with the child, sets clear rules and expectations and open communication and natural consequences.

• AUTHORITARIAN

- Parent-driven, Sets strict rules and punishment.
- One-way communication, with little consideration of child's social-emotional and behavioral needs.

DEFINITION OF TALENT

Natural aptitude of skills from God and special gifts or potentials endowed in a Child/Children.

FACTS ABOUT TALENTS

- Natural (God's Gift).
- Raw materials that need to be processed into finished products.
- Talents are also in measure / levels and grades.

PARENTAL ROLES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN'S GOD GIVEN TALENTS

- Identify and jealously guide the talents [I Chronicles 12:32].
- Create enabling environment for the developing of their talents [Ephesians. 6:4].
- Identify the weakness of the child [Prov. 20:

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27, Proverbs. 22: 15].

- Travailing prayer [Matthew. 13: 24 - 30].
- Teach them the word [Joshua 1: 7, John 15: 7].
- Introduce them to the Holy Spirit [John 16: 13].

HOLY SPIRIT: Acts 1: 6 - 8, Joel 2: 28, John 14: 16 - 26, John 16: 7 - 15, Acts 2: 1 - 17, Acts 19: 1 - 6, Acts 10: 34 - 48.

DEFINITION

- The third person of the Trinity, the Lord and giver of life, He is the creator spirit and
- He is also and commonly known as; Comforter, Helper, Teacher, Counselor, Spirit of truth etc.
- **BENEFITS OF HOLY GHOST BAPTISM**
- Acts as a guide on your spiritual /Christian journey [John 14: 26 - 27].
- Helps you to pray effectively [Romans 8: 26].

- Gives you more inspiration on the word of God [John 16: 13 - 15], Romans 8: 14-17.
- Comforts in time of trouble [John 14: 17].
- Reveals the mind and purpose of God for your life [John 16: 13].
- Shields you away from temptation and danger [John 16: 20].

WHO CAN BE BAPTIZED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Be born again [John 3: 3 - 8].
- Believes in the working and ministry of the Holy Spirit. Hebrews 11: 6.
- Willingness to receive Him. [Acts 10: 1 - 48].
- Pure and consecrated heart.
- Pray earnestly for the baptism of the Holy Ghost [Acts 2: 1 - 47].

EXAMPLES OF PARENTS WHO HELPED IN DEVELOPING THE TALENTS OF THEIR CHILDREN

- Father Abraham [Genesis 18: 19].
- Noah. [Genesis 6: 6].
- Jochebed (Moses mother) [Exodus 2: 1 - 10].
- Hannah [I Samuel 1: 22 - 28, 2: 1].
- Louis and Eunice [II Timothy. 1: 5].
- Descendant of Issachar [I Chronicles 12: 32].

EXAMPLES OF PARENTS WHO FAILED IN DEVELOPING THE TALENTS OF THEIR CHILDREN

- Eli [I Samuel 2: 12, 27 - 36].
- Samuel [I Samuel. 8: 1 - 5].

BENEFITS OF DEVELOPING CHILDREN GOD'S GIVEN TALENTS

- You will have peace of mind.
- Your children will be celebrated.
- Their destiny journey will not be delayed.
- They will make you proud.
- God will give them voice in their generation.
- They will be a blessing to their generation.

CONCLUSION

- We need parents like mother Susanna Westley, who spent two hours daily in the place of prayers and one hour daily for her children.
- How many hours daily do you invest in your children's spiritual growth?

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