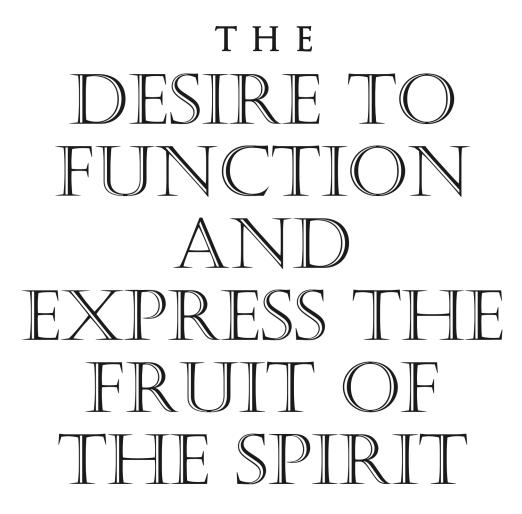
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DEDICATION

I dedicate this book to the Lord Jesus Himself! Jesus, I really do want to pour out my life on You! You are the lover of My soul— how I long for your courts and to enter into Your presence. I am a ruined man before you met me and first loved me! Thank you, Jesus!

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very plant has a seed it emanates from, and most plants have the unique fruit that emanate from their seeds. Also, the fruit contains the seed which will produce the fruit; in that manner, their succession is sustained. Every plant of the same species produces seed of the same kind, as well as fruits of the same kind; a mango seed will never produce an orange fruit and vice versa.

We also in like manner must realize that we are a product and a result of a seed that was planted on earth a long time ago. Life on earth began from the Garden of Eden by God Himself. God planted the seed of Adam after His own image and likeness and from that seed came the whole of mankind. The Word of God, Jesus Christ was also a seed that came upon the earth, died and resurrected producing fruits and seeds of His own kind.

As seeds from the ultimate SEED, we must bear similar fruit as He bore, if we are truly from Him. In John 15:1 -27, Christ urged us to bear fruits else we stand the chance of being cut off from Him as our source. It is natural for a seed from the same species to bear similar fruit by default. Also, we are supposed to bear the same fruit as Christ since we all are seeds after the order of His SEED.

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every

tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Matthew 7:16-20

Christ Jesus made this statement knowing fully well that it is impossible for any tree to bear fruits not similar to its kind. We are sons of God and God is Spirit, and He relates and functions with us from the spirit realm dimension, and through His Holy Spirit of promise. The Spirit of Truth in similar manner has fruits that is similar to that of The Father in heaven which was revealed to us through Christ Jesus the SEED.

If we have become one with Christ Jesus as Christ is one with God, then we are to bear the same fruit of The Spirit since we are created after His likeness and image. The fruit of The Spirit is given unto us to bear by The Spirit of God as a revelation of the nature and character of God. The anointing upon the life of an individual must produce certain fruits of The Spirit if he really received the anointing from The Holy Spirit.

Many people are anointed by God, but they lack the fruit of The Spirit in their lives while others refuse to give The Holy Spirit the expression to produce His fruit in their lives. The Holy Spirit always seeks expression from us to release His fruit as a blessing to mankind. Fruits are for nourishment and consumption, so also the fruit of The Spirit nourishes the spirit of the person who comes in contact with Him. When you bear a wrong fruit, people that come close to you discover a bitter and sour fruit that cannot make their spirit glad.

It seems normal for people to believe that the fruit of The Spirit should be automatic in their lives, No! We must give The Holy Spirit full expression for Him to bear fruit in our lives. Even Jesus Christ had to choose to show love, kindness, patience, peace etc. You must also choose to express the fruit of The Spirit towards others because those fruits lie within you as The Holy Spirit dwells in you.

The anointing of The Holy Spirit increases more as you function in the fruit of The Spirit. The Holy Spirit releases His fruit in time past and caused several revivals like the revival of faith where the people had so much faith and believed in God so much for mighty manifestations of

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great signs and wonder and they got it. Also, when God released the gift of hope, people hoped for a better life than their present situation and saw a great change in their circumstances. Also, during the release of love, we saw the revival of love sweep over the globe and people expressed more love. When you love, you practically release the anointing that heals people's hearts.

> For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Galatians 6:8

When it comes to expressing the fruit of The Spirit, it depends solemnly upon the ground which the seed is sown. In the natural realm, the quality of fruit you will yield is highly depended upon the land that you sow in as well as its fertility. When you sow in a fertile land or soil, you will reap a good fruit in harvest, but when you sow in a bad soil, there is a great tendency that the seed will even die. This is similar in the spiritual realm.

There are two kind of soil:

- The spirit
- The flesh

When one sows into the spirit, he will produce fruits that lead to life while the flesh will produce fruits that lead to death. There has been a battle of influence between the spirit and the flesh. They are both in contention with each other as the spirit seeks expression so also does the flesh desire to be expressed. The one to decide who wins is the man and whichever he yields to, he will produce its fruit.

It is possible for one to bear good fruit for a season and become corrupted and begin to bear another fruit after the order of the flesh in another season because it is possible to become carnal overtime if one is not careful. In the former chapter, we saw the three different types of man: A natural man, a carnal man and a spiritual man and each has its distinct characteristics.

A natural man cannot produce the fruit of The Spirit because he is not yet born again. He is not spiritual because it takes The Holy Spirit to make a man spiritual. The natural man is led by his flesh as such, he produces the fruit of the flesh.

While the carnal man is one that is considered a backslider because he has drifted away from the truth of The Spirit and given heed to an anti-Christ doctrine. Since he is now governed by the flesh, he will produce fruits after the flesh. He may appear anointed, functioning in some gifts, but if the fruit is of the flesh, he is a carnal man. A carnal man cannot produce the fruit of The Spirit even if he tries he will be frustrated. This is because spiritual fruits are only produced when the spirit is the leader.

The spiritual man is the one who is led by the spirit. He is influenced by The Holy Spirit and produces the fruit of The Spirit which edifies others and brings healing to their spirit. It is worthy of note to be careful as a spiritual man lest you fall into carnality by the deception of the devil over time.

> And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.

2 peter 1:5-10

Peter, the Apostle gave a profound analysis of how we are supposed to progress unto perfection, by adding one fruit upon the other. Many people wonder how they can function and express all the fruits of The Spirit, although one cannot begin to function in all the fruits at once, but one must consciously observe to improve in the functioning in the fruit that are currently at work in their life. A lot of people have expressed few of the fruits but are lagging behind in others, which makes them guilty of the others not expressed.

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I have seen many believers anointed of God with anger, lust issues, etc and the same people will be expressing some of the fruits of The Spirit like: kindness and patience, but since they sustain some of the fruit of the flesh, they become guilty of the others. When the person that is patient and kind is seen by another person expressing his weaknesses of the flesh, he will be seen as a carnal man although he possesses some of the fruits of The Spirit.

We must be careful as spiritual men with our weaknesses in the flesh. We must always submit our weaknesses and confess them to God asking Him to help us in the sincerity of our hearts. We are all humans with infirmities in our flesh that seek to express themselves as fruit of the flesh. We must learn to control and rule our weaknesses and infirmities before they rule and destroy us.

Peter gave us the perfect way to improve on the fruits of The Spirit in our lives. Since we have The Seed and The Spirit that bear the fruit within us, it is possible for us to bear all the fruits of The Spirit if we can only keep improving. He described it as adding one upon the other continually. So we can add patience to our goodness and faith to the patience and goodness. Then, we can add love to the goodness, patience, and faith. Then, we can add hope to the goodness, patience, love and faith. It might take time or even years but it is still worth it. Just make sure you keep adding up until all the fruits are at work in your life.

> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:19-21

These are the fruits of The Spirit as shown in the above scripture, but the greatest of all is love and against such, there is no law. All the fruits of The Spirit is summed up in love, a love for God and a love for your fellow man.

> And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, thou shalt love thy neighbour

as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:30-31

A man that walks and functions in the fruit of The Spirit is not bound to the law. Since all the fruits are summed up in love, therefore, if you love, none of the laws of God will be broken by you. The fruit of The Spirit stands above the law because love is the fulfilment of the law.

The law was given in order to make them able to function in the fruit of The Spirit. But, how can one function and produce the fruit of a spirit that does not dwell within them? God had to send The Holy Spirit to dwell within us, to teach us how to obey and produce the fruit of The Spirit of Christ.

When you function in the fruit of The Spirit, your anointing is fuelled up the more. Love, as the ultimate of the fruit is very paramount and pivotal to function effectively in the anointing. Jesus Christ does nothing outside of love. We must have a genuine love for others and a desire to see them know God the more. We must avoid any nature and element of the flesh for the flesh is an enemy of the anointing.

When God anoints a man and he continues to function in the flesh, it will not take too long before God will reduce the man's influence on men and the government of the world so that he does not corrupt others in his lust. We must have a holy anger towards the works of the flesh and avoid being trapped by the devil into yielding to it. Anytime you find yourself walking in the flesh, repent quickly and turn to God for guidance.

When you have an infirmity in you that you bind and cast out through prayer and fasting and it refuses to leave you, then know that it is the flesh, and the flesh cannot be cast out by prayers. The flesh can be tamed by the law of The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. Paul said, he has a thorn on his flesh and the more he cried to God, the more God said that, His grace is sufficient for him. Your flesh cannot kill you and drive you to sin, except you permit it.

It is possible for you to struggle with the lust of the flesh and still not permit it to lead you to sin, it is purely the grace of God helping you to subdue the flesh. Just like when your body say go and fornicate,

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you should tell your legs that, "today you are moving nowhere." You know fully well that your body and your flesh that is lusting cannot go to commit sin without your legs aiding it in motion. You must also learn how to say "NO" to your ungodly wants and desires as well as how to run and flee from sin.

If you are struggling with smoking and drinking of alcohol as well as dealing with drugs, all you need to do is abstain from it and also learn to say "NO" to your desire and lust for them. It might seem hard initially, but after sometime, you will rule over your lust and tamed it. No one is born a drunkard or a smoker, there is always a beginning and there is also an end to any addiction, but the end is determined by you. Addictions are built over time so also is breaking away from the addiction, abstinence requires time. You can start from today if you begin to say "No" to your desire to sin. The more you say "No" to sin, the more you are saying "Yes" to God's grace through obedience.

As long as you don't breed tobacco as a farmer or have a brewery company in your house, then you can choose to remain at home locking yourself in and refusing to go out to drink or smoke. In fact, even if you breed tobacco and have a brewery company and you are determined to stop hurting yourself by sinning, then you can destroy the tobacco farm and close down the brewery company. There is No price too high to pay for your life and health, except you just don't know yet how valuable your life is.

The flesh can be tamed and is possible to rule over it and its lust, because the grace of God is sufficient for us. The day you decide to resist the devil, the grace of God will do to you more than you can ever imagine.

> It is written. For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

Titus 2:11-12

The same grace of God that came to you to save you from sin is still available to help you overcome sin and temptation. Every time you resist the devil, you are strengthened the more to obey God. We must begin to learn how to say "No" through sheer will, especially when it involves a decision from our flesh. A lot of people can't even say "No" to a wrong idea even if it will cause them much pain later.

Whenever your flesh tries to control you into sinning, always try to object at least by consciously saying "NO" to yourself. You may not be strong at first, but as you continue to say "NO" to your flesh you are automatically saying "YES" to The Spirit of God to help you and to influence you the more. The lust of the flesh is a terrible force that seeks to push you against God's ideals. Carnal people suffer a lot from the lust of the flesh. Also, some believers are suffering from the lust of the flesh, but believers do have the ability under God to tame it, but the carnal man cannot bridle his appetite in the flesh. This is because he is a slave to his flesh and it leads him to sin daily.

The lust of the eye is another manifestation of the spirit of darkness to influence believers into sinning. As a believer, you must try your best within your capacity to control what you see because they have a strong influence on you, what our eyes see influences our minds and emotions. It creates distorting imagination that are unholy when we expose ourselves to unholy materials.

The eyes speak of desire, love and passion; people find it hard to control those gates in their lives. When you don't control your passion to see and associate with unholy things, how can you control the emotions that is fuelled from the passion of what you see? If you must control your emotions, then you must first control what you see and hear.

Since the eyes are the windows and the ears are like the gates to the heart, then equally it must be controlled if your heart must remain pure. We must control what you hear, feel and see as they are very vital in influencing our lives on earth. Both of these gates must be guarded jealously by us if we will be victorious over our flesh and it attendant lust.

Another manifestation of the spirit of darkness that leads to sin is the pride of life. It is possible to see people that don't really lust in the flesh or lust in the eye, but they are very proud about their life and achievements. It is a known fact that pride always come before a fall. A great man that will fall in life begins from being proud and arrogant. A proud person is always close to his end in life because he stops learning

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new things which is why most proud people are arrogant and egocentric in nature.

God detests a proud person and He will do His best to resist him. We must avoid anything that will make us proud. God loves a humble man; he who understand that he was nothing until God made him something in life. Basically in life, people that are proud always fail.

In the scriptures, we see how God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. God pulls down kings and princes that are full of themselves and their achievements. It is indeed worthy of note that, if you must truly sustain the anointing that God smeared upon your life, then you must be humble and willing to be helped by God on consistent basis. One of the greatest enemy of God that He cannot overlook is an ungrateful proud and arrogant man that never gets satisfied of earthly riches and wealth.

Even from history, we saw how many rulers that took pride in themselves and in their achievements fall before they realize it. Apostle Paul said, even if I should boast in life, I will do my boasting in the Lord. Not that I have more possession, but I boast in the fact that I am a bondservant and a bond slave of Christ Jesus. Also, boast in the stripes and scars you sustain for the sake of the gospel and always strive to add up to the fruit of The Spirit in you daily, until you become perfect in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Shalom!!!

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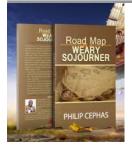
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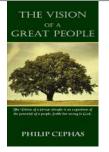
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The prophetic and vision is a revelation from The Holy Spirit, and a clarion called into the experiences of the prophetic. You don't have to be a prophet called into the office of the prophetic to function in the prophetic. The speaking and dealings of God is prophetic in nature.

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My heart bursts its banks, spilling beauty and goodness. I pour it out in a poem to the king, shaping the river into words: Ps 45:1 MSG The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it. Ps 68:11 KIV

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