

Your Spiritual Counsel For a year of breakthrough

Take a leap of faith. Faith is the compelling force that brings about the tangible manifestation of your unperceived reality. It is the evidence of things you do not see. Faith is your inner spiritual eyes that enables you to see



***WHERE YOU ARE...
& WHERE YOU WANT TO BE***

and perceive that which is not yet manifested for the five senses. Our minds have been programmed by the surrounding forces acting on our being, so much that we only believe that which we perceive with our five senses. But what you do not see does not mean it does not exist. With faith we will be advancing and acting fearlessly and with assurance in spite of the unknown, and in spite of challenges.

Fearlessly take the Leap into your future; the leap of faith that will propel you into your God give destiny. You have a dream, and you desire to see

your dream fulfilled. Situations and circumstances will tell you it is impossible. Yes, there are things you can't see how they can become possible. Yes, there might be roads you just can't fathom how they can lead you to where you are going. There are doors you can't fathom how they can open up. Rivers that look too deep, you don't see how you can possibly cross them. But that is why it is a faith leap. You see no firm ground under you if you leap, but faith is your landing ground when you leap. It gives substance to your dream.

Your dream might look abstract and remote, but faith will unite you to your dream. Faith is what makes you one with your dream. Fear might be telling you it is too risky, you can't make it, it is ridiculous, you don't have what it takes... or, what is it you that are afraid of..?

Fear is a vision killer. Fear will burry your dreams and make them become dormant. Fear will keep you idle and give you reasons for not making it. but the Lord warns us not to become like the sluggards: ***the sluggard says there is a lion outside! Or I will be murdered in the street.*** (Proverbs 22:13).

Sluggard means someone who is reluctant to take action and justifies his action. A sluggard is someone who is not willing for changes, but would rather stay in his comfort zone, and becomes

enslaved to fear. Indeed, fear will give you every excuse to keep you in your comfort zone.

God says, ***“Do not call conspiracy everything that the people call conspiracy, do not fear what they fear and do not dread it..”*** (Isaiah 8:11-14a).

Fear is a snare; it is to do with punishment. It kills your passion, it stifles your dreams and it deems your hope. It is a demon you don't want anything to do with in your life.

Cast the demon of fear out of your life and decree that God is not against you. He is for you, He is with you, and is in you! Decree that he has not given you the spirit of fear; but of power and of love, of sound mind and self-control (2Timothy 1:7) Decree that you are made perfect in love, because God is love and you live in the love of God.

Forget the things of the past – stop leaving in the past, and begin to live in the present. Begin to aim for the things for which you have been created to achieve. Last year is gone, a new year has come. Yesterday is past, gone with your mistakes and shortfalls; gone with your ignorance and regrets. But the new year comes with a fresh opportunity; new hope; a year for planning and achieving; a year for amending and retrieving; a year for experiencing the power of God manifest in your life and

circumstances. Come out of your past into your future. Step out of yesterday's failures and walk in today's blessings. (Phil 3:12-21. Isaiah 42:9; 43:18)

You are created for a purpose. – You exist for a purpose, do not face life casually. Do not live your life to chances; be guided, let yourself be led by the word of God and by the Holy Spirit. – stay in fellowship through prayer, fasting and reading your Bible, in order to keep instructive revelations and guidance flowing freely your way.

Do what the word of God says and you will not end up a spiritual casualty. For prudent and wise is the man who hears the word of Jesus and puts them into action. It will be like the man who dug deep into the rock and built his house on a rock. When the storms of life came; challenges from all walk of life, they bit against that house, but the house stood firm and survived the storms.

But unwise and foolish is the one that hears the word of Jesus and does not do what it says. That person is compared to the man who foolishly choses to build on sand. When the storms of life rose and hit that house, it went crashing to the ground, and great was its ruin. Matthew (7:24-27)

In James the Lord also warns us to be not just hearer but doers of the word

(you are no coincident; I knew you and I saw your frames before they were formed...) Ps 139; Ephes 2:10; Jer 29:11-13

1. Be a person of integrity; be faithful and committed in the life God has called you to live. Honour God with your life and substance, in the way you relate to the world and in your spiritually walk. There is no future for the unfaithful. Don't allow yourself to be blown around by every wind that comes along. Keep your focus and don't allow for distraction Psalm 18:24-27; Luke 16:10-12; Prov 16:2
2. Be receptive to correction and counsel. Nobody is above counsel, no matter what your status is. "Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers.." and whoever heeds instructions invites wisdom. Get wisdom, get understanding...wisdom is supreme, therefore get wisdom. Though it cost you everything, get understanding. Prov 15:22; Prov 16:20; Prov 4:5-7,13
3. Celebrate life as a privilege, not as a damnation; not as a plague or a misery. Celebrate life no matter the circumstance, and give God the glory in all things. For he is working out his purpose in your life, making all things to work out together for your good. He has started off some work in

you which he will surely perfect and bring to completion. Rejoice over your present condition and be thankful about it. until you begin to show gratitude you will not begin to see open door before you. Your lack of gratitude clogs your mind and stifles your imagination so that you don't see them as breakthrough privileges. Celebrate the seed God has planted in you in spite of your present condition or circumstance. Believe you've got what it takes any way. Believe you can do it any way. Believe your present situation is temporal. You can't break out of it until you believe you can. You can't do it until you believe that you can..through Christ who strengthens you. If all you see in your life is negative, you will keep drawing negative spiritual forces. What you see in your mind is what you get to retain in your head. So rejoice in your present circumstance because you believe it is a season that is rolling by. You are coming out of it as your praises rise to God... Psalm 103; Rom 8:28; Psalm 138:8; Phil 1:6; Phil 4:4-8; Phil 4:13

4. Everything here on earth has been appointed by God to occupy a significant position that influence those around. And that includes you. You have been appointed and strategically allocated a position whereby you are to influence others and things around you. God created

Adam and positioned him in the Garden of Eden, to work the ground and to have dominion, rule over all God's creation. Through you God can change the course of events around you as he works toward his eternal purpose. The people around you are no coincident; the environment in which you find yourself is not a coincident. How can you make a difference? In what way are you able to contribute? What problem have you been gifted to solve? In what way can you be a blessing? So then, find out your position in life – whatever you were born or created to do. Get connected, move into position, fulfil your God set assignment. Celebrate those things and people that God has put around you. Gen 1:26-28; 2:7-15; Ephes 2:10; Jerem 29:11-12; Gen 12:1-3

5. Check out your environment. Do you need a change of environment? – Bad environment destroys good destiny. And bad companies corrupt good manners. What kind of people are you hanging out with; what kind of people are hanging around you? Are you hanging around people who will edify you and lift you up, or are you constantly hanging around people who pull you down and drown you in mud of negativity and dissipation? 1Cor 15:33; Numb 13-19; numb 16-17; Psalm 1

6. If you want a positive and permanent change this year you must make quality choices. To make quality choices you need to come out of your negative mindset. You get what you believe, if you have been believing lies so far, that is what you get and you live with it. you don't get good until you believe good. A negative mindset will always make negative choices or choices in the flesh. Don't make choices in the flesh, but be discerning and be led by the Spirit. The carnal mind cannot please God, it is hostile to God because it despises the power and wisdom of God.. Restrain yourself from becoming impulsive. Find out what is the good, pleasing and perfect will of God for your life. Rom 8:5-15; Rom 12:1-2
7. Honour the Lord with your life. Be a good steward and in all your ways acknowledge the Lord. Be faithful with the little and you will soon become a steward of many. Work faithfully, use wisely, respect the provisions God has given you and do not squander or waste or despise. Whatever your hand finds doing, do it with all of your heart, give your best to it with gratitude to God as the provider. 1Cor 4:2; Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 16:10-12; Col 3:17,23,24
8. Trust in the Lord and not in your own understanding. In all of your ways acknowledge

him. Commit all your ways, plans and aspiration to him and you will certainly see his glory in your life. By all means make your plans, propose them unto the Lord, but also be willing to accept his counsel for he is the one that disposes; he will ordain your footstep and make provision for your needs, whether it be human resources, financial or material. He has the complete map of your life, before a thought is formed in your mind, he already knows it. He is the author and perfecter of your faith and your life. You have been carved; engraved in the palm of his hand and your walls are ever before him, yes the map of your life is ever before him and he will guide you through the mind field of life and the world, to the realization of you projects, plans and visions. Prov 3:5-8; Prov 16:1-3,7,9,25; Psalm 37:1-8,18-19,23-24,34

9. Your confession will either sustain you or burry you. What you confess with your mouth determines what you get. Yes, life and death are in the power of the tongue. Restrain yourself from invoking negative or speaking negative on any area of your life no matter how challenging. People's negative confession has often landed them into a miry pit and they stay stuck fast because even in the pit all they see and confess is dark and doom, they lose sight of any vision or imagination to pull them out. Prov 18:20-21

ENJOY this NEW YEAR with RENEWED HOPE
God bless you

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