

# **Initiatives and Innovation as Enhancers of Responsibility**

**A Chapel Service Message by Pastor Abraham Ojeme on Tuesday, February 25, 2014**

The relevance of initiative is that it is what engenders a persons' readiness to embark on new and bold adventure. It is taking direction to a new beginning (Isa. 43:19). Initiative is simply the manifestation of God's very nature, that is, always being committed towards creating something new at every given time (Genesis 1:26).

Initiative is about putting a stop to crying about the old and starting to think about the new, while innovation is about deviating and breaking away from the norm.

## **WHY DO WE NEED INITIATIVES & INNOVATION IN TAKING RESPONSIBILITY?**

- One major characteristic of advancement in any area of life is change – Matt. 10:34. They are attributes of maximizing change at every levels of human existence.
- Every new dispensation would require a new approach (Luke 5:37-38). Every dispensation will determine the strategies required and the strategies would determine the tools to be engaged (John 4:21-23).
- Time is of the essence for every task done because you do not have all the time to do all you have to do (Ephesians 5:14-17).

## **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CULTIVATING INITIATIVES & INNOVATION?**

- ❖ You must refuse to accept the status quo (Romans 12:2).
- ❖ You must be ready to think outside the box, because thinkers are rulers (Proverbs 23:7). Refuse to be limited.
- ❖ You must be studious.
- ❖ You must have a relationship with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the master of innovation (John 16:13; John 16:7). Making the most out of life is about staying connected to the Holy Spirit (1 John 2:27).

Some of the accruable benefits of embracing initiative and innovation are that:

- ✓ You become a person of exploits (2 Chronicle 6: 3, 9, 15).
- ✓ They promote you on the assignment (Daniel 2:48).
- ✓ They fast track the journey to one's success.
- ✓ They give you relevance and make you a person sought after.