

ENGAGING THE GRACE OF GOD

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Mysteries are kingdom secrets revealed to us for personal exploits. You cannot go beyond what is revealed to you. It is what is revealed to you that reveals you to your world.

That is why you must passionately pursue God to reveal to you what will enthrone you. It is what is revealed to you that makes you different from others. It is what is revealed to you that distinguishes you. There is a secret that God will reveal to you that will give you a place in destiny.

It is the grace of God that makes great. You cannot go far in life without the grace of God. Your parents are only the vehicles God used to bring you to this world; so it doesn't matter if you have parents right now or you are an illegitimate child, humanly speaking. You cannot be limited or disadvantaged when you operate under the grace of God.

Grace is a mystery; it is God's free gift, you can never merit it. Whatever looks like shame or reproach in your life, grace will turn it around. Romans 9:13, "As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." What did each of them do in the womb? Nothing; it is just grace on the part of Jacob. Grace simply means unmerited favour.

Hebrews 12:15, "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.."

WHAT THEN IS THE GRACE OF GOD?

1. **Grace Is The Love And Mercy Given To Us By God** - You were created by grace, chosen right from the point of your conception by grace, and you can only survive here on earth by grace. When you recognize the grace upon your life, you will never go through disgrace.

2. **Divine Assistance Given To Man For Regeneration** – The grace of God is released for a purpose; your salvation and sanctification. Grace turns your life around. Acts 15:11, “But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.” 1 Corinthians 15:10, “But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.” Apostle Paul constantly acknowledged the grace of God in his life.

If you can acknowledge the place of God in your life, it will be on the increase. If you can consciously and sincerely return the glory to God in all your dealings and endeavours, you will constly increase in your results.

No one prevails by power or by might. Zechariah 4:6, “Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, ‘This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, ‘Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit,’ saith the LORD of hosts.” Ecclesiastes 9:11, “I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.” 1 Samuel 2:9, “He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.”

When people look at you, you don’t look like it, but its grace that qualifies you. Grace brought you thus far; grace shall keep you in Jesus Name. Romans 9:16, “So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.”

God expects us to grow in grace. 2 Peter 3:1. If you refuse to grow, you will groan. Thank God for where you are right now, but you cannot remain where you are, you need to grow. Hosea 4:6, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...”

HOW DO WE GROW IN GRACE?

1. **By Living A Life That Pleases God** – Romans 6:1, “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? ...God forbid.” God would never ask you to do what He has not ‘engraced’ you to do. You are like your Father, and so, he desires for you to walk up to His expectations. John 4:24, “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

Romans 6:16, “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” When the grace of God takes over in your life, struggles end.

2. **By Increasing In Knowledge** – It’s important to understand that we have to increase in knowledge. The more of God you know, the more you grow in grace. 2 Peter 1:2, “Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord...” The more you grow in knowledge, the more grace is available to you and the more God enthrones you.

3. **By Prayer** – Hebrews 4:16, “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” You generate grace in the place of prayer. You must remain in His presence in order to keep generating grace.

It is only in the place of prayer that we can tap into what God has released for us for each day. Luke 4:1, “And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness...”

4. **By Following The Steps Of Great Men** – Hebrews 6:12, “That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience

inherit the promises.” Like begets like. We must ensure that we look up to people who are ahead of us. When you follow the grace of people who have gone ahead of you, the same grace answers for you.

5. **By Maximizing The Grace Of God Presently At Work In Your Life** – Galatians 2:9, “And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.” Grace is perceivable. All you need to do is to keep doing the right things you are doing now, and the grace will multiply.