

CHAPEL SERVICE MESSAGE

Understanding the Power of Prayer to Receive Inspiration

“Inspiration is an asset to living as it gives us insight, and insight empowers us to scale new heights,” Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo stated on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 in his message titled, “Understanding the Power of Prayer Part 3.” He reminded faculty, staff and students alike, that prayer is a platform for accessing inspiration and that ultimate wisdom flows through inspiration (2 Timothy 3:16).

He shared how Daniel waited on the Lord for 3 weeks for a particular understanding. He engaged in prayer and fasting as a means of accessing inspiration which would in turn give him divine solutions (Daniel 10:3). Prayer and fasting was a regular part of Daniel’s life and the Chancellor encouraged all to engage in this same spiritual discipline.

The Chancellor emphasised the importance of creating an arena for God to respond to our questions and concerns. “When we engage in the art of meditation we open up an opportunity for God to give us divinely inspired solutions to our situations,” he explained. King David practised the art of meditation and through it, he was able to become wiser than his enemies (Psalm 119:97-100).

The Chancellor also shared that we need joy in order to flow effectively in inspiration. The Apostle Paul’s secret to flowing in inspiration was his ability to cultivate joy in the midst of challenging circumstances. In 1 Thessalonians 5:16 Paul exhorts us to, “Rejoice always!” Despite the extreme hardship he faced, he was a man of unusual joy. This enabled him to flow effectively in inspiration.

In concluding, the Chancellor encouraged students to access inspiration through the altar of prayer and fasting in order to develop innovative ideas. He also reminded all in attendance of the importance of knowing Jesus. “You don’t know joy until you’ve met Jesus,” he concluded.