

IN A NUTSHELL

WHAT'S UP!

Singled Out (the Singles' time out with Pastor Poju) has debuted on **HiTV & Channels TV.**

Tune in to **Hi Life** every Tuesday by 8:00pm prompt and watch out for it on **Channels Television** on Saturday by 8:30am.

Due to a change in the programmes schedule of the NTA "INSIGHTS FOR LIVING" on NTA Channel 5 now shows every Sunday from 2-2:30pm.

Are you interested in receiving the weekly mails from Pastor? Register to receive these thought provoking articles @ the church website www.insightsforliving.org. Log on today and access various online materials as well.

A Combined Service will take place on the 31st of August by 8:30am prompt @ the Indoor sports hall of the National stadium.

Financial Seminar takes place on the 31st August by 4:00pm prompt @ the Indoor Sport shall of the National stadium. Get ready for more instructions from the Word on how to put your finances in order.

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SUNDAY SERVICES
(The following three services hold at the Yaba Centre as follows)

YABA CENTRE:
400 Herbert Macaulay Rd. Yaba
TIME:
6:45 am - 8:00 am, 8:00am
9:30am & 11:00am 12:30pm

ISLAND CENTRE:
Lagoon Restaurant, Ozumba
Mbadiwe. VI
TIME:
9:15 am 11:15 am

MIDWEEK SERVICE
VENUE:
Yaba Centre 400 Herbert
Macaulay Rd. Yaba.
Day: Wednesday
TIME:
6:30pm - 8:00pm

HOMILY



The proving of your faith is like the test-drives that cars undergo. The manufacturers carry out these tests because they have utmost confidence in their products. In the same vein, God puts us through certain tests based on the confidence that He has in our abilities. In Job 1:6-12 we find such an example, as a proud father, God was willing to have Job tested because He was confident that Job had the capacity to pass the tests. God was this confident because He had built certain traits into Job. As a result, He gave Job up for testing to prove that the work done in him was total and complete. This proves that when God puts us through different tests, it is not necessarily to reveal our weaknesses but it could be to prove those things which have been corrected within us. This fact should help us understand God's processes better and make us more patient when we are led into hard inexplicable situations.

When God led the Israelites out of Egypt, His first port of call was the wilderness. This particular phase was to show them the present state of their hearts. In this phase, the Bible shows that God found fault with them. He then allowed them to wander in the wilderness until He had corrected their character flaws. God devoted forty years to work on their character because a strong character is the foundation of every successful walk with God. The wilderness was chosen as the training ground because people are more receptive to correction when faced with difficult circumstances.

These flaws can be categorised into different types and include; the sins of omission (subconscious sins) and the sins of commission (conscious sins). Subconscious sins are sins that are committed even when the individual sets his will against such acts. This was the type of sin that Paul talked about in Romans 7:18-21 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. This type of sin is usually the result of errors in the internal workings of individuals. These hidden faults usually take over their actions. This was the type of sin that the Israelites were committing immediately they left Egypt and was a result of the programming they had received whilst in bondage. It was this programme that kept on playing out in their lives in the wilderness. It played out in the form of fear, low self-confidence and even in the area of doubt in God's ability to preserve and prosper them. This ultimately led to idolatry and other vices.

'Poju Oyemade

TEN thoughts to live by

POEM



1. Thou shalt not worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.
2. Thou shalt not be fearful, for most of the things we fear never come to pass.
3. Thou shalt not cross bridges before you get to them, for no one yet has succeeded in accomplishing this.
4. Thou shalt face each problem as it comes. You can handle only one at a time anyway.
5. Thou shalt not take problems to bed with you for they make very poor bedfellows.
6. Thou shalt not borrow other people's problems. They can take better care of them than you can.
7. Thou shalt not try to relive yesterday for good or ill it is gone. Concentrate on what is happening in your life today.
8. Thou shalt count thy blessings, never overlooking the small ones, for a lot of small blessings add up to a big one.
9. Thou shalt be a good listener, for only when you listen do you hear ideas different from your own. It is very hard to learn something new when you are talking.
10. Thou shalt not become bogged down by frustration, for 90 percent of it is rooted in self-pity, and it will only interfere with positive action.



Nuptials

Odigwe & Elizabeth Okonji were married on the 9th August @ the Events Centre. We pray many years of God's faithfulness for their union.

Alfred Babatunde Okuyedi & Udeme Udoh tie the knot on Saturday 16th August 2008 @TREM HQ by 10:00am prompt.

Patrick Nkamiang & Chinasa Ochiogu will commit to a life-time together on Saturday 16th August 2008 @ Covenant Christian Centre by 11:00am prompt.

Oluwatosin Michael Oyekanmi & Opemipo Sarat Fashola say I do on Saturday 23rd August 2008 @ Covenant Christian Centre by 10:00am prompt.

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Did you know that...

Mammals are the only animals with flaps around the ears.

African elephants only have four teeth to chew their food with.

There are about one billion cattle in the world of which 200 million are in India.

A house fly lives only 14 days.

A dog was the first in space and a sheep, a duck and a rooster the first to fly in a hot air balloon.

The oldest breed of dog is the Saluki.

The bee hummingbird of Cuba is the smallest bird in the world.

An ostrich can run up to 70 km/h (43mph).

An annoyed camel will spit at a person.

The world's smallest dog is the Chihuahua, which means "tiny dog in the sky."

Pea crabs (the size of a pea) are the smallest crabs in the world.

75% of wild birds die before they are 6 months old.

The pig is rated the fourth most intelligent animal but are mentioned only twice in the Bible

Sheep are mentioned 45 times and goats 88 times in the Bible. Dogs are mentioned 14 times and lions 89 times, but domestic cats are not mentioned.

Pork is the world's most widely-eaten meat.

In Denmark there are twice as many pigs as people.

Dinosaurs did not eat grass: there weren't any at that time.

The coyote is a member of the dog family and its scientific name, "Canis latrans" means barking dog.

A giraffe can clean its ears with its 50cm (20 in) tongue.

Is a world population of 6 billion too many? Compare that with animals. There are more than a million animal species. There are 6,000 species of reptiles, 73,000 kinds of spiders, and 3,000 types of lice. For each person, there are about 200 million insects. The 4,600 kinds of mammals represent a mere 0.3% of animals and the 9000 kinds of birds only 0.7%. The most numerous bird species is the red-billed quelea of southern Africa. There are an estimated 100 trillion of them.



Mr & Mrs Bimbo Oshin were blessed with a healthy baby boy on the 22nd July 2008

Mr & Mrs Ajodele John received a beautiful baby girl into the family on 23rd July 2008

Mr & Mrs Matthias Enahoroh were blessed with a baby boy on the 30th July 2008

Covenant Capital



Covenant Capital is an initiative of the church to provide financial & advisory assistance to entrepreneurs in the church to empower them to achieve their God-given financial potential and contribute in practical ways to their immediate community through job creation, financial empowerment and role modelling.

Covenant Capital is available to all members of Covenant Christian Centre at these levels: Microfinance and Business Advisory Services.

For enquiries, please contact **Oye at the Church Office, Yaba** from Monday: 8:30am 1pm, Tue - Fri: 9:00am 5:00pm.

You can also call 01-741 2953 or send an email to covenantcms@gmail.com



EDU AID

Edu-Aid is Covenant Christian Centre's social response to the falling standards in the quality of education and learning environment available in Nigerian public primary schools today. Our vision is simply 'To facilitate access to quality primary-level education in a conducive learning environment for as many children as possible'.

One of our goals for 2008 is to be reorganised to function as a non-governmental organisation. As such, old members of Edu-Aid will need to renew their membership by reapplying to join the new teams and units being created. New members are also welcome.

First Time



With great pleasure we warmly welcome you to Covenant Christian Centre and believe that without a doubt you received practical wisdom through the Word of Faith. Today's message is available in audio CD, audio cassettes and MP3 format. Past messages can also be found at the tape stand.

The church website is www.insightsforliving.org online you'll be able to access messages, mails and publications.

For more resources on various outreaches of the ministry (e.g. the Platform, Singles' summit etc) visit any of the following websites www.theplatformnigeria.com ; www.covenantsinglesummit.com

You can also check out our online forum at www.insightsforliving.org/c3 meaningful contributions through discussions, comments and suggestions highly coveted.

Kindly fill the visitors form and return to any of the ushers.

We appreciate your presence here today and look forward to seeing you at any of our services, monthly seminars and special events.