

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.

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SERVICES



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

POEM

He loves you!

It's amazing and incredible,
But it's as true as can be,
God loves and understands us all
And that means you and me
His grace is all sufficient
For both the young and the old,
For the lonely and the timid,
For the brash and for the bold
His love knows no exceptions,
So never feel excluded
No matter who or what you are
Your name has been included
And no matter what your past has been,
Trust God to understand,
And no matter what your problem is
Just place it in His Hand
For in all of our unloveliness
This great God loves us still,
He loved us since the world began
And what's more, He always will!

Helen Steiner Rice



HOMILY

The Path to Dominion



Genesis 1:28 says, 'And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.' (Amplified) This was the very first instruction that God gave to man, to be fruitful and then that he should multiply. The first part of the mandate was for increase and multiplication. With this God illustrated the sequential pattern of growth. First, the gradual or arithmetic growth i.e. where one measure is increased to two then three etc. The next stage is multiplication; this is the growth phase where you begin to take quantum leaps in life endeavours (i.e. geometric or exponential growth); this type of growth fills your life, family and environment until its impact is felt all over the earth i.e. you can be said to be replenishing the earth. The transforming effect of your activities fills your environment. Here you begin to use the vast resources of the earth (which you have hitherto accessed in the preceding stages of growth) in the service of God and man. All these stages are a build up to the stage of dominion; where we really come into the fullness of the stature of Christ. At this stage, we enter into the fullness of the government of Christ as stated in Isaiah 9:6-7; For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

The process, as outlined by God, starts from increase through multiplication to dominion because it is impossible to have dominion with a minority mentality. This is because there is a certain level of capacity that an individual or organisation must have before they can attain dominion in their environment. Without the attainment of this level of capacity, all the activities within such an organisation or in such an individual's life will be largely theoretical. There will be no practical results achieved.

This principle could be seen at work in Noah's life (Gen 6:14-16). He had to build an ark of appropriate dimensions and capacity before a remnant of all creatures in the earth could be saved. Joseph also had to devise a plan on how to increase capacity ahead of the famine. This capacity enabled him to be used by God in saving the world from being wiped out. As seen by both patriarchs (who built capacity before either the flood or famine began and ended up having dominion in their different dispensation), there is the need for us to ensure that we stay committed to our personal growth. This is because it will be too late to build our ark after the rains have begun.

*Poju Oyemade



Nuptials

Oluwatosin Michael Oyekanmi & Opemipo Sarat Fashola say I do on Saturday 23rd August 2008 @ Covenant Christian Centre 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.

Olatunde Tiamiyu & Adedunmola Okupe Agbonmagbe will tie the knot on Saturday 2nd August 2008 @ New Estate Baptist Church Surulere by 9:30am.



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 3 levels: Microfinance, Project Finance and Business Advisory Services. For enquiries, please contact Oye Makinde 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 . New unit members are welcome.

A baby boy was born into the family of **Mr & Mrs Olasubomi Ogunsimbo** on the 30th June.

CHUCKLES

FAMILY TIES JOKES

Mrs Wade was trying to be tactful with her friend Mrs Griffin. 'Now that your son George has turned thirty, don't you think it's time he decided what to do with His life?'

'Oh, he's at a difficult age,' Mrs. Griffin said.

What do you mean?'

'Why, he's simply caught in limbo: too old to live at home with us, but too young to draw social security.'

Grandson: 'grandma, how many brothers and sisters did you have?'

Grandma: 'eleven brothers and eight sisters.'

Grandson: 'wow! I bet yours was the biggest family in the whole town.'

Grandma: 'yes. I expect that's why they built the new school to our house.'

At three o'clock in the morning, a young wife shook her husband awake.

'What is it?' he asked groggily.

'The baby,' she reminded him.

The husband sat up and listened for a full minute.

'But I don't hear crying,' he protested.

'I know. It's your turn to go see why not.'

Two cousins were having a friendly chat when one blurted, out of the blue, 'man, I need to borrow \$100 from somebody by the end of the week.'

'Really?'

'I sure do. Don't know who to turn to, either.'

'Whew! It sounded for a moment like you were gonna turn to me.'

A beloved matron of the town was dying. Her family stood by, reflecting on her many wonderful qualities.

'She was the perfect mother,' said one grown daughter. 'Always there, always caring, always loving but not to disobey.'

'She was the same to the whole community,' said a son. 'Everyone in town, I believe, regarded her as if she were their own mother.'

'She sure knew how to cook!' chirped a grandson, sending a ripple of subdued chuckles through the morose gathering.

'And she was always the first to volunteer,' added her minister.

The old woman turned her head on the pillow to face them. She moaned, 'motherhood, cooking, volunteering; not one comment about how wonderfully modest I am.'

Al: 'you sure seem unhappy.'

Val: 'yep. Living with my mother-in-law is really stressful. She's constantly fussing at both me and my wife.'

Al: 'well, if worst comes to worst, you may have to ask her to move out.'

Val: 'I don't think we can do that. It's her house.'



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.covenantsinglessummit.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.