

## Leaving An Indelibe Mark on History

Key Scripture: Hebrews 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus the pioneer & perfecter of our faith"

Greetings my fellow entrepreneurs in Christ. I greet you with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome to the month of July. I pray this month marks the beginning of great things in each and everyone's life, who is connected to the vision of raising marketplace ministers.

What or who is a pioneer? And how does this unique anointing pertain to our journey in life as Kingdom Entrepreneurs or as a Marketplace Ministers?

Is there really an anointing that releases the grace to pioneer something on earth? If there is, how do I obtain it? And once I get it, how do I service it so that this anointing keeps growing in ever increasing measures of grace?

These are great questions but to answer them, let me quickly define what the pioneer's anointing is. Then we can look at the example of our Lord and savior Christ Jesus, to see how he achieved so much in such a short time through the help of the Holy Spirit who anointed him to be a true pioneer.

The anointing typically comes on an area of your life and wields to you authority from God. This authority also called the anointing, is one of the kingdom tools God makes available to a yielded vessel to advertise the reality of His unseen kingdom.

In like manner, the pioneer's anointing is the authority God gives a kingdom man or woman to begin a new thing that has the ability to keep reproducing itself perpetually. If it does not have the grace within itself to keep producing after its own kind then something else may be at play... anything other than the pioneer's anointing.

For instance, my wife and I have 2 children - a boy and a girl. She left her father's house (meaning her family) and I left my father's house when we got married. We then decided it was time to start our own family.

Since nobody has the monopoly over conception and childbirth, we sought the face of God to anoint us to have kids. At that point, God saw it fit to anoint us (empower us) to raise our own family. Thus, it can be said we pioneered a new bloodline and a new generation. Indeed, the pioneer's anointing breathes life into the works of one's hands so it has the ability to keep producing itself, even long after you are gone.

Now that we have defined what the Pioneer's anointing is, we need to examine it through the lens of scripture and review a few facts about it. Hebrews 12:2 makes a very audacious statement. It reads, "looking unto Jesus, the pioneer (or author) and the perfecter (finisher) of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame and is now sat down at the right hand of God."

The preceding verse of Hebrews 12 explains that every Christian has "a race marked out for us" and if we must complete that race successfully, then we must fix our eyes

on Jesus Christ our Lord, the very person who pioneered (initiated) this race and it's pathway that we must follow strictly if we are to make Heaven.

Now this race is regardless of whether you have been called to pioneer something or not - every Christian out there in the world is running a race to win an imperishable crown (1st Corinthians 9:25). However, some Christians have a call to pioneer something great for God's Kingdom purposes or to advance the world at large.

As it were, they are called to start mini races within the big general race where many others will soon associate themselves with and find a clear pathway to keep running till, we all obtain our crowns of glory. It is this latter category of people that this article is directed towards.

Let me make a bold statement; not all entrepreneurs are pioneers. But all pioneers are in some way, coerced into the art of entrepreneurship as they move along the pathway carved out for true pioneers. In Hebrews 12 we are given the formula as to how Jesus pioneered the Christian faith. The Bible says, "for the joy set before him, he endured the cross, scorning it's shame so that He could sit down at the right hand of God." What a wonderful scripture!

The first thing to take away from this is to understand the pathway carved out for true pioneers: Firstly, they understand the joy of their destination. Meaning, pioneers map out carefully what they intend to achieve. The end goal must be very clear and it must be worth the struggle. If this goal does not give you joy each time you think about it then you have not arrived at something worth dying for. Keep thinking, keep researching, keep planning and keep giving of your time. Don't stop until you reach that point where you are fully convinced and persuaded that this end-goal is worth you sacrificing your entire life to build.





Secondly, he endured the cross. Friends, if you must pioneer something new, either in ministry or in entrepreneurship, you must know that there is a cross to bear. If you must achieve this the Christian way and not through shortcuts or illegal means, then be prepared to face your own cross. Jesus, being the pattern man set the precedence for everyone else to follow.

If he, did it through the cross, yours will not be different. The cross is a symbol of death to the flesh. Old systems and ideologies must die while a new mindset must come forth. Your old nature, self-promotion, your ambition and your will must come to the place where it dies so God can bring forth new life through you. Jesus said it best in John 12 verse 24, "except a corn of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it abides alone, but if it dies, it brings forth much fruit!"

It's the pioneer's anointing that makes it possible for much fruit to come forth from you but first you must die to your ambition by coming to the cross to crucify it whilst taking on God's agenda

Thirdly, we are told he scorned the shame of the cross. This talks about failures. Yes, it's true... failure in an attempt to pioneer a work can bring shame, however shame in and of itself can never bring failure. That is because you don't really fail until you stop trying. Hence failure is fictional and so is shame. When the success story is written, the shame and failures you experienced will be wiped out utterly, as if one never failed before. Everyone loves a good success story. So, keep pushing till you breakthrough in that endeavor.

Fourthly, he sat down at the right hand of God. This is the glory from the story that almost crushed you with shame. This was the end picture Jesus always had in mind when He began on this journey to become a pioneer. There is no true glory without a story as no man or woman is self-made or arrives their glorious destination overnight. Let people know your story, as it will encourage them greatly in this race called life.

God gives every true pioneer an enlarged capacity to handle more things at once. That's one of the ways you know you have been hand-picked by God to pioneer major work(s) beyond starting a family. Hence, you'll have many dreams and many ideas. The challenge then becomes which one to execute first and the best method to get to that end goal.

As I begin to round up, it's important to mention a few facts. To truly pioneer something new, you need 2 opposites. Just like the law of physic we learned in high school that opposites attract, the same concept applies in spiritual things. Two of the same kind cannot birth anything new. If you must birth anything new that keeps reproducing itself, then you need 2 opposites to attract.

Earlier in this article, I gave an example of me and my wife coming together to create a new generation that would have never been possible had I tried it on my own. God's laws have been preprogrammed for opposites to attract. Hence, a woman who is another gender from the man must come together to pioneer a new family. The seed comes from the man and the woman's womb nurses the baby to full maturity.

In the realm of the Spirit, this law also applies. Jesus declared in John 6:63, "it is the Spirit that gives life; the flesh profits

nothing. The words I have spoken to you, they are full of the Spirit and of life. In this case, man must walk with the Holy Spirit to achieve something new and unique.

Since it is the Spirit that gives life, the Holy Spirit can be likened to the male giving the seed in this instance, while the Kingdom Entrepreneur can be likened to the female who has a womb (the mind) to nurture the idea to fruition.

In the place of koinonia (worship, prayer and deep intimacy) the Spirit of God releases something from the realm of eternity, called life and your mind receives it and begins to develop the idea into something meaningful that can impact Christianity, your industry, or the world at large.

In conclusion, this anointing is obtained by launching into God in prayer and finding out, through the help of the Holy Spirit what grace God is making available per time then aligning with the grace for that season.

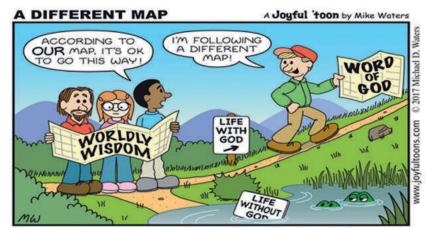
The secret behind Jesus' earthly ministry was that He only replicated what He saw the Father doing per time - John 10:37. When we follow the same example, it will lead us to breakthroughs upon breakthroughs in each area of our lives where we choose to pioneer something new. If you attempt to bring forth an idea before the timing and season for it opens up in the spirit, you will have a lot of failures and difficulty making it happen until the season of its manifestation opens up. For instance, the Wright brothers who invented the airplane could not have done it in the era when Jesus walked the earth - the time for it had simply not yet come.

Finally, each pioneer must be extremely selective in hiring. What the devil throws at Kingdom citizens who have this anointing on their life, is that he sends the wrong people their way so they are greatly delayed in life. Never hire the wrong person for the right job. You will never get to your end goal if you keep doing this.

We hope this article has blessed you and if it has, please be a blessing by sharing this newsletter with a friend.

God bless you.

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How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. -PSALM 119:9 NIV



# Business Spotlight of the Month



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### THEME OF THE MONTH EXPLAINED

# The Pioneer's Anointing

Scripture reading:

Hebrews 12 verses 1 to 3 NIV and I quote:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

In the above scripture the Lord Jesus Christ is referred to as the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

A pioneer is one who takes the lead in anything. A pioneer is a leader in nature.

The Lord Jesus Christ becomes a pioneer leader whose faith far surpassed the examples of faith commemorated in Hebrews 11.

The Lord Jesus Christ is a leader who Pioneers the way for many others to follow.

To walk in this anointing and have it manifest in our lives and businesses we have to look at the Lord Jesus' model and even our patriarch father Abraham.

1) Trust.

Trust in God is a prerequisite for the manifestation of this anointing. You MUST trust God who has placed this pioneer's anointing in you.

1 Corinthians 2:9-12 tells us and I quote:

Rather, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart has imagined, what God has prepared for those who love

Him." But God has revealed it to us by the Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of man except his own spirit within him? So too, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

The carrier of this anointing must have complete trust in God because without this trust you cannot walk by faith.

Proverbs 3 verses 5 through 7 tells us to:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Be not wise in your own eyes;

Peace is the product of trust. Knowing fully that God would not renege on His promise.

He said in Joshua 1:5

"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you." Hallelujah⊠

2) Faith. To walk in this anointing, we MUST walk by faith.

Kindly note that faith is an action word. The writer of the book of James says in James 2:18 & 20

"Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. Faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. No man or



woman can ever walk by faith until complete trust is established. No one! Abraham believed God and it was accounted unto him for righteousness.

When trust in God is developed, to take the steps of faith becomes easy to do.

3) Boldness is another evidence necessary to function in the Pioneer's anointing

The book of Proverbs 28 verse I says and I quote:

"The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion."

When trust is established, it is easier to be bold because challenges of life would come, tough times would stir you in the face and the only thing that would keep you standing and advancing is your righteous stance with God.

It is easy to stand with boldness when you're fully aware that you are at the center of God's purpose.

### 4) Purpose.

The next phase of this anointing is purpose.

Understanding the purpose of this anointing in one's life is the key to its manifestation.

Lack of understanding will result in abuse.

Abuse arises when we use this anointing to accomplish our purpose rather than God's purpose.

Abuse occurs when we build our own empire instead of the Kingdom of God's agenda.

Abuse occurs when we fulfill our will instead of God's will.

The danger here is lacking understanding of the purpose of this anointing in a believer's life. Being unaware of the above truth will end up in building the wall of barbel instead of the Kingdom's agenda.

In the book of Judges chapter 15, Samson used this anointing selfishly to accomplish his own will rather than God's. All the wars he fought was for his own selfish reasons and not for God.

#### 5) Humility.

This helps the carrier of this anointing to submit completely to the Spirit of God.

Philippians 2 from verse 7 to 9:

"Jesus made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore, God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.".

The way up is through humility.

Being humble is to identify with one's weakness and frailty, hence, allowing God to take charge.

1 Peter chapter 5 and verse 5b & 6 says and I quote:

"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,"

God exalt the humble, so it is a wise thing to remain humble for this anointing to manifest greatly in a believer's life.

### 6) Diligence.

Proverbs 13:4 says and I quote:

"The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

The dictionary defines diligence as "a persistent and

ardworking effort in doing something."

The word persistent is certainly part of diligence but hard working is not an accurate description of diligence when we look at it through the eyes of King Solomon in the book of

King Solomon believed in "smart-working" with persistent rather than hard-working.

In working smart or wisely, the tool and means you employ to accomplish any task is very important.

For example, if you need to cut down a huge tree and try to cut it down using a hammer or cutlass, that would be hard-working, but it certainly would not be diligent. It could take hours or days or months to completely chop down let's say ten huge trees.

On the other hand, if you use a chain saw, it would only take you a few minutes to cut down the same amounts of trees. You would not exert a lot of physical strength with the chain saw as you would do with the hammer or cutlass.

This is King Solomon definition of diligence:

"a smart working effort that is rightly planned and performed with creative persistence in the shortest time possible, in an efficient and effective manner to birth a result of the highest purity and quality of excellence."

#### 7) Communion with God.

This is the most important aspect of walking in the Pioneer's

Without this strong relationship with the Holy Spirit, a person is going nowhere and can never accomplish anything great or worthy of any applause.

The success of any man or woman as entrepreneurs is dependent on this truth that great success only comes from God's assistance.

Without God in the equation what we would be doing is what the Bible calls 'toiling' which involves human strength and it's tiring and exhausting but God the Father wants to assist us with His strength.

The strength, ideas, wisdom, creativity, persistence that comes through His Spirit.

All that we need for great success in our areas of endeavor is in our FULL submission to the Holy Spirit of God. Amen.

I leave you with this quote from 1 Corinthians 2:11.

"For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God."

Remain blessed.

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remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1 Thessalonians 1:3 NIV

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Memory Verse of the Month

## **MATTHEW 10:16**

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves.

Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

### **EIC CELL FELLOWSHIP**

Entrepreneurs IN Christ will begin to meet in person at respective cell fellowship centers in Nigeria, Ghana and Kenya starting August 1st 2022

### **PURPOSE OF CELL FELLOWSHIPS**

- 1.To create touch points for networking and real fellowship; i.e., to bear one another's burden (spiritual needs) and give people room to strive.
- 2.To meet the spiritual need of people; entertain prayer request; intercessory, supplication and thanksgiving prayers
- 3. Baptism of the Holy Spirit:
- 4. Impartation of spiritual gifts; knowledge, power and working of miracles
- 5. Soul winning; invite your neighbors through your testimonies. Nothing warms the hearts of men like personal stories.

#### **CELL FELLOWSHIPS RULES**

- 1. No borrowing of money within members
- 2. Members will be assigned by geographic region

To make the Cell Fellowship possible, we need more Host Volunteers in Nigeria, especially in Abuja and Port Harcourt.

We currently have Hosts in Accra Ghana, Nairobi Kenya and Lagos Nigeria.

As an EIC Cell Fellowship Host, **you are connected to the covenant God has with EIC.** A covenant is a spiritual word for contract. A contract is an agreement between 2 people. In a covenant, the contract is with divinity.

In a covenant, you pick up a need in God's heart and He gives you something in return (example is Hannah, the mother of Samuel)



### **EIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Need for True Marketplace Ministers

At EIC, we have a passion to ignite the flames of marketplace ministry in the heart of 1000 entrepreneurs who is hungry to grow spiritually, in Nigeria, Ghana and Kenya this year.

But we cannot achieve this on our own, that is why we need your help.

😢 How Can You Help?

Share an EIC material with Entrepreneurs you know. These are;

- EIC FREE Membership Invitation
- Business Network Fellowship (BNF) messages and meeting invitation
- Prayer Force Meeting invitations
- EIC Ministry Arms invitation

Where Will You Get These?

- Our @entrepreneursinchrist
- Our Website: www.entrepreneursinchrist.net





Have you been blessed by what we do? We have a passion to ignite and sustain the flames of marketplace ministry in the heart of 1000 entrepreneurs this year in Nigeria, Ghana and Kenya combined.

If you believe in our mission then you can help us reach this goal. Here are a few outlets we'd welcome your support on a monthly basis.

### MINISTRY NEEDS YOU CAN PARTNER WITH US IN:

- Expansion of EIC (country or regional launches) PHelp/welfare ministry
- Kingdom financiers (missions, crusades, & church building projects)
- Prayer ministry (in-person prayer marathons)
- Outreach ministry (prisons, hospitals & orphanages)
- The forerunners (evangelical ministry/promotional materials)
- EIC projects (quarterly in-person BNF meetings) **Seminars & conventions)**

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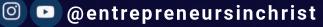
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