

## Excerpt from the message -

# GRACE FOR SPEED by Damola Adelakun

#### Introduction

In John 1:14, the Bible states that while the law came through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Within the concept of grace, there exist different kinds of graces, each with its unique purpose and administration. The throne of grace, presided over by King Jesus, is the source of all these graces, including abundance, favor, access, and even the grace for speed. Understanding the reasons behind the provision of such grace is crucial to avoid its misuse. This article explores the significance of the grace for speed, its biblical foundation, and how to access and benefit from it.

### The Essence of Speed:

Speed, often associated with quick movement or progress, holds a significant place in our lives. In the Bible, the word "speed" is derived from the Hebrew word "maha," which means to flow easily, to be liquid, or to be carried headlong. The grace for speed is not merely a biblical concept; it manifests in real-life situations, prompting us to question its existence, its accessibility, and its potential impact on our lives.

#### Approaching the Throne of Grace:

Accessing the grace for speed requires understanding the prerequisite set forth in the Bible: mercy. When approaching the throne of grace, we come seeking mercy before grace. This throne, where King Jesus sits, administers all the various graces available to the children of God. The grace for speed, among others, emanates from this divine source. To fully comprehend and harness this grace, it is vital to grasp its purpose, for without understanding, abuse is inevitable.

#### The Need for Speed:

The grace for speed addresses a specific need—overcoming the devices of the enemy. As mentioned in 2 Corinthians 2:11, we are not ignorant of Satan's devices, which may include stagnation, delay, or retrogression. Many individuals face these challenges daily, feeling cheated and discouraged. However, as God's children, we become targets of the enemy's attacks, making it crucial to grasp the compensation system provided by heaven. The grace for speed is God's response to counteract these negative influences and restore what has been lost. By understanding this divine justice system, we can enforce our rights as kingdom citizens.

# The Grace for Speed Unveiled:

- · Heaven's Compensation System: The grace for speed serves as the first component of heaven's justice system. It acts as a legal compensation plan for kingdom citizens, enforced by God's laws. Retribution, or payback, is a key element of this grace, aiming to rectify the wrongs inflicted upon believers.
- God's Marketing Strategy: The grace for speed also serves as a powerful marketing strategy employed by God. When He desires to advertise His children, He releases this grace, propelling them forward in such a remarkable manner that others take notice. Through the grace for speed, years of labor can be condensed into a fraction of the time.
- Reward for Faithfulness and Stewardship: The grace for speed is God's reward for those who demonstrate adequate preparation, stewardship, and unwavering faith in Him. Luke 19:16-17 emphasizes the significance of faithful service and effective use of the gifts bestowed upon us. When individuals prove themselves trustworthy, God grants them the grace for speed.

• Evidence of Answered Prayers: The grace for speed serves as proof that the long-awaited harvest is finally arriving. Just as prayers.

In the biblical narrative, references to the hand of the Lord carry significant symbolism, representing power, authority, and divine intervention. One such instance is found in the story of the prophet Elijah, where the hand of the Lord came upon him.

The Hand of the Lord as Divine Manifestation:

When the Bible speaks of the hand of the Lord, it portrays a powerful and majestic image. In the context of Elijah's story, we read that the hand of the Lord came upon him, bestowing upon him supernatural abilities to outpace Ahab's chariots. This manifestation of God's hand signifies the infusion of divine power into a human vessel. It is an extraordinary moment when God's authority is visibly demonstrated, leaving no doubt about His presence and intervention.

There are two primary interpretations regarding the hand of the Lord. The first interpretation is that the hand comes upon someone temporarily, providing momentary supernatural results. This is what happened to Elijah as he outran Ahab's chariots. While this interpretation acknowledges the undeniable power and impact of the hand of the Lord, it suggests that such moments are unique.

However, the second interpretation offers a deeper understanding. It suggests that the hand of the Lord can also be understood as an office or position of authority. In ancient times, the term "hand" referred to an official role, the hand of the Lord represents a continuous presence and authority.

The Hand that Remains:

Seeking the hand of the Lord that remains with believers is the ultimate objective within God's justice system. This concept implies a sustained connection to God's power and authority, which produces continuous supernatural results in one's life. Rather than experiencing occasional moments of divine intervention, believers are encouraged to pursue a lasting relationship with the hand of the Lord.

The hand of the Lord can also be associated with angelic functionaries. These celestial beings, classified under the category of the hand of the Lord, play a role in God's divine plan. While their exact nature and purpose may remain beyond human comprehension, the Bible provides examples where angelic figures interact with humanity, accepting worship or delivering messages on God's behalf.

#### Conclusion:

The grace for speed is a divine provision to counteract the strategies of the enemy and accelerate God's purposes in our lives. It is part of heaven's compensation system, a reward for faithfulness, and evidence of answered prayers. As we walk in the grace for speed, let us remember to use it wisely and for the glory of God, impacting the world with His love and power.



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For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

- Titus 2:11-12 NIV

## Excerpt from the Teaching -

# Grace for Speed by Yemi Akins

#### INTRODUCTION

The grace for speed refers to the rapid manifestation of things in our lives. It signifies the swiftness with which God brings about His blessings and the progress we make in various endeavors. When we talk about grace, we are acknowledging that it is a divine influence, a manifestation of God's hand upon us. The grace for speed is when God influences the natural order of things to give us an advantage in life.

This grace impacts every area of our lives positively. It enables us to cover distance quickly and efficiently. It allows God to override His laws and manipulate time to show us favor. A remarkable example of this grace can be found in 2 Kings 7:1, where a great famine in Israel was miraculously turned around within 24 hours. Just imagine experiencing breakthroughs in every aspect of your life within such a short span of time. God's grace for speed can bring about such astonishing transformations.

By compressing time, God shortens the duration it takes to accomplish certain goals or experience desired outcomes. For instance, a journey that might typically require years to complete can be compressed into mere months or even weeks. Just as the time it takes to travel from point A to point B varies depending on the mode of transportation, God's grace for speed allows us to swiftly reach our destinations in life.

This grace can manifest in various aspects of our lives, including our health. A person who is sick and receives prayer can experience instantaneous healing, defying the natural timeline for recovery. A process that would typically take months or even years can be accelerated to a matter of minutes or hours. This miraculous acceleration demonstrates God's power to override time and bring about swift manifestations.

Furthermore, the grace for speed is often accompanied by divine favor, both from God and from other people. When we find favor in the eyes of God and are held in high regard by those around us, our breakthroughs become even more extraordinary. Imagine receiving multiple orders for your business or gaining favor with influential individuals. The impact of having both God's favor and favor with men can be truly phenomenal.

Diligence plays a vital role in accessing the grace for speed. We must be diligent in our prayer life, consistently seeking God's intervention and guidance. Diligence also extends to other areas of our lives where we are called to be proactive and committed. By embracing diligence and coupling it with grace for speed, we position ourselves for remarkable breakthroughs and success.

In life, there are times when we feel like we have lost precious moments and years. However, the grace for speed, which is God's way of helping us redeem time and restore what was lost, offers us hope and assurance. It is a beautiful place to be, filled with calmness, relaxation, and joy. Regardless of how many people have progressed ahead of us, we can be certain that we will overtake them. We will recover everything we think we have lost.

## The Promise of Restoration:

Job chapter 2 verse 25 conveys a powerful message about God's promise of restoration. It speaks of God's commitment to restore the years that have been devoured by various forms of destruction, such as eating locusts, crawling locusts, consuming locusts, and chewing locusts. These locusts symbolize forces that aim to destroy everything, leaving behind a state of abject poverty. However, God assures us that He will redeem and restore those lost years. With gratitude and faith, we can trust that God will fulfill His promise.

#### TRIGGERS OF GRACE FOR SPEED

#### **Trigger 1: Fervent Prayers:**

One trigger that activates the grace for speed is fervent prayer. When we reach a point in life where we have had enough, we approach God in prayer with a sense of urgency and determination. Just like a woman in childbirth, fervent prayer is characterized by deep grief and a willingness to persist until the answer comes. Sometimes, it may take years for certain prayers to be answered fully, but as we continue to pray fervently, our prayers gain strength and effectiveness.

The example of Anna, who year after year presented her petitions before God, demonstrates the power of traveling in prayer. It is not merely a comfortable or casual prayer, but rather a prayer that stems from a deep conviction and desire for change. Just as a woman in labor cries out for relief, our prayers should reflect the same intensity. As we reach the point of "enough is enough," our prayers become more resolute, leading to breakthroughs and the manifestation of God's grace for speed.

## Trigger 2: Worship:

Another trigger for experiencing graceful speed is worship. True worship is not limited to singing songs; it is a posture of the heart, a deep reverence and awe for God. Jesus emphasized the importance of worshiping in spirit and truth, for God seeks true worshippers who will honor Him from the depths of their hearts. Worship involves bowing down before God, prostrating ourselves in humble adoration, and acknowledging His supreme authority.

Worship is not a casual interaction with God; it is an expression of utmost respect and honor. Unfortunately, some people treat God to obtain material blessings or as a mere provider. However, true worship requires us to value God for who He is, showing gratitude and reverence in our relationship with Him. As we worship Him acceptably, with reference and awe, we invite His consuming fire to transform our lives.

#### Conclusion:

The grace for speed offers us hope in redeeming lost time and restoring years that were seemingly wasted. Through fervent prayers and genuine worship, we activate this grace in our lives. Fervent prayer emerges from a place of deep grief and a resolute determination to seek God's intervention. Worship, on the other hand, requires us to approach God with reverence, acknowledging His supreme authority over our lives.

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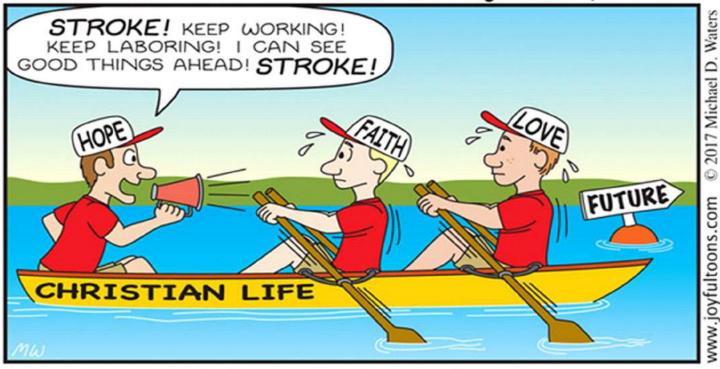


# What is Marketplace Ministry?

Marketplace Ministry is God's strategic plan to reach our world for Jesus! Ministry takes place outside the four walls of the church. Christians spend most of their time in the marketplace (home, work, and community) interacting with people from all "walks of life." God desires to use marketplace ministers to reverse the downward spiral, where corruption and sin are running rampant and the family structure is being destroyed. God's people are the instruments of change in the earth.

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We 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

# Be An Instrument of Influence

God uses Christians to influence nations, as Daniel influenced the king of the Babylonian empire. In fact, Bishop Bill Hamon, Christian International Ministries Network and author of the book, The Day of the Saints, devotes a chapter about Saints in the Marketplace and Government. In that chapter, he explains how God is training Christians to serve as Daniel and Deborah-type prophetic saints in the political and business arenas of the world. You could be the next Joseph or Daniel or Deborah or Esther of today transforming your workplace, your city, and your nation.

Rich Marshall, author of the book God@Work, summarizes the meaning of marketplace ministry. He writes:

I am quite certain that the time has come to recognize not only that all of us are called of God, but that our calling is for ministry in all facets of society. I see that calling not only in what might normally be included in the business and professional arena, but also in government, sports, media, medicine, and in all areas of work life.

Rich Marshall addressed the calling of all Christians to serve God in their sphere of influence in the marketplace. He recognized people gravitate to the anointing in God's children and that anointing "breaks the yoke" of bondage. In John 14:12, Jesus said:

Verily, verily I said unto you, he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

In the marketplace, Jesus' followers will be able to "speak blessings and a sense of destiny" in the lives of others at work, at home, in the community, and government. Also, Christians will flow in supernatural wisdom and knowledge to develop innovative solutions to problems affecting our world.

People in marketplace ministry strive to fulfill the prayer Jesus gave to His followers to pray and practice – "Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven" (Matthew 6:9-13). God is telling His children to conduct business like it is being done in Heaven. God wants His children to demonstrate His work and righteousness on Earth for Him. Marketplace ministry provokes Christians to put God first in all matters, not just in church.

# WAIT FOR WINGS

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but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. - ISAIAH 40:31 NIV

# Can You Imagine This?

Imagine a world where Christians live a life of integrity demonstrating God's power on their job such as correctional officers knowing exactly what to say to prisoners to convict their heart toward rehabilitation, police officers knowing how to take control of a dangerous situation with ease, and prison guards praying with the inmates. What do you think would happen to the prison system?

Imagine hospitals, clinics, and health facilities full of Christian medical doctors, nurses, psychologists, counselors, and other health care workers praying with their patients to pinpoint the root cause of a physical or mental health issue. These health professionals would recognize the problem and know the solution through the power of the Holy Spirit. They would speak in the lives of people prophesying healing and health, not death.

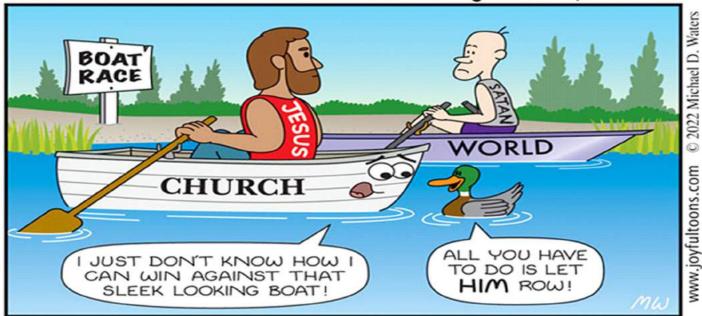
Imagine Christians in the broadcast and entertainment field fighting against pornography and excessive violence on television and in movies. These professionals create more family oriented movies based on biblical principles that inspire viewers to serve Jesus. Christian musicians write and sing songs that uplifts the heart of people and give them hope. Listeners will recognize God's glory on Earth and His love for His creation.

Imagine business leaders conducting transactions with customers fairly and treating their employees with dignity. God uses corporate executives to promote safety features on their products because they want to put the welfare of their customers first instead of excessive profit. Christian workers display work ethics by coming to work on time, respecting others on the job, and completing their work in excellence. The work environment is like a family serving one another in love.

Imagine political leaders keeping their campaign promises after being elected because they follow the Holy Spirit instead of popularity. Even government officials make decisions based on skillful and Godly wisdom. Christian leaders in the government arena listen and follow Godly counsel living a life of honesty and integrity. In fact, Christian political leaders influence the directions of our nation according to God's will and His creation.

Can you imagine how great it feels participating in marketplace ministry to that degree? This picture of marketplace ministry can impact nations for Jesus according to Isaiah 61:1-4.

Just as Jesus came to destroy the works of the evil one, God has commissioned His children to do the same thing – to overcome the power of darkness by being the light of the world, the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13 – 16).



You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

-1 John 4:4 NIV

# **Are You Making An Impact?**

As ambassadors for Jesus, ask God, "What is my marketplace ministry? How am I to impact my home, my workplace, my community, and my city for God?" Remember to seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). As you spend that intimate time with God listening and obeying His word, you will discover the gifts God has instilled in you.

George Barna, in his book Turning Vision into Action, calls Christians to have micro-vision. He says:

Every Christian is called to be, at the very least, a micro-visionary. No believer can create a legitimate excuse for not having a sufficient measure of God's vision to leave some mark on the world he or she touches daily. The vision may be finite and restricted, but just as the Body of Christ needs people who have various gifts operating in cooperation and harmony to reach a global audience, the Church needs a broad-based foundation of micro-visionaries to influence their more limited but equally important worlds.

You and I need to be supportive of micro-visionaries. Our churches are built on them. The reason churches don't make a dent in the postmodern culture is not that they have too many micro-visionaries. It is because they are weighted down with too many Christians – a majority – who have no vision whatsoever. Becoming a micro-visionary would be a major step up and a blessing to God, to their churches, to their families, to their friends and to themselves. Yes, "micro" means small; but it is better to have a person of small vision who faithfully and effectively executes that faith than to have a million people who attend church regularly, but never pursue God's vision. May God grant us more micro-visionaries in the days ahead.

The key to success as a child of God is to discover your marketplace ministry and faithfully fulfill it. It does not matter if the ministry is large like fighting for creation science to be taught in public school as an alternative to evolution science, or small such as having bible devotionals at home with your family. Just do it with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

# To remain faithful to your calling, here are 5 steps to help you get started:

- 1. Develop a prayer life by simply spending time with God.
- 2. Put time aside to study the bible; conduct character studies, word studies, book studies, and/or simply read through the bible every year.
- 3. Seek God for creative ideas and strategies to impact your home, work, community, church, and government; see yourself as a "change agent".
- 4. Pray for your workplace; spend time praying for your staff, co-workers, and customers as well as growth and financial prosperity. God wants you to produce wealth to establish His covenant on Earth (Deuteronomy 8:18).
- 5. Read books that will perfect your gifts and talents for Jesus; become a researcher so God can use you to prophesy into the lives of others.

Become equipped to serve effectively as a marketplace minister. Allow God to move you in a sphere of influence that will impact your home, work, church, community, city, and world for Jesus. This is what marketplace ministry is all about!

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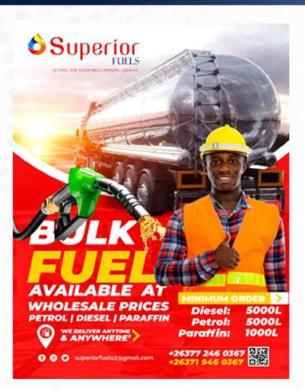
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# MEMORY VERSE

I have seen something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all. Ecclesiastes 9:11





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