

*Welcome to The Citadel Global Community Church where stars are born and great futures are created.  
Welcome to the home of consummate and conscientious nation builders whose hearts are open to the plans of the Holy Spirit, and in whose lives all things godly are possible because we choose to win by righteousness.*

# BLUEPRINT FOR A LIFE WELL SPENT

*... unlocking the wisdom for operating in God's economic system*

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## Living with Eternal Purpose

Spiritually, Jesus was slain before the foundation of the world, long before the fall of man. He left us a will, not bills (**Revelation 5:11-12**). Our success in life is more closely linked to the legacy Jesus left us than to hard work alone. We must abide in Him and let His words abide in us, shaping our decisions and pursuits (**John 15:4-7**).

Without God, human labour may be possible, but it is clearly fruitless. Scripture affirms this: *"By strength no man shall prevail"* (**1 Samuel 2:9**). God's resources are inexhaustible. He made provision for billions of people when there were only two people—Adam and Eve. It is time to let go of unnecessary struggles and let God take over.

## God's Financial Strategy

We are not limited by the economy of this world—our supply comes from heaven. God has us in mind, and His plan is to increase us regardless of circumstances. Nigeria's society, like many others, is

divided into three distinct social classes: the rich, the middle class, and the poor. Sadly, the middle class is shrinking, creating a stark divide between the haves and the have-nots.

Many poor people mistakenly believe all wealthy individuals are corrupt. This is not true; some follow God's principles, and as a result, blessings come to them. If you apply God's principles and still do not see results, the problem is not with God but with your approach.

Here is a message of hope for the poor, encouragement for the middle class, and a timely warning for the rich. God has a plan to guide us from survival to stability, from stability to success, and ultimately from success to significance—where our lives have a lasting influence on future generations.

## Hope for the Poor

The Bible tells us God raises the poor from the dust and sets them among princes (**1 Samuel 2:1-8, Psalm 115:9-18**). The pillars of the earth belong to Him. With divine wisdom, a person can rise from

ruins to become a pillar of significance. No situation is too hopeless for God to transform.

## Encouragement for the Middle Class

Those with steady but modest incomes must understand that God can bless them beyond their wildest expectations. His blessings can overflow like an abundant and unstoppable river. We must trust Him for a surprising, overwhelming increase.

## Warning to the Rich

Wealth is not the ultimate goal. The rich must remember that God gives the power to create wealth to establish His covenant (**Deuteronomy 8:18**). Trusting in uncertain riches leads to ruin (**1 Timothy 6:17-19**). True significance is found in eternal life. Without Christ, wealth is meaningless. Jesus alone is our sufficiency, and the psalmist reminds us: *"The Lord is the portion of my inheritance"* (**Psalms 16:5-6**).

## Learning from Biblical Figures

Some key figures in the Bible, such as Joseph, Nehemiah, Esther, Daniel, and Elijah, were ordinary people like us (**James 5:17**). They rose to significance by aligning themselves with God's will. We have access to even greater spiritual power and resources as the final generation, tasked with reaching the world for Christ.

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## WHO WE ARE

"We are a people sent to the nations, governments and powers of the earth as the voice of reason, possibilities and hope. We are the instrumentality of catalysing change and centralising God in the governance of nations. Our mandate is to enforce the Kingdom of God over the kingdoms of this world that have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. We are men and women, boys and girls who love God and love people and who serve God and serve people. We always seek to give hope and to be at the forefront of driving change both spiritually and governmentally. We exist, primarily, as a fully functional church and conceptually as a governmental force for change, good governance and leadership."



### THE CGCC CREDO

- ➔ Love God, Love People
- ➔ Serve God, Serve People
- \* By doing the above, we glorify God individually and corporately.

### OUR COMMITMENTS

- ➔ Wholehearted Worship of God
- ➔ Prayer
- ➔ Ministry of the Word
- ➔ Evangelism
- ➔ Seeing People Grow Deeper (Discipleship)
- ➔ Helping People Build Vital Relationships with Other Believers

### OUR CORE LEADERSHIP VALUES

- ➔ Compassion
- ➔ Intelligence
- ➔ Responsibility
- ➔ Judgement
- ➔ Influence

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## Opportunities and Challenges

Life offers opportunities to do good or evil (**Deuteronomy 30:19; Hebrews 11:13-15**). Every opportunity has challenges, and each challenge contains an opportunity. We must choose wisely, perform good deeds—especially towards those in the household of faith (**Galatians 6:10**)—and build spiritual credit that manifests as God's blessings.

## Sufficiency vs Prosperity

Sufficiency is the God-given ability to meet your personal needs (**2 Corinthians 9:8**), while prosperity enables you to meet the needs of others. God blesses us to be a blessing, fulfilling the Abrahamic covenant that all families of the earth will be blessed through us.

## The Life of Joseph

Joseph's life is a tale of resilience and faithfulness. Although his father loved him, he endured betrayal, slavery, and imprisonment. Yet the Bible states that the word of God tried him and refined him (**Psalms 105:19**). Every challenge in Joseph's life was a step towards his destiny. He remained faithful, refusing wrongful offers like Potiphar's wife's advances (**Genesis 39:7-10**).

Joseph's rise to power highlights the importance of planning, foresight, and resource management (**Genesis 41:33-57**). He travelled across the land, assessed its needs, set objectives, and implemented a strategy during the years of plenty, securing survival during the famine. His story demonstrates that every dream from God will encounter challenges, but perseverance results in victory (**Mark 10:29-30**).

## The Example of Nehemiah

Nehemiah's journey is one from ruins to significance. During a period when Jerusalem's walls were destroyed, he prayed, fasted, and sought God's guidance. He examined the damage, set clear objectives to rebuild the walls, and led others despite ridicule and opposition (**Nehemiah 2:17**). His leadership demonstrates that even in times of

scarcity or reproach, determination and faith can restore lost glory.

## The Lesson from Solomon

Solomon, though blessed with wisdom and wealth, ended with a sobering realisation: "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity" (**Ecclesiastes 1:1-18**). His downfall stemmed from pursuing wealth and pleasure as ends in themselves, without a clear purpose or alignment with God's will. Economic success must be founded on moral and spiritual principles (**Ecclesiastes 12:13**).

## The Path to Significance

To build a meaningful life, you must first evaluate where you stand (**2 Corinthians 13:5**). Like Joseph and Nehemiah, take stock of your resources, strengths, and weaknesses. Then, set clear goals and develop practical plans to accomplish them.

A key principle is living within your means—spend less than you earn. Avoid debt, as it enslaves and restricts your ability to plan for the future. Increase your giving—financial, emotional, and spiritual. What you make happen for others, God will make happen for you. God blesses generosity, not greed.

## Handling Life's Challenges

Hardship is often a tool in God's hand to shape your character. Every difficulty is meant to make you better, not bitter. **Isaiah 43:2** reminds us that God is with us in the midst of the fire. The "school of suffering" equips us with wisdom and resilience that no other experience can teach.

The challenges you face today may be preparing you for greatness. Like Joseph, your current circumstances might be the exact opposite of God's promises for you. Nonetheless, stay faithful. The thorny path leads to the rose if you do not give up.

## Building a Legacy

True wealth is not measured by accumulation but by impact. Joseph's planning saved nations. Nehemiah's

## OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL OPERATIONAL DYNAMICS

- ➔ Church-in-the-House
- ➔ Church-in-the-Community
- ➔ Church-in-the-City
- ➔ Church-in-the-Cloud.

## OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL GROWTH DYNAMICS

- ➔ To grow up.
- ➔ To grow big.
- ➔ To grow very rich.
- ➔ To grow together.

leadership restored the people's dignity. Your life, too, can leave a lasting imprint if you prioritise significance over success.

To achieve this, commit your life to God daily. Avoid presuming on the future—live intentionally and plan wisely. Peer pressure and societal expectations should not deter you from pursuing your unique destiny. God has a distinct purpose for you, and you must run your race accordingly (**Deuteronomy 28:13**).

## Key Takeaways

Study them carefully, apply them diligently, and enjoy lasting benefits, and the blessings of God's presence and goodness will be with you.

1. **Abide in Christ** — Align your plans and actions with His will.
2. **Assess your life** — Regularly examine your progress and direction.
3. **Set clear goals** — A life without purpose is wasted potential.
4. **Plan and act** — Strategy and execution go hand in hand.
5. **Live within your means** — Spend wisely, avoid debt, and save for the future.
6. **Give generously** — Prosperity flows to those who bless others.
7. **Embrace challenges** — Difficulties refine your character and prepare you for greatness.
8. **Pursue significance** — Focus on impacting lives, not just amassing wealth.
9. **Trust God's timing** — His resources are unlimited, and His plans never fail.
10. **Stay faithful** — Whether in lack or abundance, hold firmly to God's principles.

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