



STRENGTHENED FOR ACTION

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2026: OUR YEAR OF FRUITFUL LABOUR | 2 Chronicles 15: 7

- You must grow in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord in order to bear fruit that matters to God – this is the secret of genuine strength (**Colossians 1:9–11**). If you do not grow in this area, all your labour will be an exercise in futility.
- While you grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, you must remain firmly attached to Him to receive the grace required to produce fruit that matters to God, so that you may receive genuine strength from Him.
- If you grow steadily in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, by the time you deploy the tools of technological innovation in the things you do, you will become unstoppable in your field of endeavour (**2 Peter 1:1–4**).
- When grace and peace are multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord, there will be tangible growth in your life, because growth is clear evidence of grace.
- Do not listen to those who think you can continue in sin so that grace may abound. Do not pay attention to those who worship at the altar of lasciviousness and attempt to cover it with grace. Some people say, *“After all, we are not in the dispensation of the law; we are in the dispensation of grace.”* Yet the man to whom God gave the law found grace in the sight of God (**Acts 11:19–24, Exodus 33**).
- As believers, we should be growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, and there should be clear evidence of this growth in our lives, even in this fallen world (**2 Peter 3:7–18**).
- The essence of the CGCC benediction is that we want to please God at all costs, and He has equipped us with the tools to live in a way that is well-pleasing to Him (**Hebrews 13:20–21**).
- When you become a believer, your role in life changes. You no longer focus on your own interests; your responsibility is to represent the

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interests of Jesus. As a new creation, you are His ambassador (the face of Jesus) appearing in the lives of others on His behalf. The more you serve others with love and joy, the greater your influence in drawing them towards Christ (**1 Corinthians 9:19**).

- The good news from heaven for us today is that God is increasing our stature. David became like an angel of God, and even the feeble and the least in Jerusalem were elevated like him. God is increasing our stature, just as He has done before (**Zechariah 12:8, Luke 2:52**).
- We take pride in announcing to the world that we are nation-builders. But in addition to God raising nation-builders from among us, we are now called to be restorers of the earth in our individual fields of endeavour.
- Not everyone will have grand opportunities for world-changing actions. But our small and ordinary acts of genuine compassion, love, and kindness can make a real difference in someone's life.

- The reason God is increasing our stature to be restorers of the earth is that He has given the earth to the sons of men, and among those sons of men are destroyers of the earth (**Psalm 115:16**).
- If God is going to punish those who destroy the earth, there must also be builders and restorers of the earth until the time of judgement (**Revelation 11:15-18**).

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- To all CGCC members, whether at home or in the diaspora, please know that our new stature as restorers of the earth was prophesied long ago by Isaiah the prophet (**Isaiah 49:8-13**).

- To make it easy for God's people to rise to the top, the Lord Himself accomplished five major things before the prophetic declaration in **Isaiah 49:8-13**. These five things are recorded for our learning in **Isaiah 40:1-5**:
 1. A highway for God will be made straight through the desert.
 2. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low. The implication is that our God is the God of both mountains and valleys.
 - There is no leveller in history greater than God. He can take Joseph from prison and immediately make him the prime minister of the land (**Genesis 41:14-41**).
 - He can take Daniel from captivity and elevate him to rule the empire alongside Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego in the administration of Babylon (**Daniel 2:48; Daniel 6:1-3**).
 - He can take an orphan, Esther, stage a pageant, create a beauty contest, and through it make her a queen (**Esther 2:7, 17**).
 3. For those who have chosen to win by righteousness and to walk uprightly, the crooked places shall be made straight, and the rough places shall be made smooth.
 4. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed. It is God Himself who will accomplish this through us. He can turn dry places into fertile land.
 5. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. Why and how? Because the mouth of the Lord has spoken. It is done—our warfare is over.



PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, increase my knowledge of You and Christ, guiding my decisions and actions to bear lasting fruit (**Colossians 1:9-11**).

2. Lord, grant me grace to live holy and be pleasing to You, reflecting Your glory in all I do (**Acts 11:19-24**).
3. Heavenly Father, multiply Your grace and peace in my life, producing visible growth and evidence of Your favour (**2 Peter 1:1-4**).
4. Lord Jesus, empower me to be Your ambassador, influencing others with love and service for Your glory (**1 Corinthians 9:19**).
5. Almighty God, elevate me to positions of influence and divine impact, restoring the earth in my sphere (**Luke 2:52, Isaiah 49:8-13**).
6. Lord, straighten my paths, level the mountains and valleys, and make my journey smooth, that Your glory may shine through me.
7. Father, reveal Your glory through my life, transforming dry places into fruitful testimony and fulfilling Your word (**Isaiah 40:1-5, Revelation 11:15-18**).