



GRACE SPEAKS (2) By Pastor Modupe Babatunde

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

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- Being a strong minister, leader, or teacher of the Word does not place anyone beyond the possibility of falling. Every believer must continually depend on the grace of God each day to live a life of holiness and discipline (1 Corinthians 10:12, NKJV, Titus 2:12-14, TPT).
- When God gives grace, it is not only to save but also to teach us how to live each day. It calls us to deliberately turn away from ungodliness and worldly desires and to live in self-control, righteousness, and godliness (Titus 2:11-12, Romans 6:1-2, 1 Peter 1:14-16).
- Grace empowers believers to live disciplined, upright, and godly lives in this present age (Titus 2:11-12, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Peter 3:11-12).
- Holiness is not attained through human effort or good works. Our own righteousness, apart from God, is insufficient and cannot produce true holiness (Isaiah 64:6).
- Holiness is produced as we consciously respond to the grace of God at work in our lives. Through His divine power, God grants us all that pertains to life and godliness, calling us to live with

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disciplined minds and reverent obedience (**2 Peter 1:1-3, 13, NKJV, 1 Peter 1:13-19, TPT, Leviticus 11:44-46**).

- Self-control is a vital fruit of the Spirit, defined as the ability to restrain passions, emotions, and desires. Such discipline cannot be achieved by human strength; it is cultivated through the work of the Holy Spirit and sustained by the grace of God (**Galatians 5:22-23, Titus 2:11-12, 2 Timothy 1:7**).
- To be self-controlled is to practice a godly discipline, empowered by the Holy Spirit rather than mere human willpower, through which a believer masters personal appetites and aligns thoughts and actions with the will of God (**Galatians 5:22-23, Titus 2:11-12, 1 Corinthians 9:25-27**).

- A person without self-control is like a city with its walls broken down, vulnerable and exposed to every attack (Proverbs 25:28, TPT). Living without restraint—unable to govern your temper or desires—leaves you defenceless against temptations and adversities.

Self-control involves several vital aspects of godly living:

- Moderating our speech – exercising restraint in what we say, avoiding harmful or reckless words (**James 3:2-12, NKJV; James 3:1-2, TPT; Proverbs 10:19**).
- Controlling bodily passions – mastering our physical desires and impulses rather than being mastered by them (**1 Corinthians 6:12-20, AMPC**).
- Responding wisely to situations – handling circumstances with patience,

prudence, and a Spirit-led approach (Proverbs 15:1, TPT; Ephesians 4:29-32; Proverbs 25:15, AMPC). In essence, self-control is the Spirit-empowered ability to govern words, actions, and reactions in alignment with God's will.



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- Fruitful labour flows from a life of consistent holiness and a lifestyle that pleases God (**Proverbs 6:16-19, TPT**). It is sustained not by human effort alone but by the abundant grace of God that teaches, empowers, and guides us daily. Grace! Grace!! Grace!!!



PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, grant us the grace to align our hearts fully with Christ, walking in holiness and sincerity before You (**Hebrews 12:14, 1 Peter 1:15-16**).
2. Lord, grant us a deeper understanding of the sacrifice Christ made to bring us into right standing with You, and may that understanding transform how we live (**Romans 5:8, Hebrews 9:14, 2 Corinthians 5:21**).
3. We pray for the grace to live above sin and to exercise godly control over our emotions, our words, and our reactions (**Romans 6:14, Galatians 5:22-23, Proverbs 25:28**).
4. Lord, may our lives not be without walls. Protect us from exposure, vulnerability to sin, and every form of spiritual recklessness, in Jesus' name (**Proverbs 25:28, Nehemiah 2:17, Psalm 125:2**).

5. Let love rule in our hearts. Let wisdom govern our decisions. Let the Holy Spirit have full authority over our affairs, in Jesus' name (**Colossians 3:14, Proverbs 4:7, Galatians 5:16**).
6. Father, help us to live lives that honour You in our homes, our marriages, our workplaces, our ministries, and every sphere of influence entrusted to us (**Colossians 3:17, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Ephesians 5:25-28**).
7. Lord, remind us that we do not need to assert our power or authority at every opportunity. Teach us the wisdom of restraint – to let some matters rest, and to be slow to anger (**Ecclesiastes 10:4, Proverbs 19:11, James 1:19**).
8. May we be quick to consult the Holy Spirit before we respond.
9. As ambassadors of Christ, may our conduct in every environment – our homes, offices, ministries, and communities – be a true and worthy reflection of the One we represent (**2 Corinthians 5:20, Matthew 5:16, Philippians 1:27**).
10. Lord, may our daily lives rise before You as a pleasant aroma – a life of worship that brings You joy, in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen (**2 Corinthians 2:15, Ephesians 5:2, Romans 12:1**).