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Ever Increasing **GRACE**



Excerpt from the Teaching on **EVER INCREASING GRACE**

All year long, we have been looking at the different kinds of graces in the body of Christ, at the very least, grace that pertains to what we do. This is very important in our journey as a Marketplace Ministry.

When we talk about ever increasing grace, what we are saying is that there is the possibility of an ever increasing fraternity with the spirit of ever increasing grace.

Zechariah 12:10 says, "I will pour on the House of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and the spirit of supplication, then they will look on me whom they pierced.

The word grace in this scripture is Charice which means the divine influence upon the heart and the reflection of that influence in your life. The spirit of grace makes for the possibility of an ever increasing grace.

Why do we need ever increasing or ever abounding grace?

1. You only have just one lifetime. In your one lifetime, you need to be able to achieve more in it than you would in 10 lifetimes.
2. We need it because God's people perish for a lack of knowledge. There are things that are activated on the basis of knowledge.
3. Every dimension of grace is actually needed here on earth, not in heaven.

Some acts of righteousness that get us to ever increasing grace.

First key to have ever increasing grace is accept Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour.

Second key is consecration. Consecration is a major secret if you want ever increasing grace.

Third key is humility. You have to know how to humble yourself. He gives more grace to the humble, the Bible says in James 4:6.

The fourth key is the hand of the Lord. It makes for ever increasing grace.

The fifth key is the way of Covenant. Covenant is that thing that secures prosperity.

The sixth key is executing project ordered by God.

The seventh key is coveting the best gifts in the body of Christ. The only time coveting is legal in scriptures is when it pertains to spiritual gifts.

The eighth key is the way of love. Many of us don't have love as our mindset. Love has to be the driving force. When God sees that you understand love, he puts grace in your life.

The ninth key is alignment with the spirit of God. This is done through obedience. If you want God's hand to be strong on you, it's done through obedience.

How do you keep operating in this dimension?

First, take inventory of where you are. What grace do you lack in your life and what grace do you need.

Second, receive an assignment in the midst of sinful people. You can take the initiative yourself and go on missions to places void of Christianity.

If you've accessed ever increasing grace, you've also accessed ever increasing mercy because the key to grace is mercy. They are all connected, mercy, righteousness, grace.

There are things that we've done in ignorance in the body of Christ and that time has come to an end. God wants to equip us with the graces needed for the work. There are diversities of graces, but if you don't have work that you need to do, why should God give you increasing grace?

Grace is supplied as a building block for the work you have to do.

I believe that you have learned something today. God bless you.



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Embracing the *Spirit of Christmas:* A Marketplace Minister's Perspective

In the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping, decorations, and family gatherings, the true essence of Christmas often gets overshadowed. For Marketplace Ministers, however, the season should hold a special significance, offering an opportunity to spread joy, faith, and the message of Christ in the marketplace.

What then is the true meaning of Christmas?

At its core, Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of humanity. Our view as Marketplace Ministers should be an opportunity to reflect on the teachings of Christ and share the message of love, compassion, and salvation.

The commercial aspects of Christmas, like gift-giving and festive decorations, can serve as symbols of the ultimate gift God gave to humanity – the gift of His Son.

So as the festive season draws near and Christians around the world eagerly prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, let us seize this moment to propagate the goodness of Christ even in our businesses.

Spreading Faith in the Marketplace

For Christian workers, entrepreneurs and business CEOs, Christmas can be a time for personal reflection and also a perfect time to integrate faith into the marketplace.

As a Christian business person, you can use this season to emphasize ethical practices, generosity, and social responsibility.

Your enterprise can serve as a platform to spread the values and teachings of Christianity, creating a positive impact on employees, customers, and the community.

Christmas as a Season of Giving

MarketPlace Ministers must understand the importance of giving, mirroring the ultimate act of love demonstrated by God through the gift of Jesus. This perspective can influence your business practices and inspire acts of generosity or kindness.

The world's struggles can leave us dazzled, impatient and unwilling to show kindness to the next person. However, kindness should never be ignored at whatever level. It is the thoughtfulness of a kind act that actually creates a positive ripple effect that will come back to boost your business.

As a Christian business, seize this moment to engage in a charitable initiative. It is exciting to see lots of benevolent activities that are driven to impact lives rather than sheer partying away and this can serve as a form of advert for your business as well.

A simple Christmas giveaway of a journal or note with inspiring scriptures can uplift a dying soul.

During the Christmas season, contributing to local communities and supporting those in need will be more impactful to both your business and customers. By embodying the spirit of giving, you can exemplify the teachings of Christ in the marketplace.

Faith-Inspired Products

During the Christmas season, Marketplace Ministers should showcase faith-inspired products that serve as meaningful gifts for customers.

From religious artwork to devotional materials, Journals or quote books with beautifully painted and eye-catching scriptures that inspire and build a sense of connection to Christ, these products offer a tangible way for individuals to incorporate their faith into their holiday celebrations.

The marketplace becomes a space where customers can find products that not only embody the Christmas spirit but also deepen their connection to faith in Christ Jesus.

Creating a Sacred Atmosphere

As a Christian business owner, recognizing the importance of creating a sacred atmosphere within your business space during the Christmas season is key.

From playing soulful hymns to displaying nativity scenes, these efforts can foster an environment that reminds customers of the sacredness of the holiday.

This approach goes beyond mere commercial transactions, but should be done to create a space where individuals can experience the true meaning of Christmas.

In the midst of the bustling Christmas marketplace, a Marketplace Minister can play a unique role in infusing the season with spiritual significance.

By integrating faith into business practices, emphasizing giving, and offering faith-inspired products all contribute to a Christmas experience that goes beyond the superficial trappings of the season.

As we celebrate this joyous occasion, may we all be inspired to embrace the true spirit of Christmas – a season of love, hope, and the sharing of the profound message of God's gift to humanity in the best ways that we can.

Above all, let's get creative with spreading the Christmas message even in our business places and inspire others to do the same.



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Are you Prepared for **2024?**

3 Tips on How to Prepare

As you are preparing for Christmas; the Christmas dress and hair to make, the number of chickens to kill, the number of people to invite on Christmas day, the entertainment for the family and where to go for fun on Boxing Day, do you know you should also prepare for 2024?

The month of December is not for festivity alone, it is the month for evaluation and preparation. So before you go on a fun spree for the yuletide season, ensure you have spent the early part of the month in deep reflection so you can celebrate as much as you like later.

How do you do that? Here are 3 things to do, to prepare for the new year.

1. Reflect on 2023

How has 2023 been for you? Good? Bad? Can be better? Think about it. Did you achieve set goals? If not, why? What can you do differently in 2024? If you achieved your goals, what lessons did you learn? How can you improve on your accomplishments? Evaluating the outgoing year will help you identify areas where you need to grow and improve in the new year.

2. Set Goals for the New Year

Based on your evaluation of 2023, the next step will be to set goals and make plans for 2024. What do you want to achieve in the coming year? Don't wait until January to make New Resolutions that hardly work or you would have forgotten about them by February. Setting goals for 2024 will help you stay motivated and focused throughout the year.

3. Present your Plans/Goals to God for Approval

Find time to go on a personal retreat to present yourself and goals for 2024 before God in prayer. I know someone who spends the first day of every new year in solitude; praying for direction for the new year. So while everyone is eating new year rice and chicken, she is praying and seeking God's face. And why not?

Proverbs 16: 3 says,

"Before you do anything, put your trust totally in God and not in yourself. Then every plan you make will succeed." (TPT)

So, if you want to succeed in 2024, go on that retreat.

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- 12PM EST/5PM GMT/6PM WAT/7PM SAT & CAT/8PM EAT

● Discipleship Class – on Wednesdays

- 12PM EST/5PM GMT/6PM WAT/7PM SAT & CAT/8PM EAT

● 10 Hours Prayer Marathon – on Thursdays

- 1AM to 11AM EST/6AM to 4PM GMT/7AM to 5PM WAT/8AM to 6PM SAT & CAT/9AM to 7PM EAT

● Faith & Works Clinic – on Fridays

- 12PM EST/5PM GMT/6PM WAT/7PM SAT & CAT/8PM EAT

● Memory Verse

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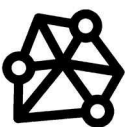
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