

*From The Coordinator's Desk.*

Culled from Pastor (Dr) A. Faboya's speech delivered at Noth-East Provinces Zones 1&2 Elder's Conference. Luton & Doncaster. 07 & 14/03/2015.

ELDERS WITH APRONS – 1Peter 5:1-4

An apron is a garment of cloth or leather or plastic that is tied about the waist or the neck and worn to protect your clothing. It symbolized men or women at work. Men, when they were bakers or butchers or blacksmiths, long had worn aprons while women do the same particularly when preparing meals for the household. In all it stands for someone who is engaged in a work or in a service.

Elders with Aprons – the theme for this conference,

therefore are those Elders who are not idle but are busy engaged in one form of a work or service for the edification of the Body of Christ. They are the Elders that rule well especially both in preaching and teaching as mentioned in 1Timothy 5:17 by Apostle Paul. "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

Apostle Peter while calling on the Elders in 1Peter 5:1-4 admonished us to do six commands; Feed, do not fleece the flock of God

Take oversight of the flock of God

Serve God and His flock willingly

Serve readily, not for personal gain

Do not be Lords over God's heritage

Be examples to the

flocks.

He had earlier equates himself as one of the Elders and by so doing implicated that the commands above are not only for the Pastors or Bishops but also for the Elders as Church Leaders. Apart of calling them fellow Elders like himself, he also referred to them as servants of Jesus Christ, Apostles of Jesus Christ, witnesses of the suffering of Christ and partakers of the glory.

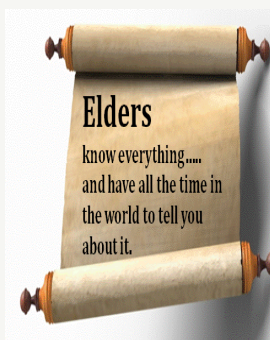
As the role of Elders of the flock of God devolve on us presently, we need to evaluate how we can step into that role with honour and help preserve the true Christian Doctrines for our congregations who look up to us to teach them this true doctrine of the gospel both in our admonitions and in our daily lives.

The Body of Christ generally had witnessed unprecedented changes in the last twenty or so years and many of us had enjoyed His blessing and opportunity of becoming an Elder in His vineyard during this period.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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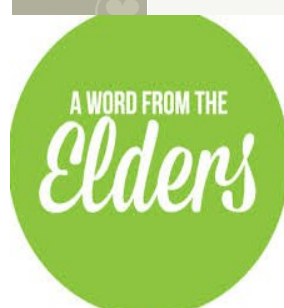
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YOU WILL GET NOWHERE IF YOU START NOWHERE.

E L D E R

E—Encourage. L—Lead Well, D—Develop others including younger generations, E—Edify members in the Word of God, R—Rule Well



Elders With Apron contd.

AT THIS STAGE OF
AN ELDER'S LIFE
HE /SHE SHOULD

OCCUPY THE
MIND WITH THE
FOLLOWINGS;

1.WHAT HAVE I
DONE RIGHT,
WHAT HAVE I
DONE WRONG.

2.DO I NEED
RESTITUTION AND
ON WHAT? WHAT
CORRECTION
NEEDS TO BE
MADE.

3.WHAT MORE DO
I NEED TO DO,
HOW WELL AM I
USING MY TIME.
4. WHAT IS MY
PLAN FOR THE
REST OF MY LIFE?.

I am calling your attention to the fact that this same vineyard is presently a victim of various onslaught, sufferings and oppressions in many parts of the world. We now have false doctrines and flawed worships thereby confusing our congregations the more. This is a call for you and I to action as Apostle Peter called the earlier Elders to action. Our failure to act now is neglect and not inability. God had equipped us with the wisdom, talent and gifts on an unprecedent-

ed scale to mentor, to lead and train our followers into becoming "Prayer Warrior for Christ". IF MATURITY IS DEVALUED AS A COM-MODITY, THEN IMMATURE AND RASH DECISIONS THREATEN THE SECURITY OF OUR OWN YEARS AS ELDERS. We do not want our matured years being vastly under-appreciated, leading to a waste of talent, skills and wisdom accumulated during our years leading

to us being called Elders. Wisdom demand from us to fulfil our role effectively and it will be neglect on our part if we fail to do so. All hands must be on desk because no challenge can be bigger than solution of unity and application of diverse strength, as you all know, different challenges needs different solutions or strength and talent. I like to remind you again the theme of this conference; 'Elders with Aprons' because it is a call for service.

Contact the EXECUTIVE EDITOR for the full text of the Coordinator's speech.

Elders' Forum Events in Pix



Participants At the North—East Province Zone 2 Elders' Conference Luton(07/03/15)



Being the speech delivered by Pastor Segun Doherty.



ELDERS WITH APRONS.

TEXT:- 1 Peter 5:1-4

Since we are to take of the flock as a shepherd, we need to know the nature of the sheep which are :-
(a) Sheep could be lost within few miles of it's home.

- sheep knows it's pasture, so rest in the same shade everyday, but can be lost in unfamiliar territory.
- so lost sheep will walk around in endless circles,

baaing continually in confusion and unrest and even panic.

- sheep are gentle ,humble, and quite intelligent.

- Jesus saw the disoriented, confused, thirsty, spiritually lost crowds said they were like sheep without shepherd.

- In Isaiah 53:6, Isaiah wanted to describe lost men , he selected sheep and said "All we like sheep have gone astray "

- So the need elders/ shepherd .

The sheep need to be rescued, protected, guided, and provided for. Sheep needs constant attention.

Verse3- Not to lord over, not dictators.

Overlord tells people what to do, Elders/ shepherd says let's do things together.etc.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO THEN?

1. Much time reading and studying the Bible. Know God's priorities. 2. Much time in prayer. Seeking God's direction, calling on the Lord, crying out to God, praising, supplication, thanksgiving, confessing and adoration. Including God in on everything. Fasting on occasion.

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Pastor Doherty's Speech Contd.

3. Equipping, teaching, training, indoctrination, feeding the flock. Teaching the milk and the meat of the Word. Giving Biblical counsel. (teaching for special situations.
4. Bring back those that have strayed away.

5. Minister to Christians that are hurting. Bind up the broken. 6. Protect. Watch for false doctrine. 7. Tend to the sick. Physical and spiritual. 8. In all things love. Including hospitality. 9. Lead the lost to **Jesus** .
10. Be an example.

11. Oversee. Identify needs and spiritual gifts.

12. Ordaining. Setting aside for special ministry.

REMEMBER:

NOT ALL

ELDERS ARE

LEADERS

RESPECT



What Does It Take To Still Be Elders With Apron ?

1. You must be upright.
2. You must be able to hear from God.
3. You must be filled Spirit of God. Ephesians 5:18-
4. You must move and do things in the directive of God.
5. You must delight yourself in the Lord.
6. Psalm. 34:7-
7. You must have hope and confidence in the Al-

mighty God. Isaiah 40:28-31-

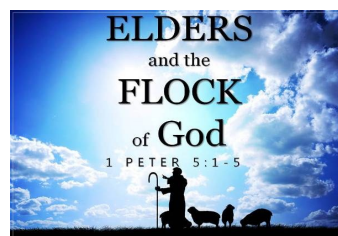
8. You must not be govern by your past but set your affection and gaze on Jesus Christ.
9. Hebrew. 12:2-
10. Fear Not!

Four P's To Flourishing In Life

1. Purged 2. Purified 3. Polished 4. Proven
- He concluded with following prayer;
Father, grant me a life that is

worthy of being followed.

Pastor Segun Doherty is the Area Pastor for RCCG North East Province Zone 2. He represents the Zonal Pastor; Pastor Marcus Chilaka at the Zone's Elders' Forum Conference of 7th March, 2015.



Educational talk on Health was delivered by Dr Soji Adesiyen who started with advice that any individual over 40 years of age need Health Check which is health MOT at least in every three years. He said we undergo wear and tears as we get old in life; for example men when their tommy is above 36 ins mean there is problem There is need to check for Cholesterols, high Blood Pressure, and evident of Diabetics., For women; Periods, regular or irregular? Cancer of Pelvic, Post Natal Bleeding and Smear for every three 3 years when over 26, Weight and High Blood Pressure, Breast Cancer check etc. For men, whenever there is problem passing water see your GP.

Go for travel vaccine when travelling. Walk around for a while, Use stairs not lifts sometimes. Be active. We do all these to prevent what could happen in future.

Educational Talk on Finance was delivered by Pastor Tunji Ogedengbe which was titled Money Management for Elders. He advised on saving as most of us waste money when we had it.. We should save particularly when we reach age 25 and to us much older parents; we should involve our children at an earlier age.

In Act 20:33-35, Paul encourage elders to work hard. We are to manage money before money manages us. We shall have Financial Peace if we manage our finances well. We need to follow the principle in paying tithe. Financial peace starts from being contented with whatever we have. We should not copy. Mum and Dad should control money together. It helps equality. We should be self-disciplined. He asked if we really need those credit cards. Should we have, we should manage them effectively and look for those with Zero interest. He advised us to know Financial Management. According to him; a 50 year old person who always beg for £10 or £20 needs to be counselled on Financial Management. It makes life easier when we come together and set budget monthly, yearly and even weekly.

Educate your children and never give the impression that there is a big tree at the backyard producing money. We are over 50 hence we need to insure ourselves as we do not know when the inevitable will happen.

He concluded by saying "There is big difference in lack of money and mismanagement of money".

Elder Olalekan Olaleye gave Educational Talk on Legal. He tilted his message; INHERITANCE FOR OUR CHILDREN. He started by advising us to be scriptural and follow in the footstep of Abraham who leaves inheritance for his children. David did for Solomon and the book of Proverb also supported it. It is important in this country as well as in Nigeria.

At our age, we should learn to write a will. The law permit it as from age 18. It is good to document what you have and when you die, the law will honour your wish. Start today if you have not written yours he said. It only involves itemising what you have and allocating them to those who you want to inherit them when the inevitable happens. You do not need a lawyer to do this for it is your wish and you are only giving direction on how to allocate them. If only for your pension or bank account, if you do not write the name of a beneficiary when you cease to live will go to the state, The court will only recognise last wish hence it is important to date and sign it. If you need help, a solicitor or a charity organisation like Age Concern and Age UK can help but it must come from you. Your will must be written when you are in good health and in a good state of mind. He emphasized that you need not waste money and pay a solicitor for a service that you can do for yourself or find help free of charge. He also offered his service for those who might need support and also referred the audience to the internet.

He mentioned a website – www.learnmyway.com which had huge information on Health, Finances, Legal and even on training up to City & Guild. He said those who die without a will is called Interstate.

He concluded by saying "there is need for us to put what we want together and which can be updated from time to time about our wish when we die.



Being text of the Exhortation Speech delivered by Pastor Musa Bako at North East Province Zone 1 Elders' Conference held at Doncaster on the 14th of March 2015. Pastor Bako is the Zonal Pastor for the Zone .

“THE HEART OF A SERVANT” John 12: 26 – If any man serve me, let him follow me, he spoke of Elders with the heart to serve God. He continued that one of the evidences in our favour is that we are available to serve. Service for Jesus is going wherever He asks us to go. Followers of Jesus are servants.

Those that serve God will honour Him. Honour means different things to different people; to some he honour by answering their prayers, some prayers are not answered because they are not servant when He called them. To some it is through promotion; Lord lifting you up. Some by blessing them. To some by the provision of a table in the present of their enemies.

Another way is by gift of long life – any branch that does not bear fruits should be cut off and if a tree bears fruits it will be preserved. Exodus 23 tells us of God's promises to those that serve Him. Galatians 5 called us to liberty – and by love serve one another.

At this our age as Elders, we must be poured out for God. It should be about legacy, how to bring people to God. How to do something that will last generations after us. That should be our passion at this age of ours. Exploit not only for our children but someone whom your children have not heard before but who will talk of your exploit years after you have left.

I hereby urged Elders to be; 1. Elders with heart that recognise opportunities Galatian 10:6 - It is for someone with a servant heart. Not blank to opportunities.

2. Someone with a servant heart is someone who has made himself of reputation. Phill.2: 5-8 and made himself a servant. It involves not full of yourself, not mindful of your elevated position. Your wealth, your family name, position no longer count, ready to serve, self-denial, making yourself low. Phill3:7-8.

3. Someone who is Selfless – not all about you. Not sold out for material gain and to be benefited from your service. We must do things because we found what God is. We must be willing to give up prosperity, friends and this world to serve God. Doing things not for you but for God. When you become selfless, you make yourself ready for God, we do not compete, but compliment. Our interest should not be in being better than a person but making a person better. It should not be about us but about the kingdom. No man pleaser and no eye service.

4. Loyalty – Making sacrifice to people you serve.

Some Participants at North East Province Zone 1 Elders' Conference in Doncaster 14/03/15.



Being the text of Educational Speech delivered by Pastor (Dr) Adebisi Akinde (Arear Pastor) at North East Province Zone 1 Elders' Conference held at Doncaster on March 14th 2015.



TITLE: HOW TO LIVE A DEBT FREE LIFE

Money has taken a central stage in our entire life. We need to have the fundamental of finance to

counsel others. Elders should not be seen to be financially reckless. The devil uses many manipulations in field of finance against the believers and Elders should be able to resist such.

Unfortunately we now have commercial believers. There are treasure of wickedness in our midsts and the story of Gehazi who gained from Naaman but lost it came to mind. He would have inherited the mantle from Elisha had he not become commercial believer.

Elders are supposed to be above others and should not be in lack, but poverty can reduce your status if care is not taken. There is nothing wrong with having money, but to seek it inappropriately is the problem.

Success is when you leave legacy for your children's children. 2 Kings tell us the story of the Widow of the Prophet whose debt had to be redeemed to have her son back. The Prophet left no inheritance but debt. That is why we need to have knowledge of finance.

Five things to know about Finances; 1. Finance comes from God—Haggai 6, Ps. 104

2. It is the will of God to give it to us.—3 John 1, Isaiah 43

3. God has released it—2 Corinthians 4. It is for a purpose—1/3 of each £1 to God. The other 1/3 to Charity and the rest for you. 5. There are Principles to sustain it.

What are the Principles;

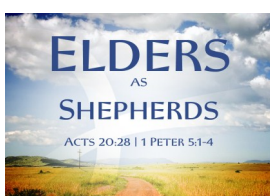
1. Intimacy/Relationship with God— Must have a genuine relationship with God to make you His Finance Manager. The life of every believer is a misery. Only God knows.
2. Obedience to God must be total.
3. Service for God to include financial commitment. As Elders, we must invest and plan for our retirement years. Apostle Paul did recover lost years by service to God.
4. Integrity—Elders are in the position to pilot others. An Elder must not be in the market place with children having crooked heads. Prov. 10:2, Prov. 10:21, Isa. 61:5-6.



A man woke up in his room one night and saw an angel writing a list of names in a book of gold. The man asked the angel 'What writest thou' to which the angel replied 'The names of those who love God'. The man then asked if his name is in it and the angel answered no. The man then in a low voice said 'I pray thee, then, write me as one that loves his fellow men'. The angel wrote and vanished. The next night it came again and showed him the names whom love of God had blessed. And lo, his name top the list.

It has now reached ridiculous level how many of us say, write or display; 'I love Jesus, I love God, Baba God is my father, etc when we are devil incarnate when it comes to our relation-

ship with fellow human being. YOUR LOVE OF GOD CAN ONLY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE LOVE SHOWN TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS. Love your neighbours as thyself so says the Scripture. — **Kayode Eniraiyetan**





Being the text of Educational Speech on Health delivered by Pastor (Dr) Adeniyi Faboya in Doncaster.

TOPIC: IMPORTANT OF HEALTH CHECK

We must not abuse our body. This is important for us to be able to fulfil God's purpose in our life. Caleb was 80 years old when he fulfilled God's purpose for his life. He might not be able to do that had he abused his body; for he said that he was as strong as he was at 40 years. At 80 he went to battle and was victorious.

We visit our Doctors for sign of ill-health that manifest in the body, but what about those that do not manifest. These are more than we imagine and include the followings;

1. High Blood Pressure/Hypertension— It could be in form of mild headache. It affects over 3 out of 10 adults. For young ones, there is no particular cause for it but for elders it might be as a result of old age. This is a silent killer and should not be taken with levity. It is important to have regular check up on it. Some invitations are sent out for check ups. Please do not ignore these invitations. It is harmful and can lead to stroke.
2. Lack of exercise—This is another silent killer that we need to avoid. There is need for us to engage in one form of exercise activity or other.
3. Obesity—We need to watch our weight. It starts with what we drink or eat. At our age we need to cut down on salt. Check labels for the ingredients of our shopping. We need to eat more fruits and vegetables. Thank God we do not engage in alcohol drinking or smoking.

Above all we need to rest our body regularly and avoid stressful situations. We cannot do all things by ourselves, so we need to delegate some functions in our lives. We cannot over-emphasise the importance of enough sleep. See your GP. Health is important. **A LITTLE EXERCISE PROFITETH A LOT.** Thank you.

JESUS IS UNIQUE.



1. According to Revelation 19:11-16, He is the King of Kings, yet at the same time He was a Servant according to Mark 10:45. Someone who is King of Kings yet Servant of servants. What a unique combination!
2. The Bible calls Him the Lion of the Tribe of Judah in Revelation 5:5, yet at the same time He was a Lamb according to John 1:29. the Lion who is also a Lamb, what a strange combination!
3. He is the Commander-in-Chief of all the hosts of heaven and underneath the earth according to Psalm 24:7-10, yet, according to Hebrew 5:8, He learnt obedience. A Commander-in-Chief who learnt obedience rather than simply commanding everyone around, again, a strange combination!
4. He is the Great Physician according to Exodus 15:26 and He is also the Prescription, the drug you have to take to be well according to 1 Peter 2:24.
5. He is unchangeable according to Hebrew 13:8 and yet His name spells change according to 2 Corinthians 5:17. He doesn't change, but His name brings changes everywhere He goes.
6. He is Love according to 1 John 4:8; and yet He's also the consuming fire according to Hebrew 12:29.
7. He is the Beginning of all beginnings according to John 1:1 but He is also the end according to Revelation 1:8. He is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the Ending.
8. He is as solid as a rock according to 1 Corinthians 10:4, and yet He is as soft as a word. As solid as a rock, as soft as word because in the beginning was the Word.
9. He is as old as old can be according to Daniel 7:9 which calls Him the Ancient of Days and yet He is forever Young as He said my name is I AM, unchangeably I am. - **Culled out from a Message at the Holy Ghost Service, Redemption Camp, Nigeria by Daddy G.O. Pastor E A Adeboye.**

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EVENTS..

Events are as reported on the Volume 3 edition of this Bulletin.

COMING EVENTS.

1. The National Council of Elders in Nigeria has invited UK Elders Group to their 14th Annual Elders' Conference and Praise Nights 2015 coming up in May **29th and 30th 2015**. Venue is RCCG Main Auditorium, Klm 46, Lagos/Ibadan Expressway, Ogun State. Congress Theme is "The UNFADING HOPE"—1Peter 5:4. Talk Session: "The Everlasting Arms" - Deut. 33:27. They would indeed be happy to receive our delegation.
2. North West Provincial Elders' Conference in July 4th, 11th or 25th 2015. These dates are tentative.
3. UK National Elders Conference on the 26th September, 2015. Venue is Jesus House. London. Pastor Agu is expected to be in attendance.
4. London 1 Provincial Elders' Conference in October 24th / 31st 2015.
5. Next Consultative Assembly meeting in October 2015.
6. National Elders' Weekend in November 20th –22nd, 2015. This is as is in the National Calendar of RCCG. This is now called "Family Weekend" in Nige-

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

We invite Parishes to send in their news and information they wish to circulated via this mediums. Please send in your information to be circulated to the Editorial Team in time for next publication.

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