

Who is your BOSS?

(Part 2)

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In the first part of this article, we set out to find out who your boss is: God or money? We started by examining certain pertinent questions which will help you determine who your boss really is. Then we began considering some revealing factors that show whether or not you have made money your boss.

In this article, we will continue and conclude in the same vein.

The rich young ruler came to Jesus and asked Him, *“Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”* (Mathew 19:19).

Jesus gave him certain commandments and the man said he had done all those things. Then Jesus said to him, *“There is one more thing you lack: go, sell what you have and give to the poor”* (Mathew 19:21). The Bible records that the man went away sorrowful because he was rich.

An expression of life is when you can let go of what God has put into your hands. Can you say to God, “Lord, everything you have given to me I can give back to you should you ask me to?” If you can do that, then that is life! Life is not suffering, life is not abundance, life is not having three houses in a choice area of town and travelling abroad on vacation every three months. Life is about giving. When you can write a blank cheque to your Pastor and say, “Pastor, use this for the kingdom,” or “Pastor, use this for yourself.” That is life!

Life is not just about giving things to those related to you in the natural, every seed must die before it can yield a harvest. Similarly, your seed must not be of any obvious direct benefit to you. Life is not only when you give to people you know but also when you give to people you don’t necessarily know. Life is not about acquisition; it is about letting go. That means death is about holding back. When you don’t understand what life is about, you will make money your boss and it will tell you what to do.

The lawyer asked Jesus, *“Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”* (Luke 10:25). Anyone who has confessed Jesus as Lord and Saviour, already has eternal life. When you got born again, you received the ability to write a blank cheque because you have the life of God. The reason why you may not be experiencing it is because you are cluttered by your fears, your circumstances, and all you see around you. The truth is, you are not living life until you are a giver. What kind of life are you living: is it a life of contentment or is it a life of distribution? God blessed Abraham until he became a blessing

to others (Genesis 12:2). Until you become a giver (a distribution centre), you are not living life; you are just existing.

Factor 2:

A lack of understanding of your worth and value in the eyes of God

25 “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?”

26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

Matthew 6:25-26 (NKJV)

Look at the birds of the air, God feeds and clothes them yet you are worth more to Him than they. Do you really understand the value God places on you? If you are valuable to someone, he or she will take care of you. The person will not withhold good business secrets or any such thing from you. Therefore, get a grip on your value where God is concerned. Esau valued himself at a bowl of porridge and he sold his birthright (Genesis 25:34).

Some people have valued themselves at the cost of their rent. All they live and plan for is how to pay their rent. They will not give their tithe neither will they give to the kingdom until their rent is paid. For others, it is their children’s school fees. They put their children in schools they can hardly afford, and then they live their lives paying school fees. If they give ₦50.00 in the offering basket, they feel they have done too much. If you ask them, they say, “Oh, I must give them the best!” They plan to pay their rent, pay children’s school fees, fix the car, and then do such and such. The list never ends. My prayer for you is that the eyes of your understanding be opened, so you may know your worth and value before God.

many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends" (Luke 15:29). The prodigal son understood his worth more than his elder brother did despite the fact that he was a "bad" boy. He took his money earlier and went off, but he knew his worth. Do you know your value before your Father? 1 Peter 1:18 says that you were not purchased with corruptible things like silver and gold, naira, dollar, euro etc, which have become the value ladder of the world, but you were purchased by the precious Blood of Jesus. Therefore, money is below you in the value ladder and it is meant to be your servant. Anything below you is meant to serve you not vice versa. How can you serve your servant?

Money is a stronghold in the life of many Christians, and until you break down that stronghold, you can never know life. You will



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things in life are the souls the Blood of Jesus paid for. Money is your servant and should be used for getting souls saved. The things money can buy like, televisions, magazines, books are all meant to serve you who are on the highest rung of the creation ladder. They are meant to follow your instructions. You are to instruct your money to pay someone's school fees, pay someone's rent, meet the needs of someone, and take the gospel somewhere. You are to be the master!

The Message puts it this way, "Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to Him than birds" (Mathew 6:25-26). That means they are free. That is life!

When you have only ₦500 in your pocket and you can go to bed and sleep without a worry then you know your value. (Your needs should not shackle you down.) How can the one bought by the precious Blood of Jesus be fettered? If you should have any burden, it should be for the kingdom.

Factor 3

A lack of faith

Jesus said:

"If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don't fuss about what's on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds."

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If I could visit your thought life, what will I find there? Is it money that will perish eventually that fills your thoughts? Apostle Peter said to Simon the sorcerer, "Your money perish with you!" (Acts 8:20). Living life is living beyond the stronghold that the love of money brings. Life is all about liberty, and today, you can have deliverance from that stronghold. Like the birds, you can sleep without having to worry. The Bible says the birds fly around free and unfettered without having to partake of the cycle of sowing and reaping yet God provides for them. How much more you who have the privilege of partaking in the cycle of sowing and reaping? (Genesis 8:22). You should be freer than the birds because your confidence should be in the truth that you have sown and therefore, will reap and gather into barns.

By teaching this, I am not just trying to get you to give money to your church. Rather, I am trying to get you to give so that by so doing, you can get money into your accounts. Giving affords you the opportunity to make progress, and that is the only way to the top.

Who is your boss? Today you can change masters. That's why at the beginning I asked you to pretend that money is your boss. If you thought God was your boss, now you know better who your boss really is.

Take a step and build your faith and make God your boss. Put your seed in the ground and water it with your prayers and your confessions of God's Word. Look for every opportunity to sow some more seeds. Sowing is a cycle. The Bible says, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and heat and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22). Take stock and ask yourself, "Am I moving forward? Am I making progress?" If God is your boss, you will make progress.