

**“THEIR”**  
**CONVERSATION**  
**WITH ME ABOUT**  
**SERVANTHOOD**



*“ In Your light,*

# *we see the Light ”*

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### “THEIR” CONVERSATION?

**How much** of the Word of God, under Holy Spirit guidance, is in the **conversation** between **Father God** and you, between **Jesus Christ** and you, and also in the conversation that you have **with yourself**? **Let** the Word as **Truth speak** to you.

**Heart to heart** conversations through the Word of God, establish eternal quality and depth in your **relationship** with God.

The **Word of God** is the foundation for **communication**, **interaction**, **declaration** and **interpretation** in our **relationship** with Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Get **involved** in the conversation about **SERVANTHOOD!**

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May God minister to you in a very special way as you take **time** with His Word and **walk** with the Holy Spirit through this “**study guide**” about “**Servanthood**” (as one of many themes available).

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# **“ OUR FATHER’S EXCELLENCE ” (OFE) BIBLE SCHOOL**

“For **His** divine power has bestowed **upon us all things** that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] **knowledge** of **Him** Who **called** us **by and to His** own glory and **excellence** (virtue)... **employ** every **effort** in **exercising** your faith to develop virtue (**excellence**, resolution, Christian energy), and in [**exercising**] virtue [develop] knowledge (intelligence), and in [**exercising**]... [develop] Christian **love**.” (2 Pet. 1:3,5,6,7b AMPC) Love: the **more excellent way** - (1 Cor. 12:31)

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a (special) people for God’s own possession, **so that** you may **proclaim the excellencies** (the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections) of Him who **called you out** of darkness into His marvelous light.” (1 Pet. 2:9 AMP.)

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## **OFE VISION**

**DISCIPLE** people into the lifestyle of a true worshipper of God, set free to live an excellent life, practically, all as if unto the Lord.

**BUILD** character, knowledge and skills into the members of the Body of Christ, into the living stones of God’s house, to serve the church effectively.

**TRAIN** people through the Word of God, to accurately obey His Word with excellence and respect.

**ACTIVATE** and release people as Spirit-filled vessels equipped to be witnesses of the Truth under His guidance.

**PLANT** strategic people as church, ministry and community leaders, according to their specific calling, vision and destiny on earth.

**REACH** all generations with the message of the Kingdom, as ambassadors and co-workers of Christ.

**ENJOY** your life with God and His family, as you see how your Father's dream becomes a reality in the nations.

**“ In Your Light, we see the Light ” (Ps.36:9)**

## **8 ACADEMIES in OFE, (Our Father's Excellence) BIBLE SCHOOL:**

- WORD
- PRAYER
- WORSHIP
- PROPHETIC
- SHEPHERDING
- TEACHING+TRAINING
- CHURCH FOUNDATIONS
- MISSIONS+EVANGELISM

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## **WORD ACADEMY OF OFE : VISION**

**“Study** and be **eager** and do your utmost to **present** yourself to God approved (**tested by trial**), a **workman** who has no cause to be ashamed, **correctly** analyzing and **accurately** dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.” (2 Tim. 2:15 AMPC.)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is **useful** for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be **thoroughly equipped** for every **good work**. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

It is our desire to see people **grow** in their **love** (Ps. 119:97,127), **understanding** (Eph. 1:17) and **application** (Ps. 119:11, John 8:31) of the **Word**.

“You have **commanded** us to keep Your precepts, that we should **observe** them diligently. Oh, that my ways were **directed** and **established** to observe Your statutes (**hearing, receiving, loving and obeying** them)! Then shall I not be put to shame (by failing to inherit Your promises) when I **look (with respect)** to all Your commandments.” (Ps. 119:4-6 AMP.)

Allow the **Holy Spirit** to fulfill the first priority promise from God in the New Covenant.(Heb. 8:10) “... and I will put **My laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts...**”

**“ Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. ” (Ps.119:105)**

**Strategic, practical  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
for EXCELLENCE in your personal life,  
unique calling, dreams, ministry and destiny.**

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If you are **already** involved, or if you **want to** be involved in different **ministries**, (worship, children, youth, prayer, dance, technical, marketplace, financial, pioneer, etc.) in your **church, community, and nation**, you need to **continually develop** in authority in your field of ministry, work and unique calling, and challenge yourself for **excellence** in your **life and ministry** in and through the church!

This authority includes **character, gifts, skill, Word foundation, passion** and **accurate alignment in relationships** where God has called you in a specific church for successful impact in a specific community. When you consider your unique calling in the body of Christ, **commit to serve effectively** where God has placed you. “... a planting of the Lord, for the **display** of His **splendor**.” (Isa. 61:3b)

**Grow** in a **lifestyle** where **God’s initiative** is evident and **God’s excellence** is seen through who you are and what you do. Identify through the Holy Spirit, **who** is taking the **initiative** in your work, ministry and personal life. Evaluate your lifestyle and be accountable to leadership in your local church about your **development**.

You need **Godly authority** in your life to stand in Christ with victory, set free to **live the dream** Father God has for you. Godly authority with excellence can only be established **through** the **Word of God** in every ministry and it is very important in order to **fulfil** your **calling** and achieve the **goals** that God has for you.

Our **challenge** in many ministries and church networks is to establish a **strategic, practical development plan** for members, volunteers, leaders and serving teams to grow effectively in what they do **for** Christ and **with** Christ.

There are many great seminars, short-term courses and conferences having impact in ministries, and there are amazing theological seminaries and Bible-schools, for fulltime training, but the “**gap**”, **lack, need** and **prophetic priority** now, is the long-term strategic development plan for the family of God to become the mature, relevant, effective church to:

- **Proclaim** the **excellencies** (the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections) of God. (1 Pet. 2:9)
- **Declare** how **excellent** His Name is in all the earth. (Ps. 8:1)
- **Approve** (discern, show forth) the things that are **excellent**. (Phil. 1:10b)
- **Show** the more **excellent way** (love). (1 Cor. 12:31)
- **Develop excellent** speech. (Prov. 17:7)
- **Exercise** your faith to develop **excellence**. (2 Pet. 1:6)
- **Allow** the process for God to make you an eternal **excellence**. (Is. 60:15)
- **Meditate** on... what is **excellent**. (Phil. 4:8)
- **Sing** to the Lord for He has done **excellent** things. (Is. 12:5)
- **Believe** that you as saints are the “**excellent ones**”. (Ps. 16:3)

That is why we want to introduce to you strategic, “set out”, specific Authority Fields for your development in who you are **in** Christ and what you do **with** Christ and **for** Christ. **Authority fields** are groupings of 7 **specific** subjects designed to focus on development in a **specific** area of ministry or personal growth.

We want to **help** and **assist** you with this **suggested road map** of development, to grow in doing everything with **excellence** as if unto the Lord.

**Prayerfully** look at the “set out” combination of **strategic training fields** and commit to it personally or even set it as a development path for you, your family, church and ministry partners/ friends. You can find the details at [www.ourfathersexcellence.com](http://www.ourfathersexcellence.com) or contact [OurFathersExcellence@gmail.com](mailto:OurFathersExcellence@gmail.com) or contact 0828873001.

In this specific book/manual you will find 4 of more than 48 units for self-study (with 4 exam papers). These 4 units/themes from God's Word form part of the **training development program** for **excellence** in your walk with God.

**My prayer** for you and me in Psalm 19:14 (AMPC): "Let the **words** of my mouth and the **meditation** of my heart be acceptable and pleasing in **Your sight**, o Lord, my (firm, immovable) **rock** and my **Redeemer**."

*Cornelis van Heyningen*

## **1. FATHER'S conversation with me about ...**

### **SERVANTHOOD**

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To be a servant is not a curse and it is not about slavery, but it is an expression of respect and pure love to proclaim, in a practical way, the priorities of your life, from your heart. **Your attitude should be the same as that of My Son, Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with Me, something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.** (from Phil 2:5-7)

You say that you serve My Son, and if it is true, the fruit will be seen in how you serve others. My Son is so intensely aware of the need in the nations. When you are found to be a faithful servant, it will be said about you: ...

- **"For My Son was hungry, and you gave Him something to eat,**
- **My Son was thirsty and you gave Him something to drink,**
- **My Son was a stranger and you invited Him in,**
- **My Son needed clothes and you clothed Him,**
- **My Son was sick and you looked after Him,**
- **My Son was in prison and you came to visit Him."**

(from Matt. 25:35,36)

Your motivation as a servant must be to do everything as if unto the Lord. **My Son, the King, will reply: "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me."**

(from Matt 25:40)

You have the privilege, not only to serve, but also to follow the example of the Servant of all, My Son, Jesus Christ. ... **whoever wants to be first must be your slave, just as My Son did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.** (from Matt 20:27-28)

Do not be discouraged when you sometimes struggle to know how you should serve with the strength, guidance, help and wisdom available to you. My Son opened the way for you to have a fresh start every day, even if you feel you cannot deal with the thoughts of condemnation. **How much more, then, will the blood of Jesus Christ, My Son, who through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself unblemished to Me, cleanse your consciences from acts that lead to death, so that you may serve Me, the living God!** (from Heb 9:14)

You are a masterpiece, created by Me in such a way that you will always have the capacity to do the works I have prepared for you. Take time to hear My agenda every day. **For you are My workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, My Son, to do good works, which I have prepared in advance for you to do.** (from Eph. 2:10)

He will help you and He will always be there for you. Remain focused on Him. **Whoever serves My Son, Jesus, must follow Him; and where He is, His servant will also be. I will honor the one who serves Him.** (from John 12:26)

We can do this together. Say to one another: “ Let us be excellent servants”, **“For we are God’s fellow-workers.”** (1 Cor. 3:9a)

Excellent servants with heavenly opportunities understand how to present themselves to Me as their Father. They know My heart and My plans for them! **Therefore, I urge you, children, in view of My mercy,**

- **to offer your bodies as living sacrifices;**
- **holy and pleasing to Me,**
- **this is your spiritual act of worship.**
- **Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world,**



- but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
- Then you will be able to test and approve what My will is,
- My good, pleasing and perfect will.

(from Rom. 12:1,2)

You can work diligently and have an excellent life with Me but as you become familiar with success, allow humility to protect you. **“So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say; We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.”** (Luke 17:10)

Worship Me in Spirit and truth through all that you say, sing and do, and your heart will be in the right place. **Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for My Son, Jesus Christ, not for men. He is the LORD you are serving.** (from Col 3:23,24b)

## 2. JESUS' conversation with me about ...

### SERVANTHOOD

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You say that you serve Me, but if it is true, the fruit will be seen in how you serve others. My heart is with the needs of the nations. Know that when you are found a faithful servant, it will be said of you:

- **“For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat,**
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- **I was in prison and you came to visit Me.”**

(Matt. 25:35,36)

Your motivation as a servant must be to do everything you do as if unto Me, your Lord and Master. If that is your lifestyle, **then I, the King, will reply: “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.”** (from Matt. 25:40)

You have the privilege to serve but, you need to understand how to follow My example as the “Servant of all.” Whoever wants to follow Me, **and whoever wants to be first must be your slave, just as I, the Son of Man, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give My life as a ransom for many.** (from Matt. 20:27,28)

Do not be discouraged when you struggle sometimes to know how you should serve with the strength, guidance, help and wisdom available to you. I opened the way for you to have a fresh start every day, even if you feel you cannot deal with the thoughts of condemnation. **How much more, then, will My blood, when through the eternal Spirit, I, offered Myself unblemished to My Father, cleanse your consciences from acts that lead to death, so that you may serve the living God!** (from Heb. 9:14)

You are a masterpiece created by God in such a way that you will always have the capacity to do the works prepared for you. Take time to hear My Father's agenda for every day. **For you are My Father's workmanship, created in Me to do good works, which My Father prepared in advance for you to do.** (from Eph. 2:10)

I will help you and I will always be there for you. Stay focused on Me. **If you serve Me you must follow Me; and where I am, you, My servant, will also be. My Father will honour you as you serve Me.** (from John 12:26)

We can do this together. Say to one another: "Let us be excellent servants, **'for we are God's fellow-workers.'**" (1 Cor. 3:9a)

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- **to offer your bodies as living sacrifices;**
- **holy and pleasing to Me,**
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Worship the Father, in Spirit and Truth, in all that you say, sing, and do, and your heart will be in the “right place.”

**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for Me, not for men. It is Me, the Lord Jesus Christ, you are serving.**

(from Col 3:23,24b)

### 3. MY conversation with myself about ...

## SERVANTHOOD

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To be a servant is not a curse, it is not about slavery, but an expression of respect and pure love to proclaim, in practical ways, the priorities of my life from my heart. **My attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.** (from Phil. 2:5-7)

I can say that I serve God, but I need to show the fruit of servanthood in how I serve others. God's heart is with the needs of the nations. I know that when I am found a faithful servant, it will be said of me:

- **“For Jesus was hungry, and you gave Him something to eat,**
- **Jesus was thirsty and you gave Him something to drink,**
- **Jesus was a stranger and you invited Him in,**
- **Jesus needed clothes and you clothed Him,**
- **Jesus was sick and you looked after Him,**
- **Jesus was in prison and you came to visit Him.”**

(from Matt. 25:35,36)

My motivation as a servant must be to do everything I do as if unto the Lord. If that is my perspective, **the King will reply to me and say: “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.”** (from Matt 25:40)

I have the privilege to serve but I need to understand how to follow the example of Jesus. He is the “Servant of all,” and He said that **if I want to be first, I must be my brother's slave, just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.** (from Matt. 20:27,28)

I choose not to be discouraged when I sometimes struggle to know how I should serve with the strength, guidance, help and wisdom available to me. Jesus opened the way for a fresh start every day, even if I feel I cannot deal

with the thoughts of condemnation. **How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse my conscience from acts that lead to death, so that I may serve the living God!** (from Heb. 9:14)

I am a masterpiece created by God in such a way that I will always have the capacity to do the works prepared for me by God Himself. I will take time to hear My Father's agenda for every day. **For I am God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for me to do.** (from Eph. 2:10)

God said He will help me, and that He will always be there for me. I will stay focused on Him. **If I serve Jesus, I must follow Him; and where He is, I, His servant, will also be. His Father will honour me as I serve Jesus.** (from John 12:26)

We can do this together ; **"For we are God's fellow-workers!"**  
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Excellent servants with heavenly opportunities, understand how to present themselves to God as their Father. I can be one of them, and I can know my God's heart and His plan for my life. **Therefore, I have been urged, with my brothers, in view of God's mercy,**

- **to offer my body as a living sacrifice,**
- **holy and pleasing to God,**
- **it is my spiritual act of worship.**
- **I must not conform any longer to the pattern of this world,**
- **but I must be transformed by the renewing of my mind.**
- **Then I will be able to test and approve what God's will is,**
- **His good, pleasing and perfect will.**

(from Rom. 12:1,2)

I can work diligently and have an excellent life with God, but as I become familiar with success, I need to allow humility to protect me and remember that it is all because of His grace. **So I also, when I have done everything I have been told to do, I should say, "I am an unworthy servant. I have**

**only        done        my        duty.”** (from Luke 17:10)

I will worship the Father in Spirit and Truth, in all that I say, sing and do, and then my heart will be safe with Him. **Whatever I do, I must work at it with all my heart as working for the Lord, not for men. It is the Lord Jesus Christ I am serving!** (from Col. 3:23,24b)

## 4. TRUTH'S conversation with me about ...

### SERVANTHOOD

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Christ set us an example of how to be a servant with excellence. The Word says: **“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”** (Phil. 2:5-7)

Serving the Lord accurately includes serving my brothers and sisters. In the prophetic teachings of Jesus, He speaks of eternal life and eternal punishment. To the people on His right, who inherit eternal life, He will say:

- **“For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat,**
- **I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink,**
- **I was a stranger and you invited Me in,**
- **I needed clothes and you clothed Me,**
- **I was sick and you looked after Me,**
- **I was in prison and you came to visit Me.”**

(Matt. 25:35,36)

The righteous will ask where and when all of this happened? **The King will reply: “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.”** (Matt. 25:40)

When Jesus Christ is your motivation and focus in serving, you will also see how He Himself set the example first. Matt. 20:27,28 declares: **“And whoever wants to be first must be your slave, just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”**

The Lord has a specific task for everybody. Every one of us has a unique specific calling. When we just do as we like, we are busy with acts that lead to death but, through the blood of Jesus, tomorrow can be a new opportunity. This is true according to Heb. 9:14, **“How much more, then,**



**will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!”**

Don't just go to God with your agenda. Hear from Him what He wants you to do, according to His will and plan for your life. Eph. 2:10 explains this principle: **“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”**

Many times, we just have to step out in faith, to do according to what we believe God is commanding us to do. But remember the promise Jesus gives us as His servants: **“Whoever serves Me must follow Me; and where I am, My servant will also be. My Father will honour the one who serves Me.”** (John 12:26)

We have the honour and privilege to work with Him. **“For we are God’s fellow-workers.”** (1 Cor. 3:9a)

Position and present yourself as a faithful servant, who understands what to do every day. Rom. 12:1,2 says,

**“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy,**

- **to offer your bodies as living sacrifices,**
- **holy and pleasing to God,**
- **this is your spiritual act of worship.**
- **Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world,**
- **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.**
- **Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is,**
- **His good, pleasing and perfect will.”**

To do His will with the right attitude will always bring honour to God. In Luke 17:10, Jesus says: **“So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say; ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”**

To summarise it all in one sentence:

**“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”**

(Col. 3:23,24b)