

“THEIR”
CONVERSATION
WITH ME ABOUT
UNITY



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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 **UNITY**!

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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 “**Unity**” (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.)

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.**

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 or contact 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**."

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

UNITY

I am the Creator of the nations, and I have united the nations to Me through My Son's sacrifice on the Cross. Through My grace and forgiveness, you can be My people, My family. This is possible, when you surrender your whole life to Me and accept what My Son did for you on the Cross. Respect His sacrifice by living a lifestyle of grace and forgiveness. **Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as I forgave you.** (from Col. 3:13)

Unity with Me, My Word and My people will establish your prayers according to My perfect will. Let it be on earth, as it is planned in heaven. **Again, My Son, Jesus, has told you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by Me, your Father in Heaven.** (from Matt. 18:19)

As My family, I expect of you to: **"Live in harmony with one another."** (Rom. 12:16a)

Show the world that unity is possible, but only through My Word and My Spirit.

I appeal to you, in the name of My Son, Jesus Christ your Lord, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. (from 1 Cor. 1:10)

When you show forth, through the gifts of the Spirit, who I am and not who you are, you will be amazed at the beauty of your uniqueness, in the context of godly unity. **“All these are the work of one and the same Spirit and He gives them to each one, just as He determines.”**(1 Cor 12:11)

Fulfil your calling through submission and obedience to My Son. Understand the principle of Christ being the head of a body with all of you united as the body of Christ, each with a unique purpose, **“... so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.”**(1 Cor 12:25)

All My people are knitted together, to be and to function as the body of Christ. **“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.”**(1 Cor 12:26)

With a mature, unselfish attitude, you can follow the example of My Son! Be there for one another in a practical way! **Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Jesus Christ, My Son.** (from Gal 6:2)

Keep My Son as the focus in all situations and challenges, and you will be able to see people the way He sees them, **For you must resolve to know nothing while you are with others except Jesus Christ, My Son, and Him crucified.** (from 1 Cor 2:2)

More of My character, My heart and My dream for the nations will be seen through you if you embrace the principle of unity.

Remember: **Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of My Spirit through the bond of peace.** (from Eph. 4:2,3)

Let the beauty of the Truth about unity and what it declares, be evident in your lifestyle. **“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called, one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”** (Eph. 4:4-6)

Come in honesty. No fake family dynamic will be able to rob you of true genuine relationships, when you walk and live in the light. **But if you walk in the light, as I am in the light, you have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, My Son, purifies you from all sin.**

(from 1 John 1:7)

Through the Blood, tomorrow can be a new opportunity to love and serve one another without selfish agendas. **This is how you know what love is: Jesus Christ, My Son, laid down His life for you. And you ought to lay down your lives for your brothers.** (from 1 John 3:16)

It is not a law but an expression of love. **Dear children, love one another, for love comes from Me. Everyone who loves has been born of Me and knows Me.** (from 1 John 4:7)

Even when people disappoint you or hurt you, remain in unity with Me and My character. Display My character and share My heart with one another in a practical way. **“Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.”** (1 Peter 3:8-9)

Unity expressed through My passionate love for you, must be your testimony to the world! **By this everyone will know that you are disciples of My Son, if you love one another.** (from John 13:35)

2. JESUS' conversation with me about ...

UNITY

Unity is possible between people and nations, if you respect and understand the forgiveness and grace shown through My blood and body on the Cross. **“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”** (Col. 3:13)

Come into unity with Me, My Word and My people, then your prayers will be according to My Father's perfect plan. Therefore, **“Again I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven.”** (Matt. 18:19)

Take the courage to: **“... live in harmony with one another.”**
(Rom. 12:16a)

Show the world that divine unity is possible! **I, Jesus Christ your Lord, appeal to you, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.** (1 Cor. 1:10)

Surrender to Me, My Word and the Spirit, and it will happen. When you show forth, through the gifts of the Spirit, who I am and not who you are, you will be amazed at how the beauty of your uniqueness shines in the context of godly unity, because ... **... all these are the work of the Spirit and He gives them to each one of you, just as He determines.**
(from 1 Cor. 12:11)

Fulfil your calling through submission and obedience to Me. I am the Head of the body, and all of you are the members of My body. If you honor Me as Head of the body, **there should be no division in the body, but all its parts should have equal concern for each other.** (from 1 Cor 12:25)

Even when it could be challenging, be there for one another. Remember what is written in 1 Corinthians 12 verse 26: **“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.”**

Be there for one another in a practical way. **Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil My law.** (from Gal. 6:2)

Let the beauty of the Truth about unity and what it declares, be evident in your lifestyle.

Keep Me as your focus in all situations and challenges, and you will be able to see people the way I see them. **For you must resolve to know nothing while you are with others except Me and Me crucified.** (from 1 Cor. 2:2)

More of My character, My heart and My Father's dream for the nations will be seen through you if you embrace and show the principle of unity in a practical way. **"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."** (Eph. 4:2,3)

Let the beauty of the Truth about unity and what it declares, be evident in your lifestyle. **"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called. One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."** (Eph. 4:4-6)

Come in honesty! No fake family dynamic will be able to rob you of true genuine relationships, when you walk and live in the light. **But if you walk in the light, as I am in the light, you have fellowship with one another, and My blood purifies you from all sin.** (from 1 John 1:7)

Through My sacrifice on the Cross, tomorrow can be a new opportunity to love and serve one another without selfish agendas and motives. **This is how you know what love is: I, Jesus Christ, laid down My life for you. And you ought to lay down your lives for your brothers.** (from 1 John 3:16)

It is not a law of religion but an expression of love. **Dear friends, love one another, for love comes from My Father. Everyone who loves has been born of My Father and knows Him.** (from 1 John 4:7)

Even when people disappoint or hurt you, stay in unity with Me, My Word and My character. Show and share My heart with one another in a practical way. **"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."** (1 Peter 3:8-9)

Unity expressed through My passionate love for you, must be your testimony to the world. **“By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”** (John 13:35)

3. MY conversation with myself about...

UNITY

Unity is possible between people if forgiveness and grace displayed through the blood and the body of Jesus on the Cross is respected by people. I need to obey this command: **“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”** (Col. 3:13)

I will come into unity with Jesus Christ, His Word and His people, so that my prayers can be according to His perfect plan. **Jesus tells me that if two of us on earth agree about anything we ask for, it will be done for us by our Father in Heaven.** (from Matt. 18:19)

I understand that **I must live in harmony with others.** (from Rom. 12:16a)

We need to show the world that unity is possible through Jesus Christ and His Word. **Paul appeals also to me, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of us must agree with one another so that there should be no divisions among us and that we may be perfectly united in mind and thought.** (from 1 Cor. 1:10)

When I show forth, through the gifts of the Spirit, who God is, and not who I am, God will be the centre of the unity that the Spirit wants to bring, when working through us. **“All these are the work of one and the same Spirit and He gives them to each one, just as He determines.”** (1 Cor. 12:11)

I will fulfil my calling through submission and obedience to Christ Jesus. He is the head of the body and we are all members of His body. If we honour Him as head of the body, **there should be no division in the body, of whom I am a member, but all its parts should have equal concern for each other.** (from 1 Cor. 12:25) **If one part suffers and I am one of those parts, every part suffers with it, including me. If one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.** (from 1 Cor. 12:26)

I must demonstrate unity in a practical way! **I must carry others' burdens as they should carry mine, and in this way we will fulfil the law of Christ.** (from Gal. 6:2)

I will keep Jesus Christ as the focus in all situations and challenges. Then I will be able to see people the way He sees them.

For I must resolve to know nothing while I am with others except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. (from 1 Cor. 2:2)

More of God's character, His heart and His dream for the nations, can be seen through me, but I need to embrace His principles of unity. The Word of God challenges us to **be completely humble and gentle; to be patient, bearing with one another in love. We must make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.** (from Eph. 4:2,3)

Let the beauty of the Truth about unity and what it declares, be evident in our lifestyle. **There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to one hope when we were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

(from Eph. 4:4-6)

I will take the courage to be honest, so that nothing can keep me from true, genuine relationships. It's all about walking and living in the light. **If I walk in the light, as He is in the light, I will have fellowship with others, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies me from all sin.** (from 1 John 1:7)

Through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross, tomorrow can be a new opportunity for me to live and serve others without selfish agendas and motives. I will pursue this lifestyle for **this is how I know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for me. And I ought to lay down my life for my brothers.** (from 1 John 3:16)

I will see this as an expression of love and not a law of religion. **I will love others, for love comes from God. If I love, then I can know that I have been born of God and know God.** (from 1 John 4:7)

Even when people disappoint me or hurt me, I will choose to remain in unity with God, His Word and His character. I pray that I will show and share His heart with others in a practical way. As it is written for all of us: **"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."** (1 Peter 3:8-9)

Godly unity, expressed through God's passionate love for me, will be my testimony to the world. **By this everyone will know that I am His disciple, if I love my brothers.** (from John 13:35)

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

UNITY

Unity in the Body of Christ is a command from God which is possible only through the grace of God. Hear Col. 3:13: **“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”**

Reconciliation through respect for the blood of forgiveness shows godly unity as a key to many breakthroughs. We see it in principles of prayer. Jesus said: **“Again I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.”** (Matt. 18:19)

But unity must become a lifestyle. **“Live in harmony with one another.”** (Rom. 12:16a)

We need to intentionally establish unity in God's family in practical ways. 1 Cor. 1:10 says: **“I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.”**

If we are not ignorant of the spiritual gifts, we will understand what 1 Cor. 12:11 says: **“All these are the work of one and the same Spirit and He gives them to each one, just as He determines.”**

Pride says, “I don't need you,” or inferiority says, “Because I can't do this or that, I do not belong to the body,” but God has put together the body of Christ with a unique purpose; **“... so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.”** (1 Cor. 12:25)

Even if it could be challenging, be there for one another. The following verse in 1 Corinthians 12 verse 26, is even more practical: **“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.”**

Paul also tells the Galatians: **“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.”** (Gal. 6:2)

These are practical strategies to minister unity in the body of Christ.

Hurts, disappointments, weaknesses, sins and many other mistakes are powerful tools in the hands of the enemy which he uses to make us think that unity in Christ is impossible. But you can make a decision like Paul did. He said: **“For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.”** (1 Cor. 2:2)

We must take an active stand for unity because the Spirit works where there is unity. The Word says: **“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”** (Eph. 4:2,3)

Let the beauty of the Truth about unity and what it declares, be evident in our lifestyle. **“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”** (Eph. 4:4-6)

Let it not be a fake or superficial unity. **“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”** (1 John 1:7)

Love as the passion in God’s united family, demands the involvement of your whole life. 1 John 3:16 says: **“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.”**

Unity in God’s family becomes visible through active love initiated by God Himself, who, in love, gave us everything. Accept His love for you and demonstrate His love to the world around you. 1 John 4:7 says:

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.”

Unity also finds expression through your attitude and behaviour. The Word says in 1 Peter 3:8-9: **“Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil**

with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.”

May the ultimate motivation for our unity in Christ be the testimony we display to the world; God's love from heaven for you and me!

As John 13:35 says: **“By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”**