

Gumnazo

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- [0 : 0 0] Welcome. Thank you for listening to The Sousome Word by David Entry. The words you catch will change your world. May your story change from this message.
- Be blessed. I'm going to spell a word. I want you to write that word down. It's spelled G for God. U for umbrella.
- M for mother. N for November. A for alpha. Z for zebra. And O for orange.
- Did you get it? G-U-M-N-U I'm sorry. M-A-A. I wanted to see if you are really following. I'm just kidding.
- G-U-M-N-A-Z-O How does it sound? G-U-M-N-A-Z-O G-U-M-N-A-Z-O Depending on the school you attended. That's okay.
- [1 : 0 6] Hallelujah. We'll come back to that word. That's the title of my message actually. It's a Greek word. But you understand it as we go on. It's interesting Pastor.
- I like what Pastor Paul was talking about. I didn't know about that actually. The fact that if you exercise, you add 15 more years to your life. And recently I'm beginning to appreciate the fact that the older you grow, the more you value exercise.
- Usually when you're younger, you don't really value exercise very much. But the more you grow, the older you grow, one day you are lifting something. I think I need to exercise because exercise is necessary.
- For life. Alright. Having said that, let's look at Psalm 107 verse 23. Psalm 107 verse 23.
- Thank you, Jesus. It says, Those who go down to the sea in ships, who do business in what? Great waters. Alright.
- [2 : 1 9] I'll read it again. Those who go down to the sea in ships, who do business in great waters, they see the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep.
- You got to go in the deep and you see the wonders of God. The wonders of God is not just at the shallow waters. In the deep.
- Somebody say in the deep. There's a time Jesus was teaching and he saw these guys, he wanted their boat to use and afterwards he told Peter that launch into the deep. And Bible says, and when he has so done, he caught a great multitude of fish launching into the deep.
- Now, spiritual work, Christianity is for people who are, people who thrive in Christianity are always those who go further. Right. This morning, the things I'm going to, this afternoon, the things I'm going to share, they will not be very popular, but it's just good for somebody.
- Just good for somebody. I believe God sent me here for that. Just good for somebody. And so please, pardon me if you don't like it too much. It will do you some good.
- [3 : 3 3] Amen. Hallelujah. I'm going, what I'm teaching is more, it's just basic, fundamental discipleship stuff. It's basic stuff. It's the basic stuff that make the difference in our work with God.

And so for you to go deep with God, for you to see the amazing works of God, you need to be able to just go deeper, not on the surface. Now, having said that, when you become born again, watch this, that is the amazing love and amazing grace of God.

God, the song we sang, indescribable, on the thin, this whole great God, great God comes to live in you.

That is the difference between Christianity and any other philosophy or religion. Christianity is just, no, actually a religion. It's God. Bible says that great is the mystery of godliness.

Great is a mystery. It's mysterious. Godliness. God came down to be in you. No, you're supposed to. He's somewhere far. The man at the top with the big stick, you just worship him, he's very far.

[4 : 40] No. God loves us so much, he wants to be so close to you and not just so close, in you. Now, watch this. You are not born again because of what you do.

You don't become a Christian because of your good works. So then, it's also important that when people are outside, we should just, when they are coming in, let's embrace them.

Let's receive them. Even after we have received them, they may make some mistakes, but let's still receive them, accept them, because God wants them. Amen. Pastor, what I'm discovering is that we are having a lot of people in church who are becoming increasingly religious.

Religion tells you, do good for God to accept you. God says that, no, come, I will accept you the way you are and I will empower you to do good. Jesus said that, where are your accusers, oh woman?

And she said, there are nowhere to be found. He said, you to go, me to, I condemn you, but go and sin no more. I don't condemn you, sorry, but go and sin no more. Romans says that, there is now, therefore, no condemnation.

[5 : 51] No, it's not based on our works. Let's get it. Pastor, I saw something in the scriptures, I was shocked. In Galatians, it talks about how, he said, oh foolish Galatians, how come that you began well in the spirit?

Are you now ending in works? And so, the point here is that, when you are born again, watch this, when you are born, the problem with the church is somebody can be messing up in the world, and then the person comes, the church says, don't worry, you are welcome.

Let's say you are, a drunkard or something, you're messing up, don't worry, you are welcome, we accept you, just the way you are. The person stays in for two weeks, and his phone, drunkard gives, say, hey, the judgment of God is upon you.

Hey, you will go to hell. That is not the gospel. Let's stop thinking about, this guy, this lady is not doing well. She's not trying, so she doesn't deserve to be singing in church like the way I do.

Most of us, you know what's happening? There are a lot of people in pews in churches, or in chairs in churches, who feel they are not quite good as the other one. We are all, Pastor Robert said this some time ago, we are all, when we come together like this, we are all in our presentation mode.

[7 : 13] If God is going to be dealing with us based on our good works, all of us will be found wanting. So, the point I want to make is, when you are born again, God comes to live inside you.

There is a God factor in you. Alright? Now, Christianity is about God finding an expression in human life.

That is what godliness is about. So, godliness is God beginning to find an expression in your life. Through his goodness, through his power, so you begin to see the amazing works of God.

Of course, you go into the deep. Now, how come that I am born again, but I don't really, I'm not enjoying God. Sometimes, I find myself lasting. I find myself sinning.

I find myself doing things I don't want to do. I just don't know what's wrong with me. I realize that there are a lot of Christians who every now and then find themselves in anthropospheres like that.

[8 : 12] Or situations like that. I think, I think, a certain gentleman came to me some time ago. It's a church. The guy is fire. He was very hungry for Jesus. He got born again and after a month or so, no, after some months, he found this lady he was interested in and one day started going out with the lady.

The guy used to mess up when he was in the world with women. So, he came to church and now he's serious and guess what? One day, he fell into sin with his fiancée, sexual sin with his fiancée.

He came, he called, he said, Pastor, I don't think I can serve. He was crying. I don't think I can serve God again because I don't know why I messed up. I said, no, you are the right guy. Do you know why?

Because you feel very uncomfortable when you find yourself in the States. When you put a pig and a goat or a pig and a sheep in a muddy water and they are covered completely with the mud, chances are that you may not be able to tell the difference which one is the pig or which one is the goat because they are all covered in the mud but something will let you know.

One of them will be going and the other one will be going, I don't belong here. Some of us are here.

[9 : 29] We are crying. I don't belong here. I need help. And my message here is that God does not have a problem with you.

Oh, you didn't get that. You didn't get that. Listen, understand this once and for a God does not have a problem with you. Most of us think that God doesn't like me.

I'm not praying enough. I'm not doing this. I'm messing up too much and God doesn't. God has no God. He loves you just the way you are. He wants to empower you and live his life through you because you, by yourself, cannot live for God.

Listen, no normal human being can be godly. That's right. That's right. I'll say that. No normal human being can live godly.

You cannot. You don't get it. You don't get it. You don't have the installation. You don't have the necessary accoutrement or wiring to live godly.

[10 : 36] You cannot. And so, the only way you do it is, man of God, he says that walk in the spirit and then you will not fulfill the desires of the flesh.

Most of us have gone to the other way around. We are trying not to fulfill the desires of the flesh so we can end up walking in the spirit. It doesn't work like that. You cannot do it by yourself.

You need the help of the Holy Ghost. Somebody shout help. Now, but I realize that the God in us, most of them is not able to find expression in our lives because of a few things.

I have been trying to build some muzzles so I can be like, is it Joe? Junior. Can you rise your feet please? How many of you agree with me that these muzzles came naturally?

Or you don't agree with me? It came naturally. He was just eating and doing normal life and then his muzzles came like that. Now, do you think my muzzles can become as tough as these guys?

[11 : 56] Are you sure? Are you sure? No? Look, I'm very skinny. I can't be like him. How can I be like him? What did you say?

What did you say? Work out! But I did it yesterday. It still doesn't come. How long should I do it?

How long should I do it? Three years. Did you say three years? Three days in a week. Three days in a week.

Three days is too much. Ah! Three days in a week and for how long? One month. I'll do five days in a week. Five days. So how long will I do that? For how many years?

How many months? Hey! No! I can't do that. Then it means that I can also become like that. This is where Gumnazor comes in.

[12 : 53] Yeah, Gumnazor. Gumnazor. Somebody say Gumnazor. Somebody say Gumnazor. Oh, say like him. He said Gumnazor. I heard a certain pastor preaching.

He says that when he preached and one day he was preaching and anointing came upon him. He went to the congregation and then took somebody's week. Hallelujah! No, but I feel that kind of anointing is coming on me.

So if somebody say hallelujah! I feel that kind of anointing is coming on me. so please pardon me if I'm charged and I jump on your turn, take your wig and begin to shout.

Somebody shout yeah! First Timothy chapter four verse seven. First Timothy chapter four verse seven.

Wow! Is this in the Bible? Hey! I want you to do me a favor. We are going to read it from the screen out loud. Is that okay?

[14 : 04] Alright, shall we go? Let's go! But reject profane and old wives fable and exercise yourself towards godliness. Now, old wives fable profane and profanity simply here means that anything that is against godliness or against spiritual truth so somebody comes to tell you why do you have to pay tight?

I don't want profanity. You understand? Anything that is against godliness or against piety against spirituality that is profane and old wives fables is all kinds of stories that don't have substance.

Some of these things they just distract us from proper Christianity. But watch this. He said reject old wives and profanity or reject profane and old wives and exercise you see there's a champion there.

Now the bible says in the old king james i think he puts it this way exercise yourself on to i want to build muscles i have to exercise myself for the muscles to come out there it's there already once you are born again godliness is in your system nobody is a better christian nobody is a better christian we are all just christians but the way you live out your christian life is predicated on the kind of exercise you give yourself to exercise now the greek word for the greek word translated as exercise is gumnas gumnas thank you gumnas gumnas unto godliness now it is the word we get we derive gymnastics from of gym gym when it says going to the gym it comes from the gym gymnasium gymnastics okay when you see a gymnast they can be doing all kinds of acrobatic displays and all kinds of stuff it doesn't just happen naturally you gotta work it out you gotta work it out you can't you can't become a

Christian because a good Christian because hands are laid on you no it doesn't work like that it doesn't work like that my darling your scriptures were very good for the offering god bless you to us and encourage you my darling can you imagine that people want the pastors to fast and pray for them preach them into spiritual maturity it does not happen it doesn't matter how junior likes me he can't do much if I don't get there myself and exercise those muscles out work it out work it out work it out and then somebody who says look at you you are not you are just a weak man he's strong he's better no it's not that he's better than me it's just that he's exercising more than I'm doing if somebody gets you something now so it means that if you want to exhale in your work with god launch into the deep don't be like everybody because you know you are not everybody you are not everybody don't run like the way she's running because maybe she's being chased by a dog you are being chased by a tiger and you want to rally the way he's running you have to

[17 : 54] Bible says that run the race in first Corinthians chapter 9 verse 24 25 26 that was he says that run in such a way that you will obtain run in 26 and verse 26 and verse 27 of first Corinthians chapter 9 Paul says that he says I bring my body under subjection I discipline my body I make my body do some things if you want to lose weight and you don't make your body do some things you will never lose weight somebody must be responsible for what you want in life shall I believe just like marriage years ago I witnessed a very powerful wedding great wedding couple very wealthy and the wedding was blessed by an archbishop seriously and the and the archbishop declared and other pastors because if an archbishop is there then you will be sure that there will be bishops and pastors declared and declared and declared powerful over the marriage in less than a year the marriage was breaking up

I said wow upon all these prayers the marriage is breaking up and I realized they can pray all they want for you but you have to go home and work it out hallelujah you you you have to go home and work it out you have to go home and work it out I don't like my wife that's what you got baby work it out I don't like my husband Katie's husband is nice and baby shut up and work it out somebody shall God does not place things in our hands God doesn't place things in our hands he places things within our reach

God doesn't place things in our hands he places it we places them within our reach so that Bible says that the race is not to the swift the battle is not to the strong time and chance happens to all the way your Christian life is where you are it's your responsibility so pastor okay I don't have much time so let me run on this you've been talking about Gubnazo Gubnazo now so what because I know if you want to lose some weight or build some muscles you have to go to the gym and do some things recently I found out that there are all kinds of DVDs one's called Taibo or something you can put in and you can be in your living room and be doing that and be doing that and be and some of us can imagine it's what's your name sir Terry can imagine it's are you the one on the drums oh where's the other guy you've got a lot of macho guys in this church can you imagine somebody would say oh this thing is too hard for me to do so I won't continue what that scripture he read it talks about how physical exercise profits but spiritual exercise profits both here and eternity and now he says that exercise yourself onto godliness not morality there's godliness in you that is trying to cry for an expression but until you exercise it's hard some of us do it for two weeks and we stop some of us do it for two months and we stop some of us do it for three months and we stop but I realized junior even said it it's a lifetime endeavor you have to go on doing it every time you have to keep at it keep at it you know what and then your friends will look at you some other people will look at you like recently my wife been working out so hard and sometimes I look at her I know it's good but I know sometimes I want to do it but my lazy self wants to enjoy a little bit more so some people will be looking at you and they are wondering why are you punishing yourself like this why do you keep reading your bible why do you keep going to church tell them I'm working on something

I'm just working on something I'm just working on something I'm just working on something it's just a matter of time when you do it for one day when you do it for one week your muscles don't just come out it's a matter of time you want to lose weight you go to the gym for one day you finish and I expect that you've lost it does it doesn't happen you know you know you know what I don't like about this kind of stuff exercise you want to lose weight you go to the gym let's say for two months and all of a sudden you realize you're losing weight and you actually lose weight the problem is when you stop so it's like am I in this lifetime imprisonment of exercising the answer is yes really yes is there no shortcut no so how is

God going to bless me now let me finish this quickly how do you exercise on to godliness four things number one the word of God there's no way anybody can grow spiritually outside of God's word it doesn't happen oh pastor me the Bible when I read I don't understand it's because if your heart see most of us read the Bible with our heads with our brains but if you read it with your heart the theologians call something perspicuity of scriptures so the scriptures is perspicuous enough it's very basic that the most unlearned of people can take it and get the basic message of scripture you don't need a PhD to understand what the scripture is saying when God is speaking to you you will know he's speaking to you I know God is speaking to somebody this morning when God is speaking to you know it and when you want to hear from God he's actually

[25 : 09] God wants to speak to us more than we want to hear from him you don't you don't need theology in a positive sense okay let me explain what I mean you don't need some theological degree and Elohim as a believe you don't need to you don't need to sometimes people are asked to pray and they begin to oh yeah way nowadays I had this one um Yeshua HaMashiach then people think wow he's spiritual what has that got to do spirituality that is terminology is not spirituality so some of us because you can't say Yeshua HaMashiach you can't say you can't say Jehovah Ghibba Jehovah Shaman Jehovah Todah because you can't say that you think that you are not that spiritual all those things are spiritual bully spirituality has not got to do with that it's not a dude even how many how many how much you can speak in tongues most of the people are speaking they are thinking about Chelsea they are thinking about the their lips are closed but their hearts are far away so we need watch this pastor when you talk about the word what do you mean by how do you get a word if you remember gubnazo exercising it's a constant you do it to your system become used to it you have to you don't have a choice listen that's why I said it's not popular because you don't have a choice you don't have a choice I'm not coming to tell you God will just bless you anyway anyhow no no the blessing

Bible says in Ephesians chapter 1 verse 3 he has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly the blessings are already available in James chapter 1 verse 25 he says that see it a man who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it yes and he not being a forgetful here I said that this man not somebody else this man shall be blessed in all his doings and so that is about time we take responsibility for our spiritual development go I'm I came to empower somebody go and reclaim your the responsibility for spiritual development from that prophet from that pastor from don't leave it to any spiritual persons and it's your own responsibility it doesn't work amen go and reclaim it oh I see something good happening to somebody that one to you say amen I said I see something good happening to somebody all right let me finish this thing quickly and so how do you get yourself into the word number one simple daily devotion it looks very it sounds very old-fashioned but that's the way yes that's it don't know no other way if you want to grow if you want to grow hallelujah read your bible pray every day pray every day pray every day read your bible you know it's god for yourself so so pastor loves you so much but he cannot take your medications for you i love that i love that i love that wow wow that that's good training that's good training read your bible have a daily devotion right it shouldn't be legalistic if you miss it today you miss it tomorrow the third day pick it up if you miss it one week just do it god there's no way around it you just have to do it it's just it's a must happen you have to do it so that the god in you can find an expression god exercise yourself onto godly you've got it you've got it you've got the god factor if you want me to put it the way they put you've got the x factor you've got it but it's now up to you to i realized that more for a more for a for four years was training so hard all those olympics medalists didn't just happen by accident regrowth training they launched into the deep they kept doing it kept working so somebody wake up and be eating and then see more for a granny and they'll look at him maybe you're sitting in your nice car driving and you see more for a this guy is so serious now when the world is clapping for him you want the world to clap for you too on what grounds most of the time as soon as we come to church we leave everything on god god you are responsible for everything that happens to me i have to grow by eight weeks no no it doesn't happen as soon as you come into god you begin to work that's why people have been in church for 20 years and they are still spiritual babes how do you see anything they are complaining hey i was saying nobody came to visit me i don't like this woman i don't talk this word in church in church grow up all right let me finish this let me i don't

want to go i like preaching this kind of pastoral messages okay because human beings are all the same everywhere all the same how do you know somebody is not spiritually a spiritual babe look at the things that upset them in church they are they are spiritual b-a-b-e babes they are in church but they are still sucking feeding bottle babes i know you don't like me for this but i'll finish around away please get yourself some morning devotion make sure daily reading your bible you don't need to read 18 chapters you don't need to read a whole chapter let the hang watch this let the hunger in your heart for god drive you to want to reach from him but i realize that there are times where you want to do something as maybe you want to exercise and there are days you don't feel like it but do you have a choice you still have to do it so you don't you don't do it because it feels good that you are enjoying it sometimes you read the bible it feels very blah but you still have to develop something develop a test all right now so have a daily devotion four ways of getting the word inside of your system have a daily devotion daily devotion number two teaching messages teaching messages let's all say teaching messages or let me put it this way preaching messages preaching some of us don't have any preaching tape or preaching cd in our homes you know every time music jump jump jump jump jump jump jump jump jump jump jump oh pastor are you saying we shouldn't listen to music music is good man but if your child comes from school and tells you what did you say oh we are just playing music is good today and the next week you are playing every time music is good we will tell that you take your time from that school because life is not about that life is not about entertainment life is not about entertainment it's serious if you want to be serious in life if you want to grow your business sometimes you realize that you have to cut off from some things some parties you can't go because you are busy working on your business people will tell you you're anti-social doesn't matter later on they'll come to you and appreciate you whatever you do people will talk that's that you must understand that i don't know if i told you the story about this gentleman who had a horse and a boy and one day they were in town and then the father was riding the horse the boy was walking people began complaining that yeah wicked man how can you be riding the horse and the boys so he overheard it and god put the boy on the horse he started walking after a while some people said this man is not wise at all he's the boy is rather riding the riding the horse and he the man is walking he's not a serious man so he overheard that one guess what he did both of them they jump on the horse he said that after a while people began to say saw him they said this man is a very responsible cruel animal cruelty two of them sitting on this one horse it's not right people started complaining again so he decided okay let's all walk so he and the boy started walking people said this man is a foolish man we've ever seen they have a horse and they are walking so he realized that everything you do people who talk people who talk people who talk somebody say this preaching thing is serious what i what do i mean giving yourself to preaching messages is serious even preachers can develop if they don't listen to preaching this morning i woke up with

tapes playing preaching i woke up sometimes you wake up and you're in a kind of subconscious state and you hear somebody talking to you only to realize that it was their preaching and you wake up and every time you must be do you know what i found it's serious this scripture when i saw it one day i check all congo they couldn't even explain it and i prayed that god let me understand this thing and i saw it it was serious ephesians chapter 4 verse 7 you can put it on the screen and those of you writing you can write it down ephesians 4 7 exercise is not an option i like what pastor paul said if you want to grow longer or grow older or live live longer sorry live longer you got to exercise and stop eating some stuff spiritually if you want to grow some of us spend too much time on facebook sorry i should have said it i i can't read my bible i don't know what it's what but you are two hours three hours all night on facebook facebook facebook and you are saying no miracle is happening is that facebook it's all on facebook facebook people have bible they don't read it after church some people close their bible the next time they open it is next sunday and yet they expect to be growing spiritually and they expect to be seen because god god you see i'm doing well i'm going to church so you have to bless me anytime god visits people he leaves them with their responsibility can i say that again every time god visits people he leaves them with their responsibility isn't it possible isn't it interesting jesus himself he appeared to soul of tarsus in acts chapter 9 just keep that efficient there i'll come back to it in a minute jesus himself appeared to soul of tarsus soul he was killing people and he just said why do you persecute me say who are you say i'm jesus who you are persecuting then paul said or soul said what do you want me to do he was ready to take orders do you know what he told him he said go to damascus there are people already there they will tell you what to do so those who said how jesus speaks to me personally they are joking they are joking in acts chapter 4 sorry acts chapter 2 verse 41 and 42 but it said that and they continued in the apostles doctrines apostles prayers apostles fellowship and breaking of bread this thing we are doing it didn't start with us it must be a continuation from the apostles so then you can't come in with something new that can be this whole this whole thing is new it's new from me i start god has but when you see people who keep telling me god speaks to me personally god told me to go to church this morning it's a sign that they are not serious you know somebody came to me the other time when i wake up sunday mornings normally i pray god which head you want me to it is a sign that you are an irresponsible christian you are not a serious christian you if you are a serious christian you won't be asking god which head to go you must already be found in the church established christian and seven i know you don't like me for this but i'm having a good time in the lord i'm happy because we will meet in heaven some of these things at least you know sometimes it's good to provoke somebody because there's so much in you god has so much invested in you there's so much in you don't let anybody put you down and tell you that you are not as good as you are you are very good just that you just have to work out a little bit and see god will not leave you to be on your own to work out he's going to stand by you but i

want to see the determination and you are working out and he's helping you you are working out he's helping you and very soon you will see the color of your life beginning to emerge people see you and they just want to be like you because there's something about you which is different it's just smells or spells god say gumnazor they told jesus told him go to damascus they will tell you what to do an angel was sent from god in acts chapter 10 sent from god to a man called cornelius and that do you know what the angel told him said send for peter to come and preach to you but you can tell me already you've come no no god's word and god's message for god's word to get into you he has already some people on the ground they are human beings as you and i they are ordinary human beings like you and i so anytime you think that you don't need anyone to speak the word to you you are in serious crisis spiritual crisis watch this you you cannot be a point of reference if you don't have a point of reference you must be able you must be able to say that these guys are the people who have fed me and i keep listening to listen i have so many preaching messages i keep listening to i keep listening to i keep listening to i know pastor does that there's no way around it and i realize the more i listen the more the thing something in me begins to grow begins to grow so that is how you get it bible says faith comes by hearing and hearing romans 10 17 he says that how can they call on him whom they have not believed how can they believe him whom they have not heard and how can they hear except there be a preacher and how can they preach except they are sent so all the things starts from someone being sent to come and tell somebody something so if you cut off yourself from the one sent to come and tell you a message then you are cutting off yourself from support and supply let's read ephesians chapter 4 verse 7 together are you ready to go please please let's read it out loud let's go but unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of christ now the first time i saw this i was quite confused what is the meaning of this every one of us grace is given according to the measure of the gift of christ what's the meaning of the measure of the gift of christ and what is he talking about when he said the gift of christ but actually there's the text explains itself because when you read down was verse 8 talks about for um go to verse 8 let's see wherefore he said because of that okay he said when he ascended on high he let captivity captive and did what give gifts he's talking about this same gift okay and give gifts unto men then the next verse verse 9 is in it's a parenthetical statement it's in brackets in other words you can take it out and continue from where the brackets end and it shouldn't distort the message all right so he said but he just threw in the now he that ascended the same one who descended first and then and then verse 10 go to the verse 10 he descended first so she can fulfill all things and then so all that so now the brackets end so verse 11 is a continuation of verse 8 does that make sense all right so he says that watch this i'm picking it from verse 7 again he said unto everyone individually okay god deals with us as a church but then he also deals with us as individuals because we never get saved corporately we don't get healed corporately we don't get blessed corporately we get blessed individually individually okay and so how many of us were all born corporately praise the lord oh my my i need to finish

[43 : 04] this so he says that but unto everyone there is watch this there is diversity in unity we are all one body but within the body there is diversity that's actually what we get the word universe universe university universe there is unity and diversity all right so we are one body we have unity but within the unity we have diversity so when you start reading from verse 1 of chapter 4 it talks about how we are united from verse 3 talks about therefore do everything to keep the unity of the spirit for there's one body one one one faith seven ones so verse 6 talks about we have one god one father and one god one father of all who is above all so we all have something in common oneness then the verse 7 sharp lip says that but in spite of the fact that we have oneness unto every one of us grace is given so now the grace is given not corporately not the same measure but the measure of the grace you receive is based on the measure of the gift of christ ah so now what is the gift of christ here verse 7 says that when he ascended on high verse 8 he ascended on high he let captivity captain gave gift of men then verse 11 says that to some he gave apostles to some he gave pastors prophets he came he gave evangelist pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints so now the gift here is that the body of christ the pastors the evangelist the apostles the teachers and the prophets they are the gifts given to the body of christ now verse 7 says that grace is given to you according to the proximity how much ministry you are receiving from a pastor how much ministry you are receiving from a prophet how much ministry you are receiving from an apostle how much ministry you are receiving from a teacher now the ministry you receive determines the grace that that that manifests in your life for the body of christ does that make sense and so please and so i want to challenge you please i discovered passage you know what i've discovered the best milk breast milk for the baby is the mother's breast milk you can go and bring this other woman with a lot of milk it's not the best for the baby the best person the best the person whose message blesses you most for you is your pastor because god has when watch this when god was calling him he had you in mind you get it you get it so people people say naive things like ttx is my pastor in what way i've been watching him on tv i'm his partner he doesn't even know you exist he doesn't know you listen benin can be your pastor unless you are in his local church he can be when you go to heaven god is not going to have as benin or td jakes or just meh did you take care of this one he said i didn't even know he existed please when we close run to the message desk get as many messages of pastor and other men of god but the chief one is your pastor and keep feeding your spirit keep it's an exercise you're working on something it's just a matter of you're working on something people begin to like the testimony to hear from you people begin to like what they see in your life because bible says the blessing of the lord it makes rich and it doesn't add sorrows it's your day to be blessed it's your hour to be blessed i see somebody rising i see somebody becoming greater in the name of jesus let me just conclude my time is i let me just conclude this thing quickly so you have to the way to get the word of god into your system is devotion listening to preaching tapes creating an atmosphere around you that's number three create an atmosphere that

helps the world sometimes on your fridge put quotations on it the way you go for more maybe some of us is the mirror because when i do you look good so your mirror and i can tell you can go you go to your mirror a lot of time put the scripture on your mirror keep changing no surround yourself with things the music you listen to must have some word of god inside because some of the junk won't help with all respect and humility some of those other ones are just junk it will not build you now people are saying i don't know why nowadays i'm becoming so last for is that music you are listening to pastor i don't know the things i don't want to do i keep doing because you see you are feeding something else in you so that thing is growing at the expense of the godliness that should be growing so when you are not manifesting godliness then you begin to conclude i'm not a good christian you are but just that you are not feeding you see the environment you find yourself in determines what grows in you very important very important so so create an environment around you and then christian materials books and stuff like that i thank god for pastor's life pastor joe has two books get this let's read them let's read books read spiritual books the novels are enough the newspapers are good you can check what's going on but read books let's read books buy dvds preaching dvds put it in there when you go instead of east enders put it in that's that you are very old-fashioned it's the old-fashioned way that's making us grow exercise is very old-fashioned let me finish so you need the word and then four things the word fellowship prayer and sharing sharing christ and giving but let me say something later about fellowship and i'll quit fellowship somebody say fellowship fellowship you cannot absent yourself from christian fellowship and be okay many people say with me i'm okay for two if you have been three weeks you have been seen in church i'm okay i'm fine you are not fine you are not have you seen somebody drunk before and they tell you instead they believe they are steady but they think you are rather unsteady they are drunk and you ask them are you okay oh yes i'm okay you are not okay you are not okay you've not been coming to church you think you are not okay because this thing is a corporate life christianity is a corporate life it's not an insulated and isolated segregated life it's it's it's an ass life it says if god be for us when he was teaching them to pray say when you say what did he say say my father he said say our father it's an ass life so they continued in the apostles fellowship bible says that in acceptor for when they beat them and threaten them they return to their company some the devil will do anything possible to keep you away from church that one god i guarantee you he'll do anything to keep you away from church by prove to the devil that he's a liar he can't stop you because you can't compromise on your blessing you can't compromise on your spiritual growth you can't compromise on the investment god has in you you can't compromise this watch this this generation needs your spiritual health yes i'll say that again please don't don't down yourself you are good enough okay you are good enough you are good enough this generation needs your spiritual health so invest into it fellowship is necessary being the more you are in church the better the unbelievers they think are you going to church again how many weeks hey what's wrong with you some of them are well meaning but they don't have understanding how can an unbeliever advice you regarding church life how can a

blind man lead a seeing man a unbeliever does not understand the dynamics of christianity and godliness they don't doesn't matter how intelligent and intellectually astute they are they don't because bible says that they are foolishness to the kind of mind these things are spiritually disowned say fellowship so please give yourself to the word give yourself to fellowship give yourself to prayer prayer brings you in sync with what god is doing so that i don't stay outdated brings you in sync pray every day doesn't matter how little push yourself just do some exercise okay try good not so pray it doesn't matter how little i know we are busy but if you are so busy you can't pray you are too busy right i know we are busy i know you love god don't say god knows what is in my heart no life doesn't work like that do something based on what is in your heart try a little if you can't fly run if you can't run walk if you can't walk crawl if you can't crawl move yourself don't stay there do something did you did you receive that word thank you for listening to this message by david entry you're welcome to connect with david entry on facebook instagram twitter and linkedin you can also find more spirit-filled messages from caris church on youtube and all relevant streaming platforms don't forget to subscribe like and share the message be blessed you