

models said these.

Can you turn down a juicy contract from an alcohol brewing or a cigarette company having regard to your higher consciousness? Paul said I am sure of what I carry therefore “those things which ye have both learned and received and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of Peace shall be with you”.

Do not seek for a life of ease, pray for powers equal to your tasks.

You are practically operating where it is increasingly easier to do evil than to do right. The applause for evil that bring urgent increases without a pinch of foreboding is higher today. Nonconformist conducts are received with cold shoulders even among the people paid to enforce strict compliance to procedures. That is why your little light can shine glowingly today. You have chosen to operate from above and to be above all. Elevate yourself.

4. Be Confident – Think, Speak, Act Boldly.

“Those who follow the crowd would never be followed by a crowd” – John C Maxwell.

“The reasonable man adapts himself to the world, the unreasonable one persist in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man.” – George Bernard Shaw.

Running against the tide of corruption could be dangerous. The status quo mentality is unfortunately eventually retrogressive. The majority is often wrong. thus **Exodus 23. 2 said 'thou shalt not follow the multitude to do evil neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment'**. In the church today, expect only four out twenty persons in any group to insist on the high standard of God. The sixteen majority are wrong even if they are in agreement. Genesis 11 tells us that the tower of Babel architects were united in one accord but wrong notwithstanding. The Lord knoweth them that are his. Let anyone that nameth the name of the Lord depart from iniquity. Corruption is an iniquity with supersonic missile in destructive capacity given what it has done against National Integration, economic sustainability and the mentality of Nigerians. We can and must stop it. If you want to follow God today, you must be a “dissident”. Putting it graphically if the generality of people are going the east direction, be determined to go west. Take the opposite direction to the world. Let us make this a personal fight and so be prepared for war.

The world yields to the audacious. You must keep the lion heart.

The efficient and effective management of your **MIND, EMOTION** and **WILL** definitely foster a disciplined and controlled personality. **“I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service and be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that**

ye may prove what is that good and perfect will of God” – Romans 12: 1 – 2.

The fight against corruption can only be fought by a disciplined person that had brought himself under the absolute control of the will of God. The fight is the will of God. Romans 13 and 14 give us detail prescription, personalizing the fight against corruption.

The disciplined and controlled personality produces:

1. Organized living. You must be painstaking, articulate and given to blocking all frivolous holes around your living. The devil looks for our soft spots in life in order to attack, so does corruption. It feeds on our loose living.

2. Operating in dynamic patterns. **“Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves, be ye therefore wild as serpents and harmless as doves”**

- **Matthew 10:16. Be crafty. Behave wisely, very wisely, more wisely like David in 1 Samuel 18.5.15.30.**

3. Strong personal restraints. Even to make heaven requires strong personal restraint. The lousy, the presumptuous and those given to new things perpetually would never make heaven and right here such cannot contend against corruption. You must restrain yourself from the grabby mentality. The spoils of corruption are gravely tempting. The path to heaven is narrow so are the alternatives against corruption are slim.

4. Firm on principles. Only people firm on principles can become principals on the earth. Your voice must be heard above the common voices only if you perpetuate your principles everywhere.

5. Conservative-check, checks, and re-checks **FOR EXCELLENCE**, not given to acting on spurs of the moment. The air force insists on check, re-check and check again to ensure that their position is leak-proof and failure-proof. These must be our disposition as corruption fighters.

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Feeding Your Mind, Emotion and will in Pursuit of Vision Against Corruption

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Corruption is the intentional subversion of due process or the pure norm in any engagement, transaction, or undertaking. Money, for example, is an indifferent property but the process of its acquisition makes it either corrupt or pure. So also a young man or lady can be in a corrupt marriage process if there are deviations from the prescriptions of God. The insatiable hunger for primitive accumulation of wealth is most susceptible to corruption so is a mentality that gravitates around things. These resonate with a mind that is prone to “acquisition by all means”. A man remains the property of the Spirit, that's why we are Spirit beings living on the earth so, our ideals must be spiritual and consonant with the God of our being.

Many youths have sold their minds to the earthly and such wallow in corruption for their satisfaction. Luckily, there are many youths that are positively different. These must be identified, harvested, and encouraged as Palace of Priests Assembly (PPA) & Priests Peace & Justice Initiative are doing commendably.

The emphasis on youths is compelling because the 20 – 40 years category is the overwhelming 70% of the Nigerian population. Youths, because, the future of the nation is in their hands without negotiation. Youths, because, the quality of the legacy of the elders is the quality of the youths groomed by them. Their strength, vibrancy, and long-term vision are absolutely needed in any fight that must be long drawn as the fight against corruption.

'Give me my youth back and I will pay any price for it'- Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe

This icon regrets his helplessness at retrieving the years of his youth, especially the parts he felt unsatisfied with. It's a privilege therefore that you have yours in your hands. Job had his own reminiscence of the golden past as food for thought for all youths.

Oh that I was as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me; When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness; As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was in my tabernacle; - Job 29: 2-4

I like the obvious emphasis on **'his candle shined upon my head'---** **LIGHTS** and **'the secret of God was in my tabernacle'.... DIVINE INSIGHT.**

A thick wave of influence is tending towards a preponderance of the negative, a glorification of evil and impunity by a lot of young people. More and more, therefore, we must fortify our capacity to demonstrate the power of **NO** in a pure conscience.

Scriptures identify natural conscience, evil conscience, seared conscience, defiled conscience, and a dead conscience. These are fertile grounds for corrupt tendencies. Scriptures also recommend a convicting, purged, and pure conscience as capable of confronting corruption. So Paul said, **"Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God unto this day. And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense towards God and toward men". ACTS 23.1, 24.16.** It is said that the conscience is man's most faithful friend. It tells you the best for you per time exclusively. However, if it's promptings are continually forsaken it could become your deadliest foe.

There are three triggers of a pure conscience.

1. Purity of Heart. A pure heart has a strong capacity to resist evil. So, David, one day told his son Solomon in 1 Chronicle 28:9 "...serve with a perfect heart and a willing mind, for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts..."
2. Purity of Motive. Why are you taking that action or doing that thing?
3. Purity of Desires. Why do you want that particular power, position, or property? Acts 8:9-24 verses 19-24 explain particularly the impure desires of the man Simon's quest to

possess the power to lay hands on people for them to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He would make merchandise of it.

Let us note quickly that there are three spectrums for the fight against corruption namely:

1. The content on the individual's mind
2. Development of ironclad system or process or procedures
3. Wholesome and drastic enforcement of strict anti-corruption legislation. These refer to the indoctrination of the mind, strong, dynamic, or self-adjusting mechanism or structure, and harsh punishment for offenders. The functionality of even these is subject to the management of the mind, emotion, and will, for the efficacy of all information; rules and structure are at the mercy of man's operation.

The heart is used interchangeably with the mind. The scriptures said Luke 6:45 "... For of the abundance of his heart the mouth speaketh." You speak against corruption from the overflow of your mind's content against it. Then the contention will flow seamlessly as smoke through the chimney.

Let us remember that **YOUR MIND** is the data processing center for the generation of relevant information for life-changing applications. Your mind receives data from the brain and the five senses for processing into needed information, that is, from intuition, inspiration, and the environment.

YOUR EMOTION refers to your levels of love, joy, sadness, anger, hate, fear, worry, tensions, peacefulness, swinging or stable mood, and other psycho motive dispositions.

YOUR WILL refers to your ability and strength of decision-making.

Practically, the three operate in a systemic form but the output of the mind has a strong effect on the emotions and the will just as innate endowment and life experiences would.

A good man out of the good treasures of his heart brings forth that which is good. Matthew 12:35. You must upload pure treasures into your mind to saturate your emotions and govern your will. You must guard your mind fiercely.

You stand your ground by putting on the belt of truth. Truth is the course of the ideal. It is not what is spread around but what is produced from the appropriate and godly source. For example, it is apt to agree that the incorruptible mind produces the best leadership all over the world. It is also right to believe that there are many who are not corrupt and they only shall be our model.

You shun something by reason of your disdain and hatred for the thing. This ought to be the outcome of relevant information and the management of your emotions and will to take a position decisively.

How do I feed my mind, emotions, and will on the battlefield of corruption, to win it?

1. **Be connected to the right source of influence.** In other words, be sure of the sanctity of your connections. This revolves around

- a. Your complete submission to God,
- b. Connection to men of proven character and antecedents for modeling, motivating, mentoring, and multiplying. **Daniel 3: 16-17 "Hannah, Azariah and Mishael answered and said to the King, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God, whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace and he will deliver us out of thy hand O King"**

1 Corinthians 11:1 "Be ye, followers of me, even as I also am of Christ". Philippians 2:19 "But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, ...for I have no man like-minded who will naturally care for your state for all seek their own..but ye know the proof of him that, as a son with the father he has served with me in the Gospel. Him, therefore, I hope to send presently,"

2. **Continuous intake of the right diet.**

What are you eating? Job said 'Neither have I gone back from the commandments of his lips; I have esteemed the word of his mouth more than my necessary food'. 23:12. Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself with the portion of the Kings meat, nor with the Kings wine so God gave him knowledge, skills in all learning and wisdom and had understanding in all visions and dreams. He became ten times better than those that polluted their minds. All corrupt proceeds becloud your power of clear understanding and wisdom, castrates vision and dreams. Daniel 1:8, 17, 18, 20. Paul told his mentee, till I come give attendance to reading, exhortation, doctrine and to meditate upon these things and give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all. 1 Timothy 3:13, 15.

These were incorruptible generational icons. We should be interested in what made them outstanding. What are you seeing, reading, hearing, watching on Social media, movies, ill temperate books and magazines etc. Do not pollute you mind with the delicacies of the world that tend to reduce you to their level. You are superior. Divine meals empower you to fly. **Read scriptures, autobiographies of outstanding leaders, stories of nations with unparalleled success in good governance.** You are thereby empowered to speak against, stand against, and shun the corruption and the ineptitude of the world. You will recall that your **reading mix** (Books etc) and your **relationship mix** are a prophecy of your future ten years hence.

3. **Have a permanent consciousness of what you carry.**

Ye are Gods unto whom the word of God had come. As the God of Israel liveth before whom I stand. John and Elijah, fiery