The Journey to your Tomorrow

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I want to thank God for the opportunity to see a new year. I'll like to say to you again, Happy New Year! This is a year you have never seen or experienced before till now. 2018 is a New year, a Fresh year, and certainly, a Great year, filed with Fresh opportunities and possibilities, along with its challenges. 2018 is yours to be discovered in all of its Glory! There is always a tomorrow, or a new season ahead of everyone. With every minute we spend on earth, we are always moving towards a new day; with every decision and every action, you are on a journey to your tomorrow! How your tomorrow turns out depends highly on the steps you take towards it.

2018 is here, and your experience at the end of this year will depend highly on three essential steps you take daily towards it.

1. Embrace your today.

Ps. 118:24 says 'This is the day which the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it'. Acknowledge this year as your year, and determine to rejoice and be happy in it. It is a decision you must make – 'I will'. No matter how you feel, how you wish you felt, what you hear, or what you can physically see in your situations; determine and declare that this is a great year for you. Receive it as such, embrace it as such, and declare it to be so! Ps. 45:1 (GNB) says 'beautiful words fill my mind, as I compose this song for the king. Like the pen of a good writer my tongue is ready with a poem'. It is what your heart is thinking that your mouth will declare. Let your heart be stirred by beautiful words as concerning this year and let that be what you speak out. Ps 139:14 says '...I am fearfully and wonderfully made..., and my soul knoweth right well'. Think and speak beautiful things of yourself and about what is in 2018 for you.

2. Forgive your yesterday!

Nobody makes progress who is focused on looking back. No one moves forward if he/she is preoccupied in thoughts with the experience of yesterday – good or bad! Let go of the past. Embrace your new day! Forgive whoever or whatever wronged you! Forgive those you think are responsible for your losses or failures of yesterday. Forgive your past mistakes; forget your past successes, and do not let them limit you! You must forget the past hurts and pains of yesterday before you can be fruitful in your new day. Yesterday is gone – let it go; today is here – embrace it in hope! No failure is strong enough to paralyze you or stigmatize you. Its time to enter your new day!

3. Press into your future.

This is the tomorrow you have been waiting for; press into it with all you've got, and enjoy all it has in store for you. Embrace your new day as a brand-new land of opportunities. I heard a word in my spirit towards the end of last year; '2018 will yield unto you in all of its glory', and I have held on to it, declaring it by faith. This is therefore my declaration over this church and the entire ministry. 2018 is our 'Year of Manifested Glory'! Believe it and let's press in together to experience it. Here are some of the essentials:

a) Begin with God. This is the first essential step. He has been there before the beginning, and knows the end. Place your year into His hands and let Him lead you. Renew your commitment to follow and serve Him with all your heart. You can't go wrong.

- b) Receive the new year as a brand-new land of opportunities. Confidently approach it in hope, with courageous faith.
- c) Prayerfully plan for the year systematically and strategically.
- d) Work hard and lay hold of the year's treasures. Do this purposely & sequentially. Do your best, while you avoid anxiety.

My friend, God is doing a new thing, and now it springs forth. Let us move on together as a church to experience it. Welcome to your new day!