

Book-keepers, some are shorthand typist, others are trained in other white collar jobs. But when you go to Rome, you must do like a Roman. Why not try your hands first on the mineral and forest resources which are common in our immediate environment? Are those resources not lying untapped? All species of smail, perewinkle, cockle oysters and shrimps provide food for man from the seas. There are a lot of edible vegetables growing wild in the forests-afang, atama, editan, odusa, spinach, cabbage and others. They can be exploited for food and for others sake. People complain if money were like leaves in the bush. Can leaves in the bush not be converted into money? Are they leaves not easily convertible into money. Some say, if money were like sand. What aboaut that? Is sand not money? If you gather sand by the road, you can easily convert sand to cash by selling to builders. In that case is sand not money? Can you now realize that everything is easy money. The refuse thrown away is money because it can serve as manure. People are looking for refuse to buy to enrich their soil. When refuse is bought, that money can buy your food. Similarly feaces passed by people can be used as manure. If you can make it available in a good quantity, a farmer will buy from you to fertilize his soil. From that transaction, you can have money to buy food.

52 Gospel Preached Through The Brotherhood Pulpit is Inadequate for the World

Brethren, a look at you invokes great pity. Though I preach always, the Brotherhood Pulpit carries Gospels preached once in a week on Sundays. That is to say, Fifty-two Sundays in a year. That happens to other preachings. They are lost to all the inhabitants of the world except to a negligible few who are here. All the same, today I want to deal on labour for livelihood. God has given the hand, and the almighty God Himself works with his hands. Others from Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Abraham, and Our Lord Jesus Christ worked with their hands. What do you derive from your own theoretical book knowledge? What do you derive from your

own gospel which provides that you should sit with arms folded and issue orders?

Where do you derive such doctrine from? Have you not heard Paul saying, we are not chargeable to any person but wrought with labour and travail. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not constitute a burden to any person. He laboured with his hands. This is the same lesson he imparts to man that all hands should be on deck. Whatever you can do, whether crop farming or piggery, or poultry or any other type of farming that you can do with your hands is good enough. Drawing water for people, cutting people's hair, washing of clothes are some of the jobs you can sagely do for your living. Tell me if these cannot fetch you money for your needs? But you are all very lazy.

Abstract Versus Practical Life

There is no more famine till doomsday. If you plant the cassava stems, they will yield a lot of cassava for your food. Yams and other food crops are made by God food. God has made different kinds of foods for man. These are fruits and seeds. But because of our refusal to work with our hands, we suffer untold hardship. There are many things that can fetch us food. The palm fruits, in many places, are not employed and therefore waste away. The price of palm oil is now very high. Notice that large plantations of palm trees lie unattended to while people who should process go about stealing them, studying accountancy, salesmanship, typing and shorthand. I wonder with the austerity where you are going to practise your trade. The immediate natural environment provides you enough to do but you go to learn that which is alien and abstract.

Man Derelicts in His Traditional Duties

Brethren, realise the situation, right now each of us keeps washermen. What are you doin yourself? Can you not wash or iron your dresses? YOU want a barber when you have two hands. Personally I am an expert barber. It is a thing you do

with ease. You hire cooks, stewards, and drivers which you pay. Can you not drive the car? If you have enough money to buy the car, can you learn to drive. If you have food, can you not cook?

If you go to the market now to purchase some items, you will hire a carrier to carry your load to your destination. Probably the little yam you bought for two Naira will cost five Naira to carry to your destination, while you follow behind swinging your hands. Another carrier will be around to carry your umbrella for one Naira. Are you not a dead man? I am saying this to your shame. To go to a distance as from here to Mbukpa Road, you will wait for a taxicap for three hours; Yet this is a distance you can conveniently and briskly cover to and for on foot within ten minutes.

Laziness Is The Worst Sickness

The most grievous sickness is laziness. All of you are victims to this sickness. You are always lying on your backs, playing drafts and pleasing yourselves in your idleness. Stealing is nor occupation. If you learn to steal, you have no occupation and falsehood is no occupation. Pools staking is no occupation. When people demand that when you produce twenty Naira they will double it for you. Money doubling is no occupation. It is swindling. Necromancing is no trade. What can he tell you? Any person who is alive, handworking and industrious will not visit a necromancer. The necromancer is a trickster.

The Use of Herd as Medicine

In the past, when any person was sick of anything he was simply instructed to collect and concoct certain leaves to heal himself and thereafter go to his farm. In our contemporary society, thirty thousand will be demanded for the slightest illness. Is it the leaves that demand thirty thousand from you? Is it the leaves which demand for goat? God's programme takes an evolutionary process. When Job suffered from botch and God wanted to heal him, He showed him what leave to

apply. When Job did as was told, he was healed without a charge. The same thing happened to king Hezekiah when he also suffered from botch. The Holy Spirit can direct you to apply a certain herb as an ointment on your pain, and when you do you will be healed. However, that practice was good enough for that time. But now that He has come in person, when you are afflicted, just kneel down, knock your head on the ground and say let thanks be to God and everything will let got. In this circumstance, what is the need of going back to use herbs.

God's Free Natural Resources for Man's Exploitation

The issue of labouring with your hands does not mean you have to first seek the services of people of various profession. You need not call in a surveyor to survey the land before you start planting. Come to think of it, you do not have up to ten Naira yet you want to employ the services of a surveyor at one thousand Naira just because you want to farm. Go and farm the traditional way our forefathers used to farm. Plant your crops, like plantain, bananas, oranges, yams, cassava and other crops and God will bless the yield.

Cocoa, rubber, coconut, palm oil are economic crops but no person wants to engage in the cultivation of any of these crops. You are all engage in the study of sciences which is abstract and non applicable in real life situations. Are you waiting till you die of hunger? Imagine the extensive forests reserve in this country. If there is not forest in your place; you can still find some in the neighbouring areas for exploitation. Nature has provided plenty of resources for man, free of charge. Water is always at man's disposal for fishing. Anything you can do with your little hands to earn a living and live in peace is what God wants.

Brethren, I am only scratching at the periphery. If I should develop deeply into it, we may not even do justice to the topic in ten years. Let our first lessons be read.

1st Lesson: Ephesians 4:28

“Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth”.

Does it refer to me, or to you? To whom does it refer? It refers to me, to you and to all the inhabitants of this world. Right now, you are crying of hunger. Why do you go to live in a strange land without being gainfully employed. Every day you will pocket your hands and parade the city yet you complain that God does not love you. Do you mean that God does not love you whereas you have two hands. Are you responsible for your fate? Is it not laziness that ruins you? Is it not laziness that leads you to steal, to spy, to backbite, to tell lies to play tricks, to stake pools every week. Since you started your pools staking, have you won? Do you not know that it is all tricks?

Concoction does not enrich anyone. No charm induces your wife or husband to love you. Your only salvation is to engage in profitable ventures. If you did not know why God created us and gave us hands, legs and wisdom, we were meant to use these members to labour for our food.

What the Inhabitants of the World Have Forgotten

Unfortunately, all the inhabitants of the world, have forgotten this word of God that I am now going to give to you. This concerns Psalm 127:1

“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain”

The land you cultivate, is it cultivated by God? The commercial activities you want to engage yourself in, have you invited the presence of God, before starting? The house you are building, have you involved God. It is said Thou shalt have no

other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them. Have you not buried some charms in the ground purporting that your farm should yield bountifully? Is that not the source of good harvest, you prepare charms against thunder, and witch craft. You refer to some as an inducement for God's protection of the land. That is the situation you plunge yourselves into. This is the source of your poverty.

Have No Other God Before Me

When you want to trade, charm is prepared for you. You rub or smear your body with concoction, hang a talisman on your neck, and inject black powder into your body. When you rub anything on your body, you have failed. You will sustain losses in your commercial ventures. However, let me not delve into the issues of concoction today because today is not the day for it. I am only dropping a hint in case you engage in trading and complain that you have difficulties and financial problems. If you are trading, have you not introduced diabolology? Did you surrender your merchandise to Our Lord Jesus Christ?

Do you remember when Moses went to the Mount to receive the tablet of commandment from the hands of the angel? When the Israelites could no longer bear his long stay, they demanded that his brother Aaron should make unto them a "god" to go before them. They assembled their ear-rings, necklaces, trinkets, bangles, and he made for them a golden calf. Immediately, God departed from them and as a result many of them died.

Women and Children Derelict in Their Domestic Duties

People complain about the activities of Brotherhood. Can you see what Brotherhood has come to do? I have told you that Brotherhood has not yet started its work in its correct perspective. Right now you have gone to marry wife whom you expect should help you in cooking, laundry and other domestic chores. But the wife protests that she is humane and advises

you to hire a maid because she will not be able to perform the domestic duties. What is she doing in the house?

You will sometimes find up to twenty children in the family but because they are your children, you chose to hire servants to serve in the house while your children go to school. They are treated as children of very important persons. Food is served them while they only attend to their studies. They neither fetch water nor clean the house. Who has given you such a teaching? Brethren, that is the situation. But the Scripture advises us, not to eat a man's food for nought and not to give food to the lazy. No person should remain idle. Children should also labour with their hands. While some should split wood, others should draw water, others should keep the house clean while some still should do laundry work. We should help ourselves. We are labourers together with God.

Be Self Employed

Now that you claim to be a government worker, what do you mean by government work. You refuse doing the work of God but you claim to do government work. What is government work? You will notice that some of those who profess to be civil servants do not engage in the white collar jobs, they are night soil men, cleaners, and refuse collectors, security guards, road labourers; others do some of the odd jobs like cutting the grass, clearing the bush, washing clothes cooking and servig food, others are carpenters, fishermen, farmers, surveyors, inigators and other types of jobs. If they can do these for the government, why can they not do these same jobs for themselves to earn a living.

Many of those who are millionaires in Europe and America are mostly farmers. In your own case you claim you will not want to engage in farming but prefer a contract awarded you by the government. If the contract relates to farming which demands bush-clearing you go to the site and clear the bush for a token fee of four kobo per day. Which is better, to clear your own bush after knocking your head in obedience to God

praying Him to give you what to eat, and at the end you reap the yield for yourself, or to work for another person.

Abhor Laziness

If you find a person who cannot help his brother or relation or friend or townsman but prefers to help those outside, realize that he is seeking for his personal glory, he is looking for a conducive atmosphere to receive bribe from those he is not related. He knows that he cannot safely receive bribe from his kith and kin but will collect from others. Similarly, when somebody professes to be a civil servant he is going there to lazy about, He sits all day in the office only to append signatures on pieces of paper and at the end of the month, he collects his salary. That is what you find. They do not do any work. If you should use your hands for what God had created you, it will be well. You only have to knock your head on the ground and pray God that He has directed that we should labour for our food, then surrender everything to him, brethren, none of us would have any problems. God would bless the earth for us.

Many people complained that there is unemployment. Why am I overworked? Why is it that for twenty four hours of the day I have no rest yet you are complaining that there is no work? Are you sure there is no work for you to do? Do you not find work abundant in the world to do? Is it not laziness that ruins you? I work for twenty four hours each day throughout the 365 days in a year. There is must work to do in the world.

The Dual Nature of Man

The body and spirit are one. The body cannot work if the spirit is not there. The spirit cannot do any work without the body. Without the body, the spirit will depart. Without the spirit, the body collapses. From my observation of the present state of affairs in the world, how much can one be paid per month to be sufficient for one's food. You are charged fees for virtually every service. What do you do for yourself? What are you? Are you God? Even God himself does not sit idle.

Begin a Business and God Will Give the Increase

You go about with money looking for somebody to be your carrier, yet you are looking for work to do. Your little load costs fifty kobo while you are also looking for work. Everything requires money, yet you are looking for work. The time has come for each and every one of us in this New Kingdom of God labour with our hands for our food. In the face of this, we do not require to pour libation but we want God to be all things for us. When we invite God to our endeavours, even if we begin to invest one kobo, and ask God to take over for you, He will multiply and provide enough for you and your household.

You all know the cost of one orange, and one banana, and bush mango, and pepper, and snails and other things. These things abound on your land of birth. But there is no person who is prepared to exploit these resources. You will argue that you want to be trained as an accountant or engineer. If you have so been trained, can you manufacture and prefabricate your engine?

Cain was a farmer. Abel was a shepherd. But a hen and a cock and starts a poultry farm. Plant yams and cassava. These could be prepared in many ways as food. The time to idle about has passed Place your work to God and He will help you to grow. He will give you good health, beauty, and every good thing. He will protect you.

Accept To Do Even Menial Work

What I have seen in the world is incredible. The fraud that is in the world is even worst than armed robbery. How can a full fledged and healthy man tell you that he has no money, and that you should give him money to buy his needs? The person you are asking for money, where do you expect him to get the money from. Is your type of robbery, not worst than armed-robbery? A man can come into your house quite unprepared to pick up a broom and sweep the floor, he is not prepared to fetch water. he is not prepared to go to the market, he is not

prepared to do anything at all, but he professes to be doing the work of God. What does he mean by the work of God? Is it going about receiving money from others? Or is it sitting at akimbo with arms folded.

I do not want such attitude to work in this Kingdom. You always complain, that you are an orphan, or a widow. What happens to your hands? Can you not split wood? Can you not clean the house? Can you not do any menial work which could earn you a little income? I do not admit laziness here, because we must learn and put into practise the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Let our second lesson be read unto you.

2nd Lesson: II Thessalonians 3:8

“Neither did we eat any man’s bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you.”

Have you heard that? People complain that Brotherhood does not do the work of God but engages in commercial activities. I accept that I trade and farm. I am a contractor. I clean houses for people. I fish and do all kinds of lucrative work. It is what I have seen Our Lord Jesus Christ doing. I do not want to be chargeable to any person, let no man be chargeable to me. That should be the attitude of other people. All hands should be on deck. That is the way God wants man to live. He does not advise any person to go about begging in the name of doing the work of God, telling people that you are praying for their soul, that your soul is in your hands, while you dupe and defraud them. Is that not a blatant lie.

Learn to Know a Bit of Everything

Right now. contributions are made in church denominations. Members are indebted to the church. Who do you owe? What

did you buy? Does the work of God admit idleness? What happens to your hands? What of your legs and eyes? Can you not use them to serve God? You have to follow the life-pattern of Our Lord Jesus Christ. When you call yourself a Brotherhood member what do you expect to be paid. Employ your hands gainfully. There are many things to do. There is also money here. But it is expected of us to use our hands. Even a child has the right to employ his hands. All your children should labour with their hands. There is nothing like seniority. When your wife works do some laundry instead of paying a washer man to wash your dresses learn to drive and to repair. Learn to type and to do every other thing.

Brethren, God has given us this special privilege because such is the likeness of God. We have the right to do anything at all. God has provided us the wherewithal. Blessings come from whatever you use your hands to do. Our Lord Jesus Christ who instructs us on this issue, does his things alone. That is why he said, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work." We too have to work. We have to emulate those before us. Do not do things on your own volition since this brings about problems in the world. Laziness and eating a man's food for nothing bring about problems apart from constituting a burden to people. If your Father is rich you boast about it and collect money from him always, you are a thief and a wretched man.

The salt you borrow will not be enough to season your food. If you keep receiving money from people and do not work for your income, such money will not last with you but will return to its source. In that case peace will be illusive.

I Am A Man Of Many Souls

I am preaching about myself. I am not preaching of any one else. I do not remember any day in my life that I decided to rest. What is good with me that I should rest? What about the amount of work accumulating for me. Split wood, cut people's hairs, and fetch water. Who will do them? Do you think people will bolt from the blues to do the work? It is for you and me to

6. You know me as a dealer in clothes only. It is not so. I am also a fisherman, tailor, barber, farmer, washman and cook. I am everyting. There is nothing that I am not. Brethren, when you come to see the Father, you feel that he is concerned only with preaching. I cover other areas as well. Do not be a burden to your wife. She has her work. We all have to join together and contribute our quota. Without that, we are going to face with hunger. You have to join together and do the work so that we may have peace and what to eat and good health.

The Human Body Should Be Warmed

The human body can be likened to a machine such as motor car, or bicycle, or sewing machine. If you abandon a machine for long, it will develop some faults and can run to a state of disrepair. The reason why people lived longer in the past was that they engaged themselves in activities that exercised their bodies. But now you all want to sit at one place cross your legs, thinking it is the best thing to do. By so doing, the blood in you will clot and you become old, and useless. Do you think that if I board a vehicle from here to 26 Mbukpa, it will be very good thing that I would not fly there in an aeroplane everyday? It is a hideous sin. What I do is the best. I walk the distance to and fro and exercise my body, by that I warm the operative engine of my body system.

I am teaching you what I posses. I walk on foot for 9 kilometer and more. I walk from here to Akpabuyo. I walk on foot while you ride your bicycle. But before you get to your destination, I will arrive there, because I am used to it and take pleasure in doing so. In your own case, you are lazy and aged. It is the result of your craftiness. If you know the distance between Biakpan and Umuahia, you will be surprised that I covered the distrance on foot. Apart from walking to and fro on foot, I also carry a very big load. I am a carrier. The load that I can carry on my head will be carried by three persons. Let our golden text be read.

Golden Text: **Matthew 17:27**

“Notwithstanding lest we should offend thee, to thou to the sea, and cast a hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.”

I have never been a burden to any person. I have never been a burden neither to a woman nor to man, nor to child nor to adult. I carry my own burden, everyday throughout the twenty-four hours of a day. That is what we do in my place.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has taughts you that it should be done on earth as it is done in heaven. What you are taught now is what is done in heaven. If I come to your house now, I have to sweep the floor, fetch water, split wood. When I come, I come with my food. I do not come to cross my legs and expect a fair treatment. I am not a visitor. Right from now, do not be strangers to any person.

Do Not Be A Burden To Any One

Where was Peter seen when Our Lord Jesus Christ caught him? Was he not a fisherman? What did he tell him again today? Go thou to the sea, and cast a hook, and take up the fish the first that cometh up and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee. Where have you learnt your own doctrine?

Paul was a ~~coat~~ maker and mender. He worked day and night and was not chargeable to any person. You ask your father to pay you. Who has paid your father? You ask your husband to pay, who pays your husband? You do not render any service. All of us want wealth while others are impoverished. This explains why we accuse people of being bad and useless. We cause confusion and steal and struggle to be heirs of other

peoples inheritance. This results from laziness. Lazy people receive no blessing from God but continue to lack.

Be Content With What You Have

Our Lord Jesus Christ had told us, Take heed, and beware of covertousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. You who pray for the death of a person so that you may inherit his property, will you abide here forever? You who struggle for somebody's property, what did you bring to this world and with what will you return? You who seek help from another, did you come together? Do you know when he came and when he will return? Is it not because of this that when something happens to a person, you weep profusely. Because, to you, your bank is lost.

If you should follow Our Lord Jesus Christ, have your hope on him, and use your hands to work without being a burden to either your father or any other person, you would have a problems.

Cultivate The Soil The Natural Way

To be trained in tailoring is good. Accounting is good. Book keeping, engineering, medicine, and all other professions are good where and only where they are easily and readily applied. But if you study these subjects where there is no effective demand for them, what is your profit? The situation can be likened to somebody offering to give a lady to a young man free of charge. When you give the lady free to the man, have you provided him with money for the lady's feeding? Have you given her clothings. Tell me if a person giving you a lady free of charge has done any good thing for you? Is that not an invitation to trouble?

To study an abstract subject or to study what is readily applied in your natural environment, which is prefereable? Before the coming of the whites, we cultivated traditionally our land, engaged in trading and other businesses without any problems. But now we look for fertilizer, caterpillars and other

machines before we engage in our petty farming. When our father lived and planted their crops and had enormous yields, was their farming mechanized?

Emulate Our Lord Jesus Christ

Laziness is the greatest enemy of mankind today. This is so because 99% of the able bodied inhabitants of the world are not gainfully employed. God does not rest. Why do you rest? Why does God exalt Our Lord Jesus Christs above every other person?

It is because eventhough he was the same with God, he did not make himself equal to God. He laboured for his food. For this reason did he tell Peter, cast an hook into the sea. He was not a burden to any person. That was why God exalted him above every other person.

You are to be pitied, all the inhabitants of the world. This Sermon is not for you alone. It is for all the inhabitants of the world, blacks and whites. It is for this generation and all other generations.

Do not treat your wife as a servant. Do not regard your child as a servant. What are you doing yourself? Who are you? Let us not constitute ourselves into burden unto other. Before you arrange to buy a suit case, if you do not have clothes for the box what is the use of buying the box. If you have clothes and you cannot wash them, why do you purchase them at all? Who will do the washing for you?

God has ordained that each person should bear his own burden. Do you not find me sweeping the floor. I do any kind of work. Why should I not? Am I not a human being? It is my responsibility. It is the basis of my teachings.

All Hand Must Be On Deck

If there is any sin that is greatest, it is laziness. When you sit down and shout, at Okon, to give you slippers, on Grace, to open the gates, what is it that you are doing? Who are you? Even if you are a governor, or president, or prime minister, or

head of state, or queen, or whatever you think you are, you have to work with your hands. All hands must be on deck. Do not be a burden to any person. Otherwise, you should put yourself into fervent prayer.

If all the inhabitants of this world should now ponder over this Gospel, and begin to practise it gradually according to their ability, giving thanks to the Father and asking him for the ability giving thanks to the Father and asking him for ability to use our hands, brethren, within a short time their troubles would be over.

Practice Not Theory

When you hear that the chinese are advanced, or that the Japaneese and Russians are developed, they are very resourceful and industrious. They engage in farming and other activities. It is only here that we are too dependent on theoretical acquisition of knowledge. We spend time speaking big and bombastic grammar and parade ourselves as professors and doctors. These glorious titles avail us nothing at all.

Whoever advises you not to labour with your hands but to rejoice in whatever you find, does not love you; he has killed you. Before that advent of the whites, whoever did not work was not given any girl to marry. Such a person was regarded as a wicked man, a murderer and a thief. But if you are hardworking, and industrious, a girl was gladly given to you for marriage, while others were denied such privileges. You are very lucky in this age. If it were in those days, many of you here would never taste of marriage.

All Should Wake Up And Work With Hands

Brethren, I want governments and all citizens to rise up to action, and put the Gospel into practise. You have heard of the rate of armed robbery in Bendel State of Nigeria. Laziness brings about stealing and robbery. It brings about sickness and death. It is the source of craftiness and malice. But if you have what to do and tax your brain for it, you will have peace and

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