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DEDICATION

This booklet is dedicated to all those at the verge of giving up on God. It is not a cliché, but dear, God has not forgotten you.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

To the Author of the universe, my Lord, Love and King, I thank You for being the source of my living and for being there to answer me at every beck and call.

I also appreciate my parents for being there for me at all costs. Thanks for being great vessels in God's Hand for my birth and growth. You both inspire me daily!

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ABOUT THE BOOK

I put this together under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit with the motivation of my sister so as to encourage a few better understanding and clarity, it is divided into four parts:

- Understanding people**
- Tackling disappointment with prayers**
- Daring the impossible; and**
- The significance of numbering our days.**

persons who, like me, once thought there was no reason to move on. It consists the various lessons I have learnt in the course of this past year and I am sure it will encourage those scared of starting to make a start, come what may.



CHAPTER I

UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE

The course I studied in the university opened my mind to so many things about people. I have always loved to study a course that had to do with dealing with people- their thought patterns and behaviours and I was glad I studied that. Well, beyond what I was taught in the classroom, I read books that had to do with speech behavior, thought patterns, temperaments and the likes. In fact, I enjoyed them far more than the other school books I read.

Fortunately also, I had friends that walk up to me often to ask me some questions on their temperaments and some reasons why they find it difficult to stop some attitudes. All these people have taught me to read more to know more. I would love to go into Communication Psychology much later because it is really interesting to be able to know people, and not just knowing them but to be able to deal with them based on the knowledge one has of them.

I clearly saw recently that understanding people means not just being able to decode what they say, but who they are. I am learning to always look beyond people's masks into their real self, because many persons are not as impudent as they claim to be. I have so many persons and sometimes when they see the way I deal with them, they are surprised at how

funny I have come to know them. Actually, this helps to strengthen the relationship even more.

So lately, I've learnt to always sit back and observe people more, listen to them and look beyond their faces. It actually helps one to gain an easy access into them and to be a blessing to them even when one least expects.



CHAPTER 2

TACKLING DISAPPOINTMENT WITH PRAYERS

This year has been the most challenging year ever. To be honest, everything I planned right from the 1st of June 2018 up till now never worked out. I questioned God on so many of them but He did not stop telling me to trust the process because if only I knew what was on the horizon!

Of a truth, I have seen that God is sure able to defeat all our disappointments and I am proud to talk about it now. I saw that the moment I started telling God about all my heartaches, He was there to show me why He had to take those things I desired away, and there was always an unspeakable joy that followed.

I discovered that my listening to preachers, reading books and more is nothing compared to reaching out to God in my personal time. A personal time with God causes growth and the hunger for more of Him. And in trusting and beholding Him, I found new hope for each day, and that has helped me to this point.

Dear, disappointment is not meant to define you. It is not meant to hold you hostage or weigh you down into the mire of depression. Don't give it that power. (Isaiah 55:8-9)



CHAPTER 3

DARING THE IMPOSSIBLE

My sister's wedding that I planned for some time eventually came to be some weeks back. Someone said that planning a wedding involves endless details, deadlines, family drama, designer's issues and far too often enough stress to make you want to just elope. I quite agree with every word.

The project was huge and I couldn't have done it by myself. I can be a perfectionist and so my sister trusted me with her day but being that wasn't just enough. But I was happy and encouraged when I took solace in the words of Brother Paul; "Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am." (Phil 4:13, MSG)

Before the wedding, I had planned, by God's grace, all the major events of a Christian online ladies' group- The B.U.D family, but to me, they were nothing compared to a large wedding ceremony. I am sure you would agree with me.

Also, in my service year at the NCCF, I headed two different committees that had to plan important events in the house as a young lady but they were small too, right? At first, those things look too impossible and I wonder if really

they were not beyond me and I really saw that everything was all God at work.

Now, even though I had planned over 5 major events, I was still nervous at the fact that this was a wedding, and everyone was counting on me. The bride trusted me with everything! From her type of dress to the colour and to other details like the decor, catering services, photography, transportation, location, invitation card, invitee list, special guests, and more. I wouldn't say the wedding was totally perfect anyway but those who were there would bear me witness that the glory of God was right there.

I like to say that a man will never know he can do something until he has actually made an attempt at it. Nothing is impossible. Stand up and pick up those long forgotten projects. You failed? Do not stop trying. You were rejected and denied? It is not for you. There is a better thing in store. Every cloud has a silver lining. It will be well.



CHAPTER 4

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF NUMBERING OUR DAYS

I have always loved birthdays. My friends know I do not joke with my birthdays. My parents especially remind us to mark our birthdays and for every member of my family, another year unfolding always gives us a moment of deep reflection, thankfulness and musings.

**Well, that has actually resulted into this booklet. The bible even encourages us to always number our days that we may apply our hearts unto understanding. I have treasured solitude so much that this has been a watchword lately-
*The soul that has been ENRICHED by COMMUNION with God will not be dismayed by ISOLATION but will (always) welcome SOLITUDE. He will not seek the CROWD but the CLOSET, and emerging will never WALK ALONE, for he has an UNSEEN COMPANIONSHIP.***

I have discovered that it is necessary for every human to at least find some time for deep reflection on what to do per time, trusting the Holy Spirit in all things. Every day is important. Ask yourself questions and see if you are growing or not.

Earlier today around 4am, I reminded God that another year was dawning. I asked Him for the promises for the new year and He took me to the book of Psalms 2. I had read it before but He told me to go to the message version of it. Then I found out what exactly He was saying!

"Let me tell you what God said next.

He said, "You're my son (daughter),

And today is your BIRTHDAY

What do you want? Name it:

Nations as a present? Continents as a prize?

You can command them all to dance for you,

Or throw them out with tomorrow's trash."

Exactly a word for my birthday! I had never seen this version of the bible in this light but seeing it made my day. I got an assurance for the coming year and I believe that He who has called me is faithful, who also will do it.

Dear readers, it is important to number our days without leaving out God. He gives you fresh hope, fresh assurance.

The End.

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Have You Learnt One Thing Via My Musings?

Oh yes! I will love to personally hear from you. Why not leave me a message via e-mail-

estheribukunoyekunle@gmail.com? Or reach me on Facebook through this account (Esther Ibukunoluwa Oyekunle)?

Your questions, advice, suggestions, enquiries and all are welcome. My prayer is that as you rekindle your trust in the Lord, He will bless you real good.



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This booklet will encourage those scared of starting to make a start, come what may. By the time you are done studying this piece, you would by His Grace have a handful of lessons to learn from little me ranging from dealing with disappointments, to becoming a better 'you' and a host of others.

Here comes my musings in a piece. Be blessed by it. The Lord bless you.

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