

LIVING CHRISTIAN VALUES IN THE WORKPLACE

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Good afternoon brethren
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Wishing you Sunday blessings! I really enjoyed but was also challenged by today's message; Like Peter, God has entrusted each one of with keys to "similar responsibilities"; let's be good stewards
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Richard Akuze

You
Wishing you Sunday blessings!
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1. I will share personal experiences, lessons and reflections (the #trip!)
2. Lessons from others
3. St. Peter & other forefathers in faith.
4. Scripture – with 2 actions

Who do people say the Son of man is?
What about you: Who do you say I am?
#Mathew 16: 13-20

St. Peter & the Keys to Kingdom of Heaven



After Peter made his profession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of the living God (Matt 16:16), Jesus said: (19), “I will give you the **keys** to the kingdom of heaven.”

"If God only used perfect people, nothing would get done. God will use anybody if you're available"

- Rick Warren

#Purpose Driven Life

Living
Christian
values is a
task that we
work on
everyday!

St. Peter & the Keys to Kingdom of Heaven



Deep Reflection:

- Like St. Peter, what Godly **“Keys/ Responsibilities”** do you have in your workplace?

Stewardship

Leadership

Help those in need

Mobilize others

Deliver Justice

Give hope

Build capacity of others

Foster teamwork

Provide support

Provide direction

Inspire others

Counselor

Living by example

Affirmation by St. Peter himself

1 Peter 2:9-10

- But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Through Baptism, Confirmation, The Holy Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Ordination, The Holy Matrimony.

Reality: It must be your way of life! One cannot be a Christian **only at the workplace!**

#Charity begins at home! And then spreads!



Our Christian Values



“Together we aim high and with God’s love we can fly”



- Living Christian values is a way of life – forms part Human Behavior

Human behavior is a result of personal values, attitudes, feelings, environmental factors, etc.....

Human behavior flows from 3 main sources

DESIRE

EMOTION

KNOWLEDGE

~ Plato

We are terrible sinners in dire need of God's Mercy!



- Living Christian values is a hard! We are ALL filthy stinking sinners. Help each other gently!
- Galatians 6:1: ".... Those of you who are spiritual should set him right. But you **must** do it gently."
- We are called to do everything possible, **Dont get tired**, living Christian values.
- Galatians 6:9: "... we will **reap** the harvest."

What are some of the things that happen in your workplace that are contrary to Christian values?

Cheating customers

Deceit

False accusation **Extra marital affairs**

Negligence

Fraud

Dishonesty

Embezzlement **Favoritism** **Corruption**

Betrayal

Bribery and Kick backs

Misuse of company property/cars

Disrespect

Pilferage

How can we make a
difference where we are?

Pray



- Pray that God gives you the **grace** to live the Christian values **expected of you!**
- Personal prayer is very powerful!

Jesus said: "**Whatever** thing you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive" Matt 21:22

Be Honest!

Honesty

1. Being truthful to others
2. Being truthful to yourself
3. Doing what's right regardless of who's around
4. Being someone others can trust

- Why? It pleases God!
- Prov 12: 22
- “What you get by dishonesty you enjoy like the finest food, but sooner or later it will be like a mouthful of sand”
Prov 20: 17
- Prov 20:23

Live with Integrity



- Doing the right thing when no one is watching.
- Whenever you have an opportunity; **teach it!**

Whatever you believe in; study, practice and teach –
Jim Rohn

Act Justly



James 1: 22 "Do not decide yourselves by just listening to His word, instead put it into practice. ... (2:26)so also faith without actions is dead.

#Call to Action

THE LETTER FROM JAMES

INTRODUCTION

The Letter from James is a collection of practical instructions, written to "all God's people scattered over the whole world". The writer uses many vivid figures of speech to present instructions regarding practical wisdom and guidance for Christian attitudes and conduct. From the Christian perspective he deals with a variety of topics such as riches and poverty, temptation, good conduct, prejudice, faith and actions, the use of the tongue, wisdom, quarrelling, pride and humility, judging others, boasting, patience, and prayer. The letter emphasizes the importance of actions along with faith, in the practice of the Christian religion.

Suggested Reading:

1. 5 Chapters
2. 45 Min
3. Monthly

Forgive!



Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Eph 4:32

- If we live by the analogy of “an eye for eye or a tooth for a tooth”, we will **ALL** be **blind and toothless!**
- Two wrongs don't make a right!
- “Friends mean well even when they hurt you....” Prov 27:6

Have Self-Control



- Tame your desires!

“Where do all the fight among you come from? They come from your desires for pleasure which are constantly fighting with you. You want things, but you can not get them, so you are ready to kill....” Prov 4:

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#Call to Action

Pathways to self-control!

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

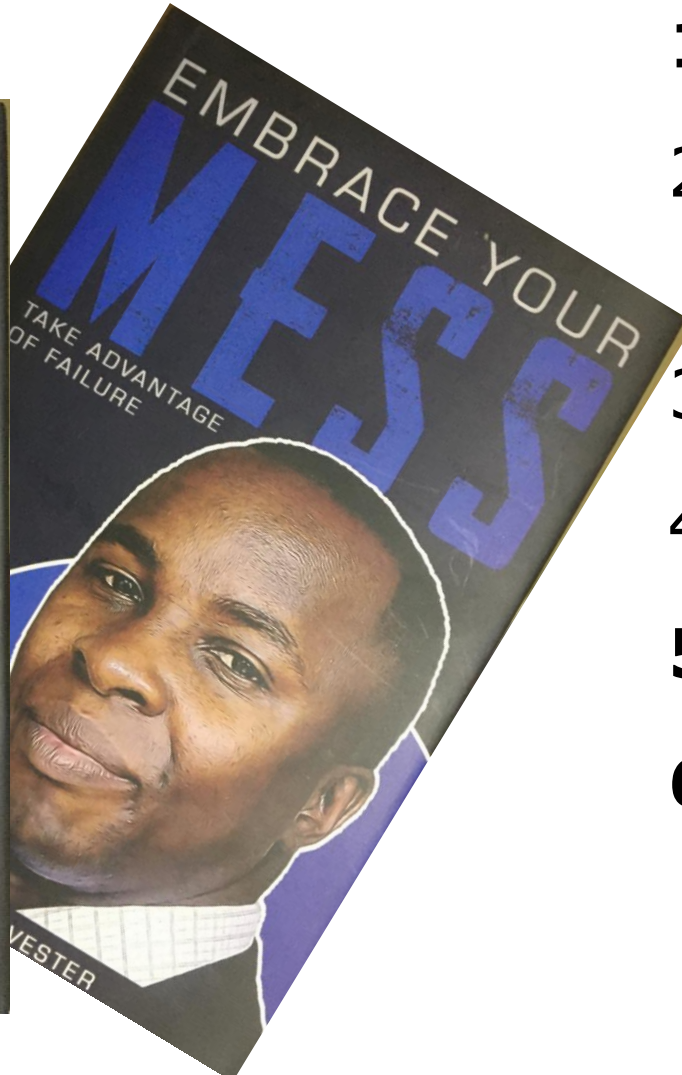
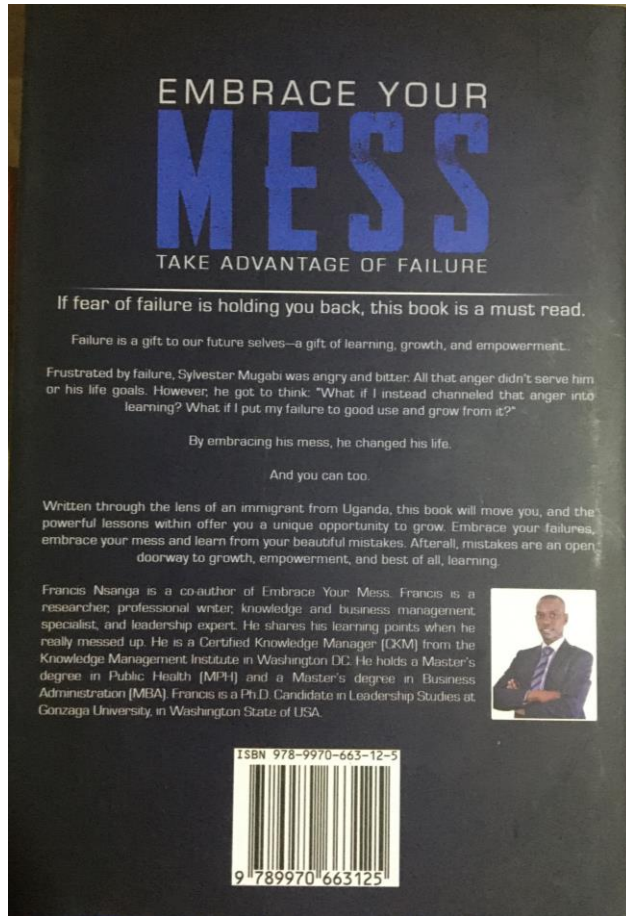
INTRODUCTION

Suggested Reading:

1. 31 Chapters
2. 2-4 Hours
3. Monthly

The Book of Proverbs is a collection of moral and religious teachings in the form of sayings and proverbs. Much of it has to do with practical, everyday concerns. It begins with the reminder that "To have knowledge, you must first have reverence for the LORD" (1.7), and then goes on to deal with matters not only of religious morality, but also of common sense and good manners. Its many short sayings reveal the insights of ancient Israelite teachers about what a wise person will do in certain situations. Some of these concern family relations, others business dealings. Some deal with matters of etiquette in social relationships, and others with the need for self-control. Much is said about such qualities as humility, patience, respect for the poor, and loyalty to friends.

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