

YOU WALKED THE EARTH LIKE A
GIANT AND SHOOK IT TO ITS CORE

.....
YOU FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT
YOU FINISHED THE RACE
YOU KEPT THE FAITH

2 TIMOTHY 4:7

A portrait of Dr. Tayo Adeyemi, a Black man with glasses, wearing a dark pinstriped suit, a white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is standing behind a podium. The background features a large, intricate, light-colored floral and scrollwork pattern on a dark background.

A Celebratory Tribute to
DR TAYO ADEYEMI

1964-2013



Dr Tayo Adeyemi
A LIFE OF SERVICE

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It was while he was leading the Upper Room Fellowship that God called him

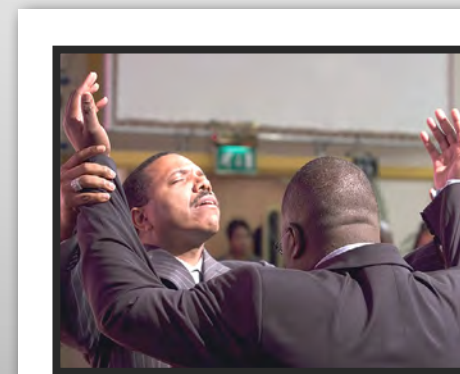
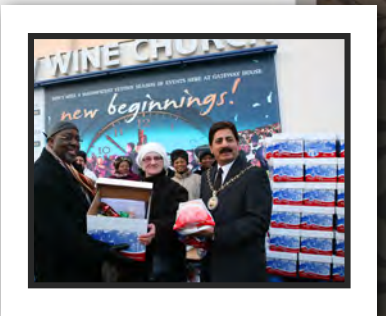


to start a church. On his own account, he did not respond to the call to start and pastor a church, he dialogued with God concerning this matter for three years. Pastor Tayo was keen on becoming a neurosurgeon due to the shortage of neurosurgeons in Nigeria and his desire was to open his own practice as well as become a lecturer in neurosurgery. However, God told him that he would be putting information in people's heads while their hearts remained empty. God prevailed on Tayo to start the church without delay, as he did not have much time . . .

Eventually at the age of 27, Tayo yielded to God's call and wound down the fellowship. On 25th July 1993 he started New Wine Church with 25 people; they had their first service in West Greenwich House in Greenwich London. The church has now grown into a strong congregation of approximately 5,000 members in the Royal Borough of Greenwich. Under Pastor Tayo's leadership, New Wine Church has become a major force in the fabric of its immediate and wider community a significant influence nationally, in Europe and all over world.

Pastor Tayo was recognised as one of the strong leaders of the 21st century church and as a significant prophetic voice in the United Kingdom. He communicated God's word with such sharp prophetic insight that his ministry has helped shape the destiny of many churches across the earth. His visionary leadership made New Wine Church one of the leading dynamic churches in the United Kingdom. Out of this vision, a sister church was planted in the United States of America in the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1997.

Alongside pastoring a church, Pastor Tayo's ministry was highly sought after around the world; and he addressed well over 300 audiences every year. Besides travelling extensively around the United Kingdom, he ministered in nations such as Australia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Holland, India, Kenya, Malaysia,



Celebration of Life - Dr Tayo Adeyemi
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FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST 2013 - 10.00AM



CELEBRATING A LIFE OF
SERVICE TO GOD
AND POSITIVE
INFLUENCE TO HUMANITY

PROCESSION	<i>New Wine Choir</i>
OPENING PRAYER	<i>Pastor Sam Adeyemi</i>
WELCOME & OPENING WORDS	<i>Pastor Michael Olawore</i>
HYMN: AMAZING GRACE	<i>New Wine Choir</i>
BIBLE READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18	<i>Apostle Bank Akinmola</i>
EULOGY	<i>Multimedia</i>
TRIBUTES	<i>i. Family</i> <i>ii. New Wine Church</i>
HYMN: WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER	<i>New Wine Choir</i>
BIBLE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-58	<i>Pastor Randy Morrison</i>
HYMN: THE STRIFE IS O'ER THE BATTLE DONE	<i>New Wine Choir</i>
WORD 1	<i>Bishop Francis Wale Oke</i>
SPECIAL: MY TRIBUTE	<i>New Wine Choir</i>
THE CHURCH I SEE	<i>Multimedia</i>
WORD 2	<i>Dr Creflo Dollar</i>
CLOSING PRAYER	<i>Pastor Matthew Ashimolowo</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	<i>Pastor Michael Olawore</i>
CLOSING HYMN: GOD BE WITH US TILL WE MEET AGAIN	<i>New Wine Choir</i>

- Hymn 1 -
AMAZING
GRACE

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The world shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun refuse to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Shall be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

- Hymn 2 -
WHEN THE ROLL IS
CALLED UP YONDER

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,
And time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks,
Eternal, bright and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather
Over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there.

Refrain

*When the roll, is called up yonder,
When the roll, is called up yonder,
When the roll, is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.*

On that bright and cloudless morning
When the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share;
When His chosen ones shall gather to
Their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Refrain

Let us labor for the Master from the
Dawn till setting sun,
Let us talk of all His wondrous
love and care;
Then when all of life is over,
And our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there.

Refrain

*- Hymn 3 -*THE STRIFE IS O'ER
THE BATTLE DONE

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!

Refrain
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

The powers of death have done their worst;
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!

Refrain

The three sad days are quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Refrain

He closed the yawning gates of hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise His triumphs tell! Alleluia!

Refrain

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to Thee: Alleluia!

*- Closing Hymn -*GOD BE WITH US TILL
WE MEET AGAIN

God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

*Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again; Neath His wings protecting hide you;
Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.*

Refrain

God be with you till we meet again; With the oil of joy anoint you;
Sacred ministries appoint you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

God be with you till we meet again; When life's perils thick confound you;
Put His arms unfailing round you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

God be with you till we meet again; Of His promises remind you;
For life's upper garner bind you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

God be with you till we meet again; Sicknesses and sorrows taking,
Never leaving or forsaking; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

God be with you till we meet again; Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Strike death's threatening wave before you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

God be with you till we meet again; Ended when for you earth's story,
Israel's chariot sweep to glory; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Wonderful memories of
A LIFE
WELL LIVED

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Come with me through the veil and let me show you what I have seen. Mount up on wings as eagles, soar with me to the summit and let me show you what has been shown to me. Take the eyesalve and anoint your eyes, so that you may see clearly – for I want to show you...

The Church **I SEE**

by Dr Tayo Adeyemi

The church I see is a vibrant, dynamic body of wholesome believers – pulsating with the life of God and exuding the very fragrance of His beauty and His love.

The church I see is a mighty, flowing torrential river, flowing in the power of the Holy Spirit – undamable & unstoppable. Not a stagnant cesspool of religion and tradition, not a tiny ankle-deep stream, not even knee-deep or waist-deep; but a mighty river with an incredible current. Once you jump in – it takes over – you are no longer in charge. It is a river that carries the life of God with it, wherever it goes.

The church I see is both numerically large and spiritually deep. A replica on earth of the general assembly in heaven – the church of the first born, whose gatherings are attended by an innumerable company of angels. It's a church that does not lose its depth because of its largeness – a church where the members are accountable to God and to one another. Where each person enjoys a deep, refreshing personal encounter with God at every meeting. ▶

The church I see is an international worship centre, consisting of people from every race, tongue, tribe and nation. Where racism and every form of ungodly discrimination is forever banished. It's a church where people are free to be themselves knowing that their ultimate identity comes from their personal relationship with God, through His Son, Jesus Christ.

The church I see is a missionary equipping and sending station where 52 weeks a year, missionaries are being sent out into the local community and to the uttermost parts of the earth with the saving power of Jesus Christ. It's a church whose doors are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – where ministry is not restricted only to designated service times.



**The church I see is a perfect cube –
its length, breadth and height are equal.
A church that is square, solid, strong,
stable and structured.**

It's a church where every aspect of ministry is mature and strong. Worship is strong, the word is strong, prayer is strong, ministry to children and youth is strong, community outreach and social action is strong. A church that is well rounded.

The church I see is relevant and practical in its outreach to society. A church that is answering the questions that people are asking. It's a place where needs are met, where broken hearts are mended and hurts are healed. It's a place where the waters are always stirred, where the Balm of Gilead flows without ceasing.



The church I see is an Apostolic Governing Centre – a church that accepts spiritual responsibility for its community, society and nation. It's a church that settles social and political issues in prayer; and is not afraid to speak out boldly against social ills and injustices.



**The church I see is one of tremendous influence,
whose leaders are regularly consulted
by government on issues of policy
before major decisions are made.**

The church I see is a church of excellence, radiating the beauty and glory of God in the physical as well as the spiritual. It's a church whose facilities are resplendent and breath-taking – reflecting the beauty of the very heaven she represents.

The church I see is a church on the cutting edge, taking full advantage of technology and blazing new trails for the secular world to tread in. It's a church that utilises every possible means to proclaim the saving message of the gospel to the ends of the earth.

The church I see is truly the bride of Christ, the Lamb's wife – having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing. It's a church that is committed to personal and corporate holiness – a church where character and integrity are high on the list of credentials for leadership.

The church I see is a supernatural church – moving in all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It's a church where miracles, signs, wonders and



healings are a common everyday occurrence. A church where revival, renewal and reformation are permanent on the agenda.

The church I see is a place where souls are saved by their hundreds everyday, where the broken and lonely find new hope and acceptance. It's a church where the down trodden are lifted up, the marginalised are included and the weary are refreshed.

The church I see is an empowering centre, where ordinary people are challenged, equipped, enabled and released to live extraordinary lives. It's a church where everyone is encouraged to discover their purpose in life, develop their gifts, talents and abilities and fulfil their ministry.

The church I see is a caring and deeply devoted family where love is not merely a cliché, but a tangible, palpable, visible reality. It's a church where families are strong and family values are held in high esteem. A church where the men are men – strong, focused and responsible husbands and fathers. Where wives submit to and support their husbands and children honour God and honour their parents.



The church I see is a financially prosperous church, where it is commonplace to see people of substance and wealth. It is a church that has at least 70 millionaires and twelve billionaires, who understand that the real purpose of wealth is to establish God's covenant in the earth. It's a church where members are financially responsible and are bountiful and liberal givers. A church whose members are the head and not the tail – champions and leaders in their fields of endeavour; and breaking new grounds in the arts and in science and technology.



The church I see is a church whose number one priority is to glorify God and to demonstrate His manifold wisdom to the principalities and powers – and to show His love to a lost and dying world.

The church I see is a rampant, prolific body of blood-washed, fire baptised, tongue talking, intelligent, believers who are secure in their call and who are determined to occupy till He comes. It's a place of contagious joy – full of excitement and fun to be in.

This is the church I see. And this church could very well be our church. As a matter of fact the church I see is our church – New Wine Church. I will not say in my heart “who will ascend into heaven to bring down this church?” or “who will descend into the depths to bring it up?”

For the word is near me, in my mouth and in my heart. This church is locked up within us. In the innermost recesses of our hearts – in our bowels – in our loins and in our spiritual wombs. And we will pay the price; we will travail as Zion and bring forth this child – this church.

This church will become a reality in the earth. So let this church emerge – let her arise in the earth, strong and mighty. Let her come forth; let her step out of the mind of God and into the streets of London. Let her climb out of the pages of the bible – out of Revelation 21 and become a reality in our day . . .

...Let Her
COME FORTH
 AND BE THE CHURCH OF
 THE 21ST CENTURY!

*“In order to become what you've never been,
 you must be willing to do what you've never done.”*

TAYO ADEYEMI



Wonderful memories of
A LIFE
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*"You can only be young once,
but you can be immature indefinitely."*

TAYO ADEYEMI

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*"Pay attention to little things –
great doors swing on little hinges."*

TAYO ADEYEMI



Mrs Joke Adeyemi

Baby,

From the first moment we met till the very end - what a blessing you have been to me. At first you were just 'Pastor Tee' someone I looked up to and admired – a brilliant teacher (the best I've ever known); a man of influence, integrity and excellence (a rare gem); a man of distinction, poise and class and a wonderful Pastor (patient and kind but also principled and firm).

Then you became my Friend, (back in the day - I always felt privileged when you referred to me as such), someone whom I could laugh with, confide in, share my dreams and aspirations with, and have support and encourage me in all I did.

Then finally my husband (I'm still in shock that of all the women in the world you chose me!). God smiled on me and did exceedingly, abundantly, above and beyond when he brought you into my life. You were the best husband a girl could ever have – loving, caring, tender, kind, generous, selfless, devoted, sexy, and extremely funny (I remember all the laughs we shared and all the gimmicks we got up to). You were my hero, my king, my priest, my companion, my confidant, my comforter, my advisor, my anchor, my lover, my sweetheart . . . I could go on and on. You were simply AMAZING!

Honey, I miss you so much (my heart is broken and aching - but the Lord is my Strength and His grace is sufficient for me). My comfort is that I carry you in my heart always and you have only gone ahead - we will be together in eternity. I've asked God to please ensure that my mansion is right next door to yours.

You always said I was your Angel. You told everyone I was sent from heaven just for you and that heaven was missing an angel, well I guess we have now switched places – you are now MY Angel (I always knew you coveted my role as an angel!!). Knowing I have you as my angel puts a smile on my face and gladdens my heart because I can't think of a better person for me.

Baby, thank you for 6 glorious years. It was too short, but like you always told me 'Adejoke, quality not quantity'. Thank you for being such an example, I will do everything (God helping me) to ensure that I run my race and finish my course the way you ran yours (with intention, zeal and passion). I promise to do you proud!

I will always love you. Goodnight my love

Your Angel

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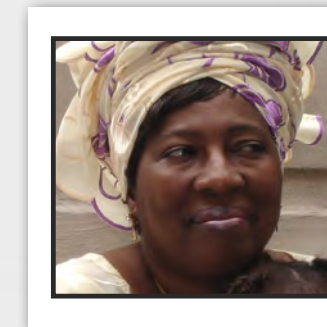
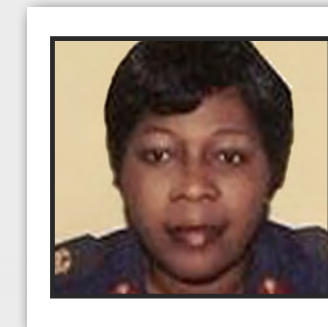
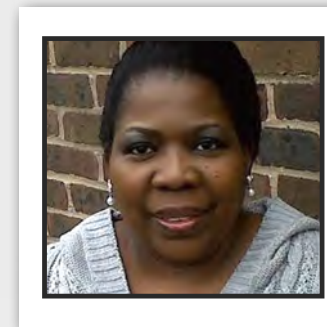
The Adeyemi Family

Adetayo Michael Adetokunbo Adeyemi

You were a Son, Brother, Nephew, Uncle and Cousin indeed! Gentle, loving, kind, considerate, passionate, intelligent, funny (you had a great sense of humour and an infectious laughter) and generous. You knew how to make everyone feel special just by doing little things. You were a confidant, an adviser, a counsellor, a friend, an example and father to the younger ones in the family.

From a tender age it was obvious and evident that there was greatness in you, little did we know that you would be a world changer, a pioneer, a barrier breaker and a general in God's kingdom – ONE OF A KIND! You were a man of vision on a mission, when we look back and consider what you told us you wanted to become, we can see that you achieved much - a medical doctor, a mentor, a teacher, an apostle and a Pastor. You loved and served God with passion. You travelled all over the world making God famous and to God be all the glory, the Adeyemi name is now known all over the world. We are so proud of you and the legacy you have left behind and we join with all heaven to say 'Well done, good and faithful servant'. Many have done well, but you have surpassed them all.

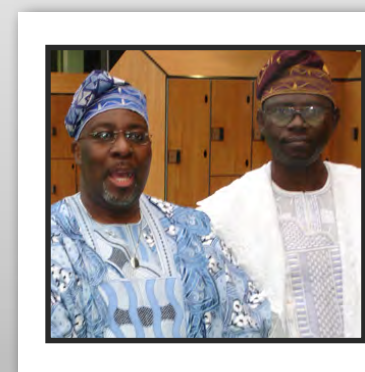
Words cannot describe our sorrow, you left us too soon and suddenly, but we have the assurance that you are resting in the bosom of your maker and that one day we shall meet to part no more. We will surely miss you and you will forever live in our hearts.



Goodnight ... Our Son, Our Brother, Our Nephew, Our Uncle, Our Cousin

The Adeyemi Family

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Group Captain Lekan Shodeinde

Pastor T!

You were my brother in law, but you took the place of a brother in my life. We confided in each other and had lots to talk about each time we saw each other, but you left us so soon and suddenly, you left tears in our eyes. But we have the assurance that you are resting at the bosom of your maker and that one day we shall all meet to part no more. I will surely miss you. Rest in Peace!

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Adeoluwa Adeyemi

I'm not going to tell you about how great my Dad is or how much he's achieved, simply because his awesome legacy already precedes him. What I will tell you however, is about Tayo Adeyemi as a father the side to my Dad most of you are unaware of.

My Dad is very meticulous and passionate about orderliness. Life could not have been this sweet with both my Dad and Mum watching over me and lauding over my every move.

It pains me that my Dad had to leave me and my brothers so soon. My Dad and I could sit for hours talking about how much of an abomination it is to tear open any sort of packaging or how silly it is to not read instructions, for any sort of device, at full length. Indeed I am my father's child!

My Dad was a very warm-hearted man; and my mum, Ore, Ife and I will be forever grateful for the sacrifice, the effort, the pride, the wisdom and the happiness my Dad has blessed us with.

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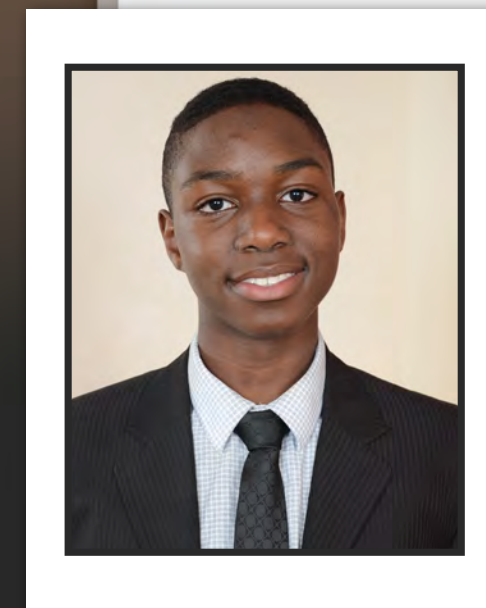
Oreoluwa Adeyemi

Dad was always a wonderful man, a leader, a teacher and a role model, not only to me and my brothers but to multitudes. My dad from a young age taught us about what it means to be excellent and to exceed in all that you do, he taught us about being leaders and growing to become great and he also taught me how to wear a suit properly.

I remember the first time I went shopping for my school clothes and I first wore my blazer; I did all three of the buttons on the blazer up, and when I presented myself to Dad and my brothers he said "son you want to look sharp? Then only do your middle button up, and get a belt, that's how you wear a suit".

Despite being hard-working and serious, Dad also knew how to enjoy himself, he would tell us stories of all his experiences

every time he travelled, and he'd watch movies with us and being an African dad, he'd always find the moral of the story or a political issue to discuss to no end after.



Ifeoluwa Adeyemi

Thank you to everyone for being here today to pay tribute to my father. I know that many of you have travelled from out of town to be here today and it means a lot to my family and I. Seeing so many loving friends and relatives here is a reflection on how my father lived his life and what type of man he was.

My father was a very hardworking man. His career was very important to him and everyone knew it. I am very proud of my father and everything that he has accomplished as him and my mother built New Wine from scratch. I remember when my dad always used to tell us his boring stories. However, there was often a moral at the end. He was a very wise man and I remember him loving excellence and class.

His house was like a library as he loved to read. Ironically enough he didn't watch football just like my brothers and I. But he read a lot which filled him with the knowledge to teach and to create the legacy that he has left today. I also remember him taking us out and having interesting conversations as he filled my brothers and I with facts. My brothers and I always wanted to impress him but as he's gone he'll have to look down on us.

However, today we are here to celebrate the life of my father who I will miss greatly. Everyone here loved and respected him so much. Let's not forget what he has taught us over the years and cherish all of the great memories we had together.

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Pastor Michael Olawore

ON BEHALF OF THE NEW WINE CHURCH FAMILY

How can I begin to describe who you were and how can I possibly do justice to the depth of the impact you made on us? You represented so many different expressions of the beauty and wonder of life. I can say without hesitation that the world is a better place because you were in it and each of us are better people for having known you. Here is a very brief A-Z of what comes to mind when we think of you and the many gifts, talents, skills and qualities that you possessed:

- Apostle, authority, ability
- Bravery, bold, believer
- Character, compassion, confidence, creativity, consistency, courage
- Discipline, determination
- Enthusiasm, encouragement, excellence, Evangelist
- Faith-filled, fearless, focussed, fairness, friend, fatherhood
- Generosity, God fearing, God loving, gentle
- Honesty, honour, humour, humility
- Imagination, inspiration, integrity, ingenuity
- Joy-filled
- Kindness
- Leadership, love
- Maturity, motivation
- Nurturer
- Optimist, order
- Prayer, Pastor, Prophet
- Quality
- Responsible, respect
- Sincerity, strength, submission
- Teacher, tenacity, trust
- Understanding, unity
- Values, vision
- Wisdom
- Youthful
- Zeal

Not only did you possess these qualities in abundance, you generously invested in us so that we may become all God created us to be.

We are the proof of your obedience and apostleship. We are the epistle written by your life. We salute you for investing your life in us. You loved unselfishly, prayed unceasingly, supported unwaveringly. You encouraged us, challenged us, celebrated our victories and wiped away our tears. We commend and appreciate you for your determination and fervent labour to see Christ fully formed and reflected in us.

You nurtured us from infancy to maturity; you equipped us with all that God entrusted into your hands. You sacrificed your life that we may fulfil God's mandate.

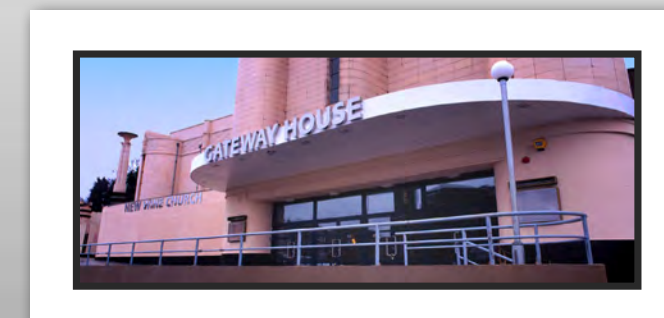
You cleared the path to the future. You laid a solid foundation like David; you gathered materials and the resources necessary for us to carry-on. When the winds of adversity struck, you held on despite your pain; you held on to the torch which you had so brilliantly lit, until you believed we were ready to collect the baton from your hand; then you stepped into eternity that we may step into the race.

You were unequivocally a seven star general with a passionate commitment for matters of the Kingdom. You honoured your call without compromise and without a backward glance. You ran your race with such passion, urgency and resolute focus. You fought a good fight; fighting with precision, accuracy, integrity and order and you finished well. You kept the faith.

Heaven unfolded its blueprint to you: The Church I See, a radiant and glorious church that few could even begin to visualise. Just as David handed the blueprint to Solomon, we have received the blueprint from you and we will build according to the pattern the Lord has shown you. Just as Joshua did all that the Lord commanded Moses, we will do all that the Lord commanded you.

Following your mandate to us, we are positioned and ready to Go Forward. Our vision is clear, our focus is sharp, our face is set, our heart is fixed, our feet are swift and our faith is strong. By the grace of God, we shall go forward.

Although, you have taken your 'final bow' on life's stage and gone home, the curtains will never close because we, your children, will remain in Christ. Your voice will forever echo through us - never to be silenced; and we vow that your legacy will live on.





Bishop Francis Wale Oke

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES

Tribute to Dr. Tayo Adeyemi A Man of Principles

I have had the honour and privilege of serving as Dr. Tayo's Spiritual father for close to twenty-five years, and I give the glory to God for who he was when he was here with us.

A man with a deep passion for God, Dr. Tayo pursued God wholeheartedly, worshipped Him in spirit and in truth, and he served Him with all his might.

A true lover of people, Dr Tayo loved people no matter who they are and no matter where they come from, and he treated all people with respect and dignity.

A man of excellence, Dr. Tayo's life and works were both organized and structured, and he paid attention to details. New Wine Church is a proof.

A trainer and a coach, Dr. Tayo took his men and women on an adventure in excellence, and he coached them to be like him, and if possible to excel.

A man of principles, Dr. Tayo tenaciously committed himself to the principles of the word of God and lived a life of purity, integrity and uprightness. He was a man of truth, who always stood by what he believed.

A shepherd indeed, Dr. Tayo was wholeheartedly committed to his church, taking his time to feed his people with knowledge and understanding, according to the scriptures.

A man committed to world mission. In praying, in giving and in going, Dr Tayo took the command of our Lord Jesus to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature very seriously.

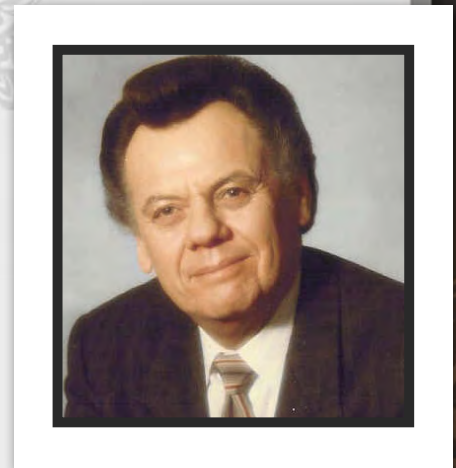
A true man of God, it is not good bye, it is good night. You have rested from your labours. You have entered into your reward. You are walking on the golden street. The work you left will never die, but rather blossom more than when you were here. We shall see you in the morning, in the land where we will never grow old.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them". Revelation 14:13.

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Dr. John Avanzini

JOHN AVANZINI MINISTRIES



England has been graced to have many great men, with those who brought this good news of the gospel to its nation. Now a new name must be added to this company of champions. It is the name of the beloved Dr. Tayo Adeyemi. While he is a man of truly great accomplishments, the real truth of that which elevated him to this position of honour, lies behind the things that casual observers know about him. The truth about his many accomplishments is his victory over the constant attack that Satan brought against him, attacks that would send lesser men escaping into the land of meritocracy.

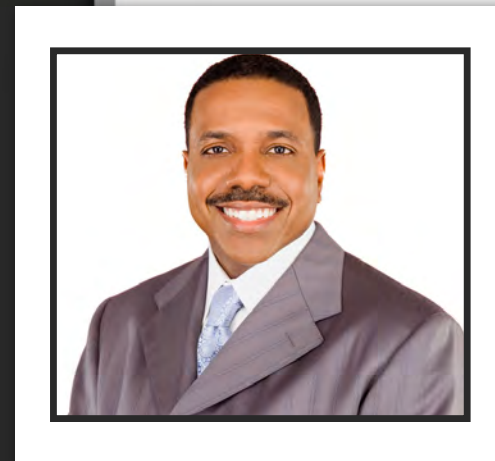
The man Dr. Tayo Adeyemi that I know is a fighter, one that would never give up, no matter what the enemy devised and assaulted him with. This great man of God came from an accomplished position of a Doctor of Medicine, one with skilled hands, however like the Apostle Paul, he moved upward in position to a man of God with beautiful feet.

Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher and Prophet, all these gifts resided in him. In the realm of character he was a kind, compassionate, honest, trustworthy, a man of these noble traits and many more. Eternity will reveal the truth about this great man of God. I am convinced that as we enter the portals of heaven, there he will be in the company of our wonderful Saviour Jesus Christ our beloved friend and pastor of New Wine Church greeting multitudes he won along with those he looked to as friends, may God have all the glory, for a life laid down for the gospel of Jesus, such as was Dr. Tayo Adeyemi.

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Dr. Cresto A. Dollar

WORLD CHANGERS CHURCH INTERNATIONAL



Sometimes, when we are asked to speak words about someone who has transitioned from this life to the next, we have to search for good things to say. However, this is not the case when it comes to Pastor Tayo Adeyemi. He lived a life of Christian sacrifice and service. Therefore, words of praise come easily. Pastor Tayo left a gift to those who knew him in the example he set before us.

Most importantly, he served God with all his heart. Because of his love for God, serving came naturally and joyfully to Pastor Tayo. His work will continue because his work was built on a firm foundation, which is Jesus Christ.

As we say of him today, the LORD now says to him also, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Well done."

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Dr. Kenneth Copeland

KENNETH COPELAND MINISTRIES

Pastor Tayo was a great friend of Kenneth Copeland Ministries. He has surely changed the spiritual atmosphere on this earth through his ministry. He had the powerful force of faith living on the inside of him that gave him the direction for his life and ministry.

His commitment to God's Word has produced a living demonstration of God's love for His people, and has inspired others to pursue the reality of God's Word for their own lives. God looks at the death of His people as a departure. It's a leaving from one place and an arriving in His presence, which is far better. Pastor Tayo has achieved that ultimate goal. He is present with our Lord Jesus Christ. What victory!

Gloria and I love you and hold you up in prayer.

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Dr. Morris Cerullo

MORRIS CERULLO WORLD EVANGELISM

For over 50 years I have ministered in the UK and all across Europe. In this time I've had the privilege of being in relationship with thousands of Bishops, Pastors and Leaders. One who stands out for joining hearts and hands with Theresa and I over so many years is Pastor Tayo, Lady Joke and the New Wine family. I love you all so much and it is an honour to celebrate Pastor Tayo's life with you.

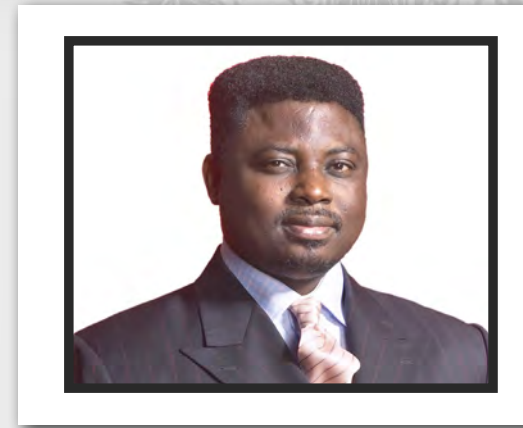
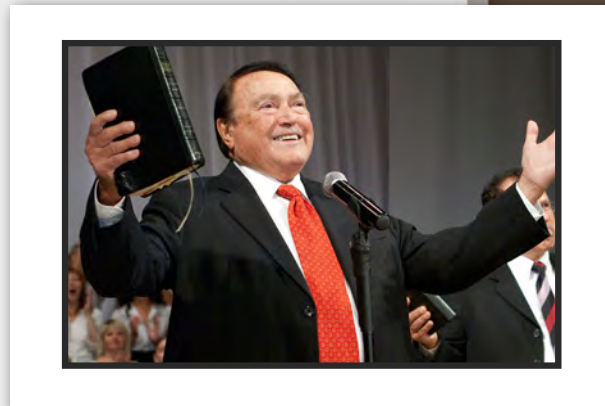
I remember ministering with Pastor Tayo at New Wine Church and all the mighty victories we experienced together when he joined me in ministry at Mission To London and so many European Conferences. What an amazing teaching ministry God gave Pastor Tayo and how He has used him to bless the Kingdom all around the world.

I can recall sitting with Pastor and him telling me how the early days of Mission To London impacted his ministry and the Church. To stand and watch how God went on to use Pastor Tayo to build an amazing Church that will always shake London, blesses Theresa and I so much. I was privileged to have Pastor Tayo sit on the board of reference for the new Legacy Centre we are building in California, and sit on the Mission to London Executive Council. Pastor Tayo's generosity and co-operating spirit spoke volumes. He truly was a unique KINGDOM BUILDER.

2 Samuel 14 v 14 (NLT): 14
All of us must die eventually. Our lives are like water spilled out on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. But God does not just sweep life away; instead, he devises ways to bring us back when we have been separated from him.

Pastor Tayo will never be forgotten and God will ensure his legacy will live on through the countless lives he has touched around the world and through the lives of all the New Wine family. To New Wine I say NOW IS YOUR TIME. Pastor Tayo gave to you the foundations to build on. The best days are ahead of you all. Trust in all that God has promised, he will never fail you. We love you and will be with you very soon.

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Pastor Matthew Ashimolowo

KINGSWAY INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

we are left with memories
and beautiful stories
of how you changed our world
with a life challenging walk

your departure is our pain
but heaven made a gain
when yonder called for conquerors
earth sent the choicest warrior

if we could see beyond beyond
to the upper echelon
we'll see the angel line up
the streets of gold above

to the agnostic death is End
to the unsaved an Enigma
for you it is an Entrance
to the bosom of El-Elyon

I wish I could write a prose
to eulogise a chosen hero
I wish I could deliver a message
about a heavenly messenger

whatever I choose to do
may not really give a clue
about a glorious soldier
who was a comforting shoulder

Dr Tayo Adeyemi
a man so dear to me
a minister and gentleman
has really left a mark

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Bishop & Co-pastor John & Penny Francis

RUACH CITY CHURCH

We were truly saddened to hear of the passing of Dr Tayo Adeyemi but we take consolation in the fact that his suffering has come to an end. The legacy he has left behind is a phenomenal one and could be no less, given the intellectual and ministerial stature of this great man. I met Dr Tayo Adeyemi 20 years ago and I remember being particularly impressed with the high standard of presentation of his literature and merchandise products. He was a leader ahead of his time – I always said that Dr Tayo Adeyemi was a 'mega ministry' before he had a mega church! To say that he was a great leader for me is an understatement – he was an outstanding leader in a class all by himself, demonstrating a spirit of excellence second to none. His preaching and teaching was powerful, insightful and globally impactful, a fact that was demonstrated when I had the privilege to host him on the TBN Worldwide Broadcast. His feature made a great impression on viewers and topped the days' ratings. I am so thankful to God that our life paths crossed for just this brief moment in time. Our thoughts are with you as you mourn the loss of your Pastor, Leader and Visionary but we pray that you will carry on his great and exceptional legacy and in his very own words, 'Go Forward'. We will deeply miss this General of God's Army but take this opportunity to salute him with these words, 'Dr Tayo Adeyemi has fought a good fight, he has finished his course and he kept the faith – 2 Timothy 4:7. We extend our prayers, our love and deepest condolences to Lady J, his sons and family and The New Wine Church Family.



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Pastor Randy & Mrs. Roxane Morrison

SPEAK THE WORD CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

If ever there was a man possession of a servant's heart, it was my dear friend and brother, Dr. Tayo Adeyemi. He gave often and he gave generously.

He gave of his time, always taking time to stay in touch, send a thoughtful note, or remember a special occasion with a personal gift.

He gave of his heart, with lyrical and eloquent verbal expressions of love and appreciation.

And he gave of himself, tirelessly. I will always remember our times together traveling throughout Tanzania and Nigeria and here in London, preaching the gospel. I witnessed how my friend, time and time again would pour himself out for the cause of Christ.

One of the things Dr. Tayo and I would always talk about is that it is not how long you live, but the contribution you make while you are here.

His contributions to this world were many and innumerable; the lives he touched through his ministry and global outreach, the legacy he left as a servant leader dedicated to spreading the word of God, and the fine example he set as a caring, giving and loving human being. Personally, my wife Roxane and I will miss hearing his unique and infectious laugh, his sharp wit, and the wonderful times we shared together with Dr. Tayo and Lady Joke. Our deepest condolences to Lady J and family. Know that you have our love and support at this time and always. Rest in peace my little brother, until we see you again.

Your big brother

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Pastor Rick Godwin

SUMMIT CHRISTIAN CENTER
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, USA

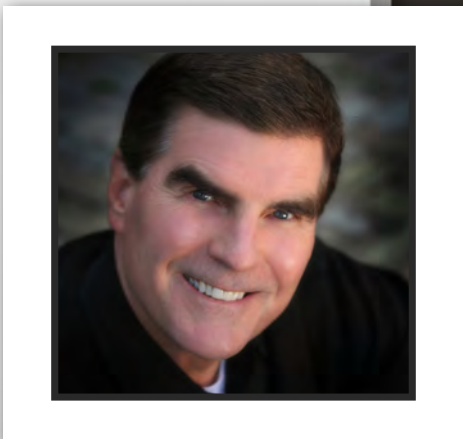
In Honor of Dr. Tayo Adeyemi:

It is well said that life is not measured by how long we live – it's what we live for that counts! Dr. Tayo lived and died a purpose filled life. Yes, he left us way too soon, but he died fulfilling his God-given assignment.

Tayo was a voice, not an echo. His teaching and preaching was transforming and life-giving! His joyful smile and hearty laugh would light up a room and disarm the most resistant spirit.

It was an honor to have known him and a treasure to be his friend. He will be missed, but never forgotten.

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Bishop Joseph & Mrs Barbara Garlington

COVENANT CHURCH OF PITTSBURGH

In the Fall of 2007, Dr. Mensa Otabil invited me to come to Accra, Ghana to participate in an annual conference. It was an amazing confluence of events, all of which I am eternally grateful. I was prompted by the Holy Spirit to minister to one of the speakers whom I had never met and didn't know. I shared with him the word God gave me, and later at dinner he confirmed the accuracy of that word. I later discovered, that Dr. Tayo Adeyemi is a trained physician who had chosen full-time ministry as a pastor and church planter who now leads New Wine Church, a megachurch in London with international influence.

I was absolutely amazed when he ministered the word of God with power, insight, creativity and anointing. His preaching skills were unparalleled, and I was amazed as he painted a picture of Zaccheus in a way few persons could do! I thought, "What a gift?" I had this desire for Covenant Church to have an opportunity to enjoy this God-gift! That following year, he was a plenary speaker in Pittsburgh. He was an instant hit, and our church confirmed what I already knew.

"Iron sharpens iron." This truth became obvious as I enjoyed the repast with all of the speakers at Dr. Otabil's amazing repasts. While the services were extraordinary in content and Spirit, our subsequent "after-glow" sessions at the dinner table with the other speakers were phenomenal. Dr. Tayo's ability to comment insightfully on world events as well as kingdom events stimulated each of us to further in-depth conversation and shared insights that I still carry with me.

I believe a clear way to know a king, is to see him in his own setting. When I first visited New Wine Church, I was amazed to see a model of Kingdom excellence, creativity with Holy Spirit anointing. Dr. Tayo's imprint of hospitality, generosity and faith was so evident in every detail. I am grateful for my God-connection with a truly remarkable man of God and Kingdom Ambassador.

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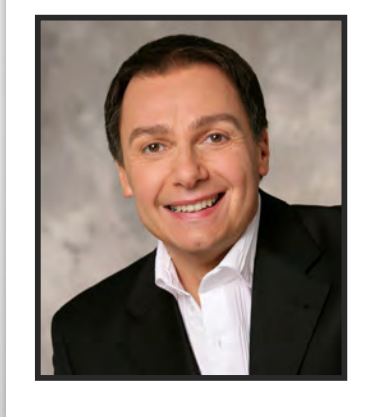
Bishop Mark J. Chironna MA, PhD

CHURCH ON THE LIVING EDGE, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Dr. Tayo Adeyemi was one of the most brilliantly minded men of God I have ever had the privilege of meeting and calling a friend. He was a revered Biblical scholar and a master-preacher and communicator. To sit under his ministry was to be awakened again and again to the richness of God's grace and the glory of His grand design for us in Christ. He beckoned us to walk in the greatness for which we were redeemed. His ability to inspire and motivate our hearts from the Sacred Text was singular in his delivery. And even as a trained and skillful medical doctor, he meticulously brought to bear those same profound critical thinking skills and expertise in carefully dissecting the Biblical text with sound Biblical exegesis to not only diagnose with accuracy your souls diseases, but also to do the necessary surgery by the preaching of the Word to bring you to healing, health, and wholeness. The breadth of his comprehension of the Eternal Purpose of the Father is evident in the great house he built and oversaw apostolically, New Wine. His wisdom in the Spirit gained him global respect and admiration from many of the greatest apostolic voices of the 21st century.

It is appropriate that we honor the life and memory of this choice servant of Christ. It behooves us to take time to release this great man to go on to his reward, while yet holding on to those things he left behind for us to grow on. Is so doing we are to take on the mandate he offered us to continue, and move on by running our race with the same endurance and faith he modeled for us. We bid farewell to one of God's great generals of the faith, knowing that in that day of great reunion we will once again stand with him around God's glorious throne.

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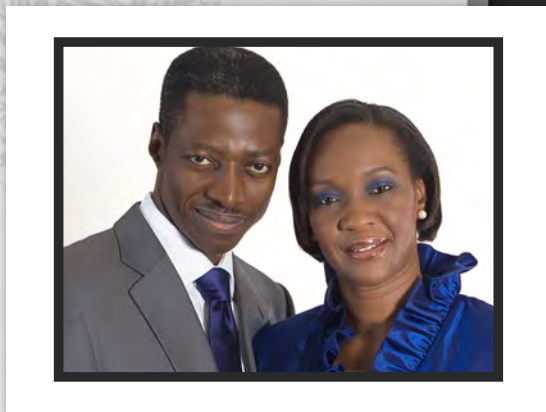


Sam and Nike Adeyemi

DAYSTAR CHRISTIAN CENTRE

We thank God for the life that Dr Tayo Adeyemi lived. He was a wonderful man, a very loving, caring and passionate man. We remember very well, how we met. We got to love and respect each other. We found out that our values aligned, and his passion for God was practically limitless. The Grace of God on his life was phenomenal. Again, Pastor Tayo was a teacher per excellence. I mean his teachings were so insightful and incisive. We could never get tired of listening to Pastor Tayo. When we heard that he passed on, the first thing I said was "a Great General has gone home to rest". To me he was a man God used to displace principalities and powers and to conquer territories for God. I like to assure all of us that Pastor Tayo is not in our past; rather he is in our future. He has gone ahead and where he is, is a good place, in fact it is the best place to be. I can imagine the first conversation that he would have with Jesus, and I imagine Jesus saying to him "well done good and faithful servant, you made me famous". He made God famous in life and he is making God famous even in death. We pray for our dear Pastor Joke, his family and all the members of New Wine Church and for all who love him, that God will give us strength at this time. And we like to say to us all that through the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ all will be well.

God Bless You.



Apostle and Prophet Josephat E. Mwingira

EFATHA MINISTRIES

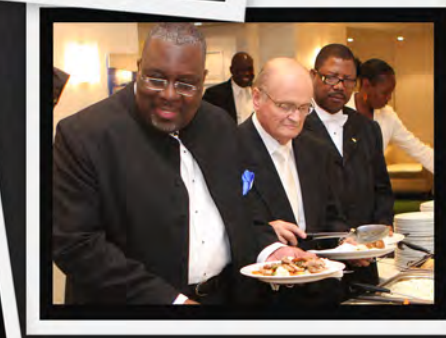
Friends, loved ones and family. It is an honor and privilege for me to pay tribute to a very special person, my brother Dr. Tayo Adeyemi. On behalf of my family, Efatha ministry, all the friends of beloved Dr. Tayo Adeyemi in Tanzania, and on my own behalf, I offer my condolences to his lovely wife, children, relatives, preachers, colleagues and all New Wine Church family for the loss of a loved one. As I began to reach out for the right words to express my thoughts about my friend, I remembered many valued and meaningful roles that he played throughout his life. I have to say, what I find most memorable in his life is the role that spiritually he played. My friend loved his God. As I travel around the world, I have always proudly testified that my friend Dr Tayo is such a great man of God, not only in his life and character but also in his

commitment to serve the Lord. He strove always to be the best he could be – a leader, a family man, an entrepreneur, brother, friend and champion to others. He was remarkable in so many ways. He lived his life to the fullest and touched so many people during his time. His English was so good and easily understood by all levels of scholars; just to preach the Gospel to all people worldwide. Looking back; I am grateful that even during unhealthy state, he was still a devoted man of God.

As the word says in Phillipian's 1:21 "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. My friend Dr Tayo, My fellow Tanzanians and I will always remember you as you touched our lives so positively, through your teachings especially when you came to Tanzania. You may not realize it, but you have left an amazing legacy behind. Your beautiful family and Efatha Ministry are your best legacy. Through us, you left this world a better place than when you found it and for that you have to be very proud. Always we will remember you with respect, admiration and love. The imprint you left to us is that, we must live in such a way that people should miss us when we die like we all miss you so much. Rest on peacefully in the bosom of your Lord Jesus Christ whom you loved and served. We shall meet you there one day. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints" Psalm 116 vs.15

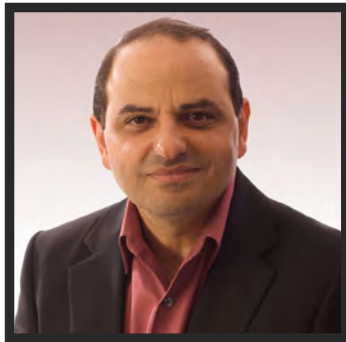


Wonderful memories of A LIFE WELL LIVED



"Ageing is a matter of course, but growth is a matter of choice. It is possible to grow old without growing up."

TAYO ADEYEMI



Rev. Canon J. John

PHILO TRUST

I salute my friend Dr Tayo Adeyemi for a life well lived. Dr Tayo inspired me and my associates at several of our retreats and was a great encourager to me personally. I thank The Lord for knowing you. *'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race and I have remained faithful'*. 2 Timothy 4:7

My wife Killy and I pray that Dr Tayo's family and Church family may know the Comforter's embrace at this time.

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Reverend Dr. David Cerullo

CHAIRMAN AND CEO,
INSPIRATION MINISTRIES, UK

Psalms 116 verse 15 says, *"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."* Dr. Tayo Adeyemi was a precious saint of God. He was a precious husband, precious father, precious pastor and precious friend. Today, as we pause to remember...we Rejoice with those who rejoice...

We rejoice with the angels in heaven, with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with dear departed friends and family that have gone on to their reward in heaven...we rejoice with them as a precious saint of God has come home. A precious saint who finished his course, who ran his race well, who has been poured out as a drink offering... Pastor Tayo fought the good fight, He kept the faith; and he has received a beautiful crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, has given him. So we rejoice with the saints in Heaven today as they welcome home a precious man of God.

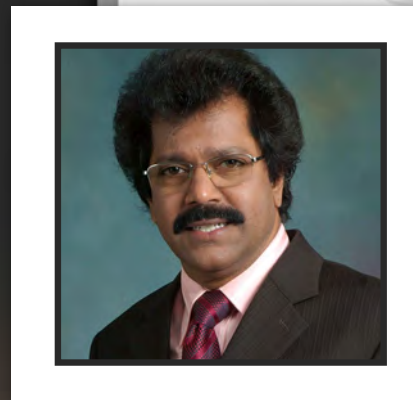
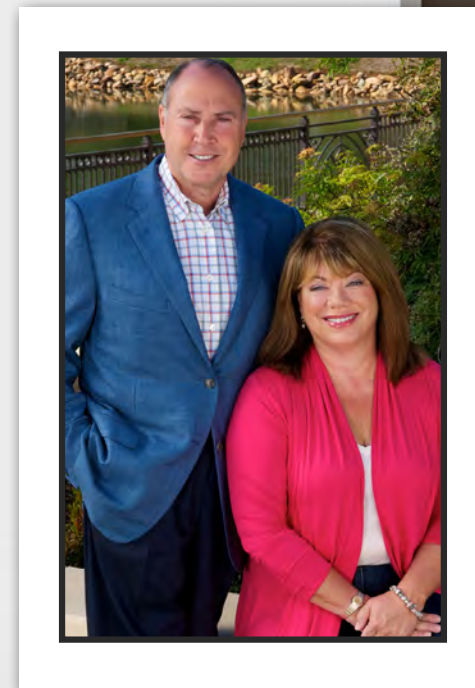
And we also weep today with those who weep. Not as those who have no hope, no, for our hope is great and assured that we will once again be united, but we weep with you Joke for the loss of your husband, for the loss of his presence, his love and warmth and companionship. We weep with you three boys for the loss of your father, for the loss of his mentorship, his love and presence in your lives. We mourn with you congregation of New Wine Church for the loss of your founder, your pastor, your bishop, and the one who broke open to you the bread of life each week.

I will never forget Bishop Adeyemi laying down his career as a medical doctor to join hands with the great physician and bring eternal healing to the hearts and souls of men and women. I will never forget his smile, his laugh, his generosity, his kindness and even his service as a fellow Director of Inspiration Television.

I miss you my friend.

Barbara and I pray that the grace and peace of almighty God would comfort you, that our loving Heavenly Father would wrap His arms of love around you and give you strength.

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Dr John Solomon

MIRACLE MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL

I met Dr. Tayo Adeyemi in the City of Chennai, India during the year 1997. We were in the same wave length of a vision concerning the perishing souls. Since, then we started exchanging invitations, travelling together and sharing the Platform together. His concern towards fellow Preachers, their families and a very strong memory power are highly commendable. For the last 15 years he had been the Speaker of our Miracle Crusades in India. His Power-Packed Sermons penetrated into the lives of people, such as Intellectuals, Youth, Professionals, Common People etc. Thousands of people, who have been immensely blessed by the ministry of Dr. Tayo in

India, wait to hear him again, year after year. God laid a vision in the heart of Dr. Tayo to sponsor a Lepers' Colony in the suburbs of Chennai City in India. A Two Acre land was purchased, 55 houses have been built and nearly 100 Lepers were housed. Free house, free clinic, free electricity, free water, free food are given to all the inmates of the Colony, on a condition that they should not go begging, which was their livelihood before. I wanted to name this town as, "Dr. Tayo Town". But Dr. Tayo refused my suggestion and named it as, "Shalom Town". All the inmates in Shalom Colony call Dr. Tayo, "FATHER OF SHALOM TOWN".

I strongly believe that every servant of God has a God given target to reach. Some ministers take longer time to reach their target. Some ministers work very hard in His Vineyard and reach their target earlier. My Best Friend and a World Renowned, Dynamic Preacher, Dr. Tayo Adeyemi could reach his target sooner than we could imagine. And now, he proudly occupies his Mansion in Heaven and says: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith". II Timothy 4:7.

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Apostle Bank & Pastor Sharon Akinmola

WORLD OUTREACH MISSIONS

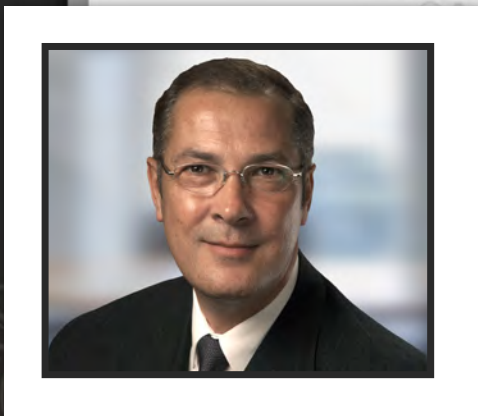
On behalf of my family and World Outreach Church for all Nations, I commiserate with the immediate, extended and New Wine family of my dear friend Dr. Tayo Adeyemi.

In the relatively short time he spent on this side of eternity (49 years), Tayo accomplished what most cannot achieve in 94 years! It is often said that "it is not how long one lives for that matters, but what one lived for!" Tayo had an unstoppable zeal for life and possessed an exemplary visionary leadership that shaped the destinies of many around the globe. His impact in the lives of those who knew him will be forever cherished. Tayo Adeyemi joins the rank of other great mortals who treaded this earth by leaving a significant mark that can never be erased. Tayo will forever be remembered for his unwavering and fiery passion for the things of God. His excellent display of the glory of God in every aspect of his life and ministry is commendable.

To his wife Lady J, children, extended family and the New Wine family, my prayer is that the God of all comfort will bring succor to you during this very difficult time. Adieu my friend!

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Rev. David Proudfoot

CCD/DPWE

You were a servant who raised standards and raised eyebrows!

Sitting in the atrium at the Waldorf Hotel, London, in 1998, Pastor Tayo and I awaited the arrival of the chief editor of a leading national magazine. I had arranged the appointment – an opportunity the editor had no qualms accepting! Spread before us on the coffee table was the New Wine Church corporate communications material; visually striking, bold imagery, surprisingly contemporary for a ‘religious’ organisation, and clearly not out of place in such a prestigious environment, frequented by politicians and CEO’s of major corporate organisations. The resident harpist set the mood,

the editor arrived, greetings were exchanged, the smart young waiter served our table, and then down to the day’s business.

The communications material caught the eye of the editor, who, having picked up the main item, proceeded with careful examination, his eyebrows raised. He expressed his surprise at the standard of design and quality of print commenting, ‘I never expected to see communications material of this standard coming from a church organisation’. Tayo responded graciously, ‘I believe that God deserves the very best that man can give’. I smiled quietly to myself. This was the man whom I had come to know and to appreciate. Called to work alongside Tayo in 1995, I had since sat with him in numerous strategic planning meetings when important matters, such as, church growth, reaching into the community, the nation and beyond, were on the table. Pastor Tayo bore the hallmark of a true visionary.

The meeting in the Waldorf ended. We would await the printed article with interest. How would the editor describe this inspirational man; his vision, his love for the God he served, and his commitment to the people whom he would serve? How this intelligent writer would construct his piece remained to be seen, but time would prove that he had sat in the presence of an inspired, humble, yet strong leader – a servant who would go on to raise standards and raise eyebrows!

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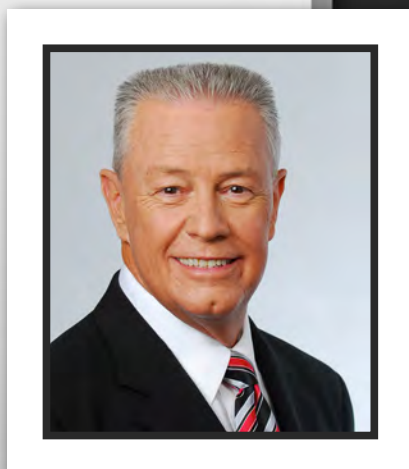
Dr Jerry Savelle

JERRY SAVELLE MINISTRIES

I write on behalf of myself and Jerry Savelle Ministries Europe, of the great sadness that we felt on the news of Dr Tayo’s homecoming.

From the first time that we met, many years ago, when I came to minister at New Wine Church, Dr Tayo impacted me “as a man of integrity”. He was an outstanding leader, dedicated to the Ministry, the Lord, His Word and New Wine Church.

He was a Blessing to the work of The Lord and leaves behind an amazing legacy in New Wine Church. My sincere condolences to his wife, family and New Wine Church.



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Dr Hugh Osgood

SENIOR MINISTER, CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN CENTRE.
PRESIDENT, CHURCHES IN COMMUNITIES INTERNATIONAL.
CO-CHAIR, UK CHARISMATIC AND PENTECOSTAL LEADERS’ CONFERENCE.

Greetings from Cornerstone Christian Centre and the 4,000 churches of CiC International.

We all have fond memories of Dr Tayo and my personal memories of him go back a long way. We are grateful for the way in which he demonstrated the love and leadership of the Lord Jesus among us and we know from 1 John, that now he is seeing Jesus face to face, his transformation into full Christlikeness is complete.

There are so many things for which we could pay tribute to Dr Tayo but it is his commitment to excellence that always comes to the fore. He excelled in leadership and in preaching. He excelled as a champion of community action and as an inspiration to his fellow leaders. He was someone who was held in high regard internationally. His ministry extended to so many places. As I have travelled I have met people who have sat under his conference teaching ministry in East Africa, West Africa, South Asia and the States and many more around the world have benefited from his television ministry. His influence will continue far into the future.

His greatest legacy, of course, is New Wine Church, and what a privilege it is to have at the heart of the nation a church that has been raised up in line with a vision sought in prayer and sustained by prayer. Dr Tayo articulated what he heard from the Lord and even now there are faithful people who are continuing to oversee its implementation. We owe a debt of gratitude to a man of great stature who walked in humility and grace but the greatest debt we owe is to the Lord who raised him up and loaned him to us for such an important period in UK church history. One day the full story of his influence will be told.

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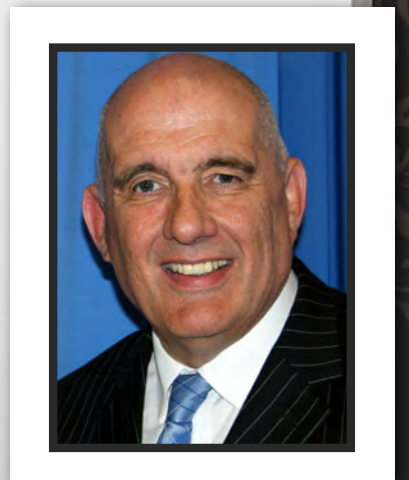
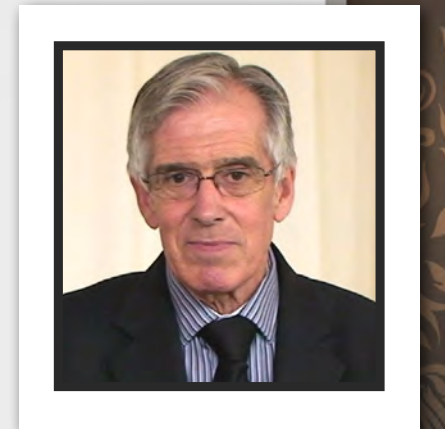
Rev. John Glass

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, ELIM PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES, UK

I offer my tribute for the life and Ministry of Dr. Tayo Adeyemi on behalf of the National Leadership Team and the 550 Elim Pentecostal Churches in the UK. Dr. Tayo had strong links with our Movement over the years due to his connection with my predecessor Rev. Wynne Lewis who he considered to be his spiritual father. We thank God for the life of Dr Adeyemi whose rich ministry was characterised by courage and faith and a passionate desire to see the Kingdom of God extended in the nation. His heart for excellence was matched by his heart for people and though we sorrow at his loss we know that he has now entered his rich reward.

Our love and prayers are extended today to his wife and family and the wider church family of New Wine who we pray will experience the empowering presence of the ‘God of all Comfort’ who will surround and envelope them in his Everlasting arms

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Wonderful memories of
**A LIFE
WELL LIVED**



David Shibley, D.D.

**FOUNDER AND WORLD REPRESENTATIVE
GLOBAL ADVANCE**

I was greatly saddened to hear of the death of my friend and colleague in the Gospel, Bishop Tayo Adeyemi. Dr. Tayo was always especially kind, encouraging and affirming to me. He was exceptionally generous to me and many other ministers.

I honor his memory. The many seeds he has planted will continue to bear much fruit for Christ and His cause. May the Lord minister His grace and comfort by His Spirit to his wife and the entire church family.

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Dr. Kindah Greening

GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA

I often reflect on the railway tracks of life referred to by Rev Rick Warren – easy and hard, happy and sad; tracks of life that run concurrently. With this in my heart I write this tribute; a privilege with pain, having been left richer and poorer. We're richer for knowing him and poorer for the loss of his teaching, his company, and the input of his brilliant biblical communication.

The impact of his biblical knowledge and passion went way beyond New Wine in London, to touch many nations across the world. The skill with which he shared his love of God's Word reached people from all walks of life in Christian and secular spheres.

It was an honour to connect with him in ministry at New Wine. We had the delight of having him and his team share with Joan and I in celebrating our twenty five years of ministry at King's Christian Centre, on the Gold Coast, Australia. He made his way into our hearts and was involved in the opening of some significant building projects. It was then that I saw in him the foundation of his influence; a man who went beyond the call of duty; who strived for excellence, who thought outside the box. His passion for excellence was unrelenting, his generosity so great, that it translated into a desire to see that spirit of God-given excellence unleashed in others. Dr Tayo Adeyemi truly was a powerful communicator with prophetic insights that were inspiring and motivating to witness.

I believe one of my foundational scriptures epitomizes the life of my dear brother and mighty servant of God; *"Wherefore my beloved be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing your labour is not in vain in the Lord."* 1 Cor 15:58. I salute this great man of God; my life has been enriched by knowing him.

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*"Maturity and wisdom do not always come with age.
Sometimes age arrives alone."*

TAYO ADEYEMI



Dr. Ron Kenoly

I have experienced some awesome times in ministry with Dr. Tayo Adeyemi and I will always remember him for his authority, intelligence and his articulate delivery of Scripture. His goodness, his greatness and his generosity towards my ministry and my family will not be forgotten.

I share with many of you, in the sadness and loss of our good friend and brother. I have admired the great work that our Heavenly Father ordained and commissioned him to do. Some of my personal challenges had similarities to some of his challenges.

His victories over those difficult situations gave me hope and strength to endure what I was going through. His testimony encouraged and helped me to stand fast and to see the power of complete trust and confidence in our Heavenly Father.

The New Wine congregation is a testimony to Dr. Tayo's commitment to excellence in ministry. Our ministry's personal experiences of the hospitality and protocol departments have always been outstanding. They are a reflection and a demonstration of the level of maturity and commitment that his leadership has been validated and attained. As a congregation, you will always have the privilege and the blessing of a great heritage in ministry and high caliber to always live up to.

Just like the anointing fell from Aaron's head to his beard, so does the anointing fall on all of you of the great leader, awesome father, loving husband, outstanding brother and friend, that Dr. Tayo Adeyemi was and always will be forever etched in our hearts and memories. Be of good courage.

Dr. Tayo Adeyemi, we will miss you and are already looking forward to seeing you again when we will rejoice together before the throne of our Heavenly Father, YaHuWaH our Mighty One.

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Dan & Martha Munizzi

My husband Dan and I loved Dr Tayo.

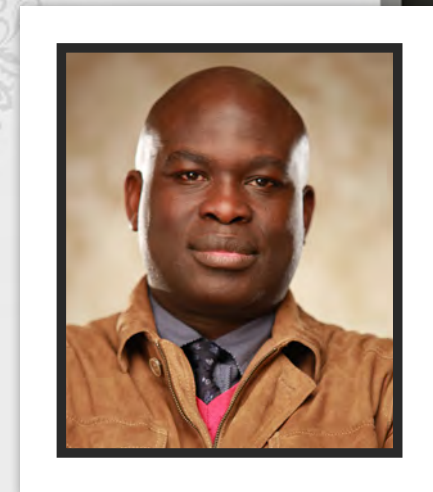
We will never forget his infectious laugh that filled a room! He loved doing everything with utmost excellence but was always incredibly fun loving and full of joy!

He was an amazing man of God and moved hearts of many by declaring the names of God with passion!

He will be missed but we can take comfort in knowing that he is with Jesus!

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Lola & Muyizwa Olarewaju



Today Lola and I stand to attention joining thousands around the world who salute a true world changer. It seems a paradox that we celebrate yet we cry, but this is the result of a life lived that has left an indelible mark on our family and many like ours. In a world and society where class and skin colour still play a big part in who's voice can be heard, it's incredible to think a black preacher who had no need or desire for any official acknowledgement breathed life to our deepest desires to soar and fly, things we were even afraid to believe ourselves He stood behind us whispered in our ears that we were able, then ran in front of us to show us we were not alone in the journey.

We are grateful that Lady J and his family gave us the permission to share in this gift of God. At this moment we can only speak intelligently on behalf of the Olarewaju clan and this is our promise that Lady J, your husband's epitaph will read for the world to see. It will be seen in the pursuit of holiness of Oluwamuyiwa Adebayo Olarewaju, it will be seen in the fullness of live lived by Oluwafunmilola Aderemi Olarewaju, it will be seen in the covenant keeping life with God lived by Oluwaloni Chibueze Olarewaju and in the barrier breaking life lived by Oluwagbemileke Chinonso Olarewaju. You have joined the cloud of witnesses that surround us so we decided to strengthen our resolve to throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles and to run with perseverance the race marked out for us. We will be the church you see.





Dr Ramson & Pastor Estrella Mumba

EL-SHADDAI INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

On behalf of all the Pastors at El-Shaddai International Christian Centre and our church family, please accept my heartfelt tribute to Dr Tayo Adeyemi. A man of purpose, vision and great courage, Dr Tayo touched thousands of lives with his practical approach of preaching the Word of faith. Dr Tayo's passion was to build the Kingdom of God and his success in doing that is worthy of imitation. Whether it was being the visionary and Senior Pastor of New Wine Church, being on the Board of Trustees for Creflo Dollar Ministries or blessing the local community with food hampers, Dr Tayo inspired us all to take the good news of Jesus Christ to every tribe, every tongue and every nation. His legacy will never be forgotten. Our love and prayers go to his wife, his immediate family and all at New Wine Church.

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Peter Sumrall

LESEA GLOBAL FEED THE HUNGRY

Dr. Tayo Adeyemi was an integral part of Feed The Hungry UK, serving as a respected Trustee and wise counselor. Dr. Tayo's spiritual insights and contributions were encouraging and clearly reflected the strength of his prayer life and close walk with the Lord. His actions demonstrated that he was a "doer of the Word"—fearless in acting upon the directives he received from above—as well as a man who passionately loved his Saviour and his neighbour—whether that neighbour resided on the streets of Woolwich or across the oceans.

Immediately following the historic earthquake that leveled Haiti's capital and the surrounding region on January 12th 2010, the international offices of Feed The Hungry mobilized to send aid to survivors and broken families in Jesus' name. Dr. Tayo was quick to respond, confidently letting us know that New Wine Church was ready to help in any way possible.

The measure of generosity displayed by the members of New Wine was a reflection of the true heart of its Pastor. As a result, nineteen tonnes of vitally needed supplies—bottled water, infant formula, and a variety of ready to eat food items—were purchased in the Dominican Republic and transported across the border to waiting churches all around Port au Prince. When disaster struck Dr. Tayo was there, ready to bring healing and hope to souls in need. Because of his leadership thousands were fed and ministered to at a critical moment of their lives.

Dr. Tayo was a faithful witness to the redeeming power of the Resurrection. He has touched so many through his teaching and his actions. He has borne much fruit both at home and abroad. And his fruit shall remain.

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Rev. Dr. Ivan Herald

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

TRIBUTE TO DR. TAYO ADEYEMI.

Dr Tayo's immediate family, his incredible church and the broader Christian church are deeply saddened at the homecalling of this remarkable Man of God. During his all too brief time here on earth as a servant of God, he influenced so many.

Not only were souls brought to Christ and bodies healed, not only in London, but throughout the world, but he had an unusual anointing to instill leadership and church growth principles in pastors, leaders and churches. Many a pastor, leader and church is today stronger because of Dr. Tayo's ministry, as he was affectionately known.

He will be sadly missed. I counted it an honour to have developed a friendship with Dr. Tayo over the past ten years or so. We shared several times in intense and meaning conversation. May he long be remembered for his outstanding contribution to the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully,

Ivan

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Pastors Paul & Esabel Jeyachandran

SENIOR PASTORS, LIFE CHURCH, AUSTRALIA

To New Wine Church family.

We want to pass our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Sis Joke and the family and friends of Dr Tayo and to the family of New Wine Church. We were so sorry to hear of his passing and we treasure even more now, the times we were privileged to have spent with him.

He has made a great impact in our lives personally, as someone who believed in us, spoke vision and faith into our lives, and encouraged us to "ditch our limits" and dream big for God's Kingdom. Dr Tayo's passion, wisdom and anointing has inspired and touched many lives in Sydney, Australia.

He was truly a great man of God and a man who has left a magnificent legacy. We will miss him dearly. We are praying for the New Wine family to continue to honour and carry out the vision that Dr Tayo started. We will always have Dr Tayo in our hearts!

Blessings and prayers. Together for His Kingdom!

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Pastor Tony & Minister Lara Oliba

NEW WINE CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS

We gather together to mourn the loss, while we also celebrate the home going of our beloved pastor, father and leader. I am truly a product of the life, ministry and legacy of this man. I met Dr Tayo in 1990 in London. I was initially struck by his knowledge of scriptures, but as I got to know him, his passion and zeal for God became very clear. It was his passion and zeal for God that eventually drew me closer to him. I was already a member of another church at the time that Dr Tayo shared the vision of New Wine Church with us in early 1993, however I decided to become a member of the new church not long after that meeting, and it is a decision that I have never had any course to regret. I am truly grateful and honored to have been invited to be part of those that were at the inaugural service of this great ministry.

I have always believed that Dr Tayo ranks up there with the best teachers of the Word of God. The passion and fervor with which he preached the word is palpable. Those who really knew him will remember him as a man of godly conviction and persuasion. He stood firm on the principle of "Sola Scriptura" – The Word of God alone. He did not make decisions in ministry as to what was popular in charismatic circles; he did not pander to human applause; his pastoral leadership and decision making was based upon the principle "What does the Word of God say?" When he preached one had no doubts that his goal was to preach the uncompromised truth of the Word. He had a fear of God which superseded any fear of man which enabled him to remain firmly committed to the truth when others in the ministry would compromise to popular appeal. My family and New Wine Church Minneapolis will definitely miss Dr Tayo but we will always be blessed to have benefited from his spirit of excellence, integrity and genuine compassion.

I salute Lady J, the entire Adeyemi family and New Wine Church. My prayer is that the God of comfort will comfort you on every side. You all are jewels to the body of Christ and great examples to us all. Agape Always

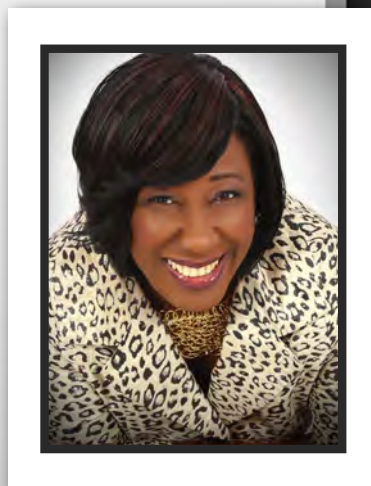
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Rev Celia Apeagyei-Collins

THE REHOBOTH FOUNDATION

Dr Tayo - I was honoured to call you a brother and a true friend. A great leader who lived life to the full in excellence and still lives on through the legacy you left. The true measure of a man is not evaluated in what he leaves for others but also what he left in them. You tick both boxes.

God's love for his people is often expressed by the kind of leader He gives them. We cannot but praise and thank God for expressing such love to us when you entered our lives. Some people live Solomon Grundy lives. Born on Monday, christened on Tuesday, married on Wednesday, took ill on Thursday died on Friday, buried on Saturday and that was the end of Solomon Grundy. But not you, no not you, my friend. Tayo Adeyemi born on Monday, exploits on Tuesday morning and by Wednesday had influenced others to join in the Kingdom work, leaving his mark on humanity. You didn't die on Sunday; you just relocated your operational base and continue to challenge us by the 'carpe diem' way you lived. You were a man and a half. You challenged your world to believe better about themselves, rise above ▶



mediocrity and make that difference. You touched lives all over the globe; no one was immune from the Tayo effect, not even the lepers of India. It wasn't just your words, but your investment in the lives of others, your generosity of spirit.

Thank you for watching my back – inspiring, challenging and motivating me constantly, occasionally scolding, always seeking my success. I still remember our last long conversation, you were full of cutting edge ideas, you connected me to the right person without my asking but that was you being you. We love you. My family, the leaders and members of Rehoboth Foundation Mentoring Network salute you . . . Nnanti yie Tayo, wayebi, Mo. Well done bro!

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Rev Wale Babatunde

WORLD HARVEST CHRISTIAN CENTRE

My Personal Tribute to Dr Tayo

I met Dr T as I fondly call him about 25 years ago during our National Service in Abuja. The occasion was at our orientation camp; as it was the first time all the Christian coppers were meeting we had to introduce ourselves, and share a testimony. Dr Tayo decided to sing – not only did the song minister to me personally but I was drawn to him by his charm, charisma and his exceptional communication skills!

From this memorable meeting till my friend passed unto glory, I never met him once, without being challenged. There are so many things I learnt from Dr Tayo. These two stands out!

1. EXCELLENCE - I think Dr Tayo's second name should have been excellence! Everything that he did was marked by excellence! He strongly believed that nothing but the best was good for His Saviour and King!

2. PURPOSE – Dr Tayo lived his life with purpose! He knew his mission and was determined to the very end to face his assignment! In the face of life's challenges, Dr Tayo displayed the dogged ruggedness of a champion till the very end! I was taking aback hearing and seeing Dr Tayo, meet with his board of ministers, attend to and encourage some of us even as late as a few months before he passed on! To me, this was no ordinary feat.

I must confess that I am still finding it difficult to take it in that Dr Tayo is gone! Gone forever to meet the cloud of witnesses at the grandstand. I'm still shocked that one of the greatest teachers of the word has soon been taken away! I will surely miss you! Dr Tayo – you lived a very short life – just 48! What encourages me however is that even though your sojourn here was very brief like your master – you lived a full and fruitful life! Your life will continue to inspire many of us. I stand at attention and duff my hat for you! Sleep on my bro, until we meet at the resurrection morning!

I love you dearly!

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Pastor Joseph Boadu

CHRISTIAN LIFE FELLOWSHIP

Dr Tayo Adeyemi has been a world-renowned minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. A man of my generation, he towered above and beyond his peers. He lived, taught, and trail blazed a path of ministry that broke down barriers and made the impossible possible. Loved by many, his impact was felt because he made a significant difference!

I first met Tayo on a train journey in the early 90's before he pioneered New Wine Church. It was the days of Upper Room Fellowship! I was immediately struck by his warmth and charm. Beneath his understated demeanour, I sensed an intelligent and spiritual man. We started a conversation, which prompted a friendship that lasted till the day the Lord called him to Himself.

My friendship with Tayo was built on genuine openness and mutual respect. We spent many times together in sweet fellowship discussing all kinds of issues – from the light hearted to the painful and sensitive. We discussed the practical and the spiritual affairs of life, and talked about our families and our ministries. We advised, encouraged and corrected each other as we saw fit. I always looked forward to meeting and catching up with him; he was a dear friend of mine. I will really miss him!

As I saw the grace of God on Tayo's ministry and impact, I couldn't help but notice his ethic of hard work, his commitment to excellence, and his attention to detail. Although it was clear that the Lord had truly blessed his ministry, it was also obvious why – The Lord could trust him with such blessings! The Church will miss a great gift!!

I knew Tayo to be a generous, humble and kind man. He had a heart for people and a love for God. He avoided the spirit of competition in ministry and never sought to exalt himself beyond measure. He respected his fellow ministers and sought to honour his seniors in ministry.

Tayo was a family man who cherished his children and loved his wife Lady Joke. He was a man of faith, and a man of substance. He carried the word of God on and off the pulpit. He served New Wine Church faithfully and loved the members wholeheartedly. His passing comes as a major blow to all. He will be sorely missed!!!

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Pastor Tom Inglis

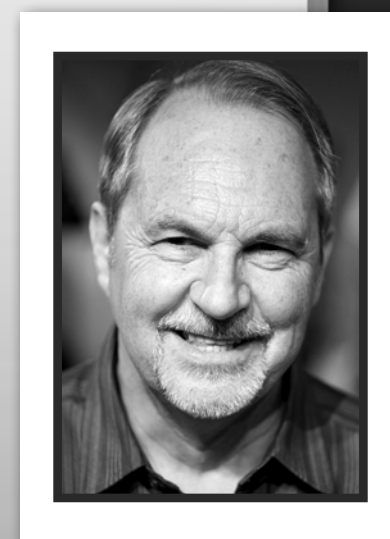
TOM INGLIS MINISTRIES

"I had the privilege to travel and minister with Dr Tayo who was a personal inspiration to me as a minister and also a friend. His unique ability to communicate the Gospel with such clarity and conviction is something I will always remember.

Farewell for this season my friend, catch up with you later.

My sincerest condolences to family, friends and all at New Wine Church.

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Wonderful memories of A LIFE WELL LIVED





Pastor Francis Soska Forbes

THE ABIDING WORD FAMILY, THE GAMBIA, WEST AFRICA

Just 5 days prior to Dr. Tayo's transition into glory, I sent an email to Tony asking about his and Lady J's wellbeing. The response was so encouraging, only to receive a call from Tony the next Monday morning with news I could hardly take in! The tears just rolled uncontrollably down my cheeks - WHY? I met Dr. Tayo in 2006, after having heard about him from Dr. Mensa Otabil. I had the privilege of sitting under his exceptionally eloquent and engaging teaching ministry in Ghana, and sharing meals with him and his wonderful wife Lady J. whose warm smile always complimented his great humor; sweet memories I hold so dear.

Two vintage encounters with Dr. Tayo ring loudly in my heart: THE LAST NIGHT OF DESTINY SUMMIT (Christ Temple, ICGC, Ghana) 2007 - his message kept us all on our feet from start to finish! I remember remarking that it was unfair for God to give one man such depth, wisdom, eloquence, intelligence and motivationally engaging powers! THAT WAS DR. TAYO! My unforgettable meeting with him and Lady J, LAST YEAR MAY. I passed by to see him on my way to New York and we spent an unforgettable 15 minutes together after the service, - definitely unforgettable for me. As I laid my head to his bosom, he asked me to place my hand on his, and he spoke like a patriarch - into and over my life, praying, making apostolic declarations and decrees. As Lady J. and I said "Amen", I knew something monumental was taking place. It was a divine encounter never to have been missed! That was my last earthly moment with him.

Rest in Peace Sir, your labour has not been in vain, the evidences abound - in multiplied thousands! We miss you deeply, but your legacy lives on and gives us great courage to move forward. Until we meet on the other side Sir, Adieu.

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Pastor Bode Orekoya

CHRIST IMAGE ASSEMBLY

I got to know Pastor Tayo when he was a medical student in the university. What struck me the first time I sighted him was a picture of a highly energetic, diligent, purpose-driven person. He was very passionate about Jesus. This was demonstrated in the way he passionately pursued kingdom business, even as a student. I used to wonder how he was able to combine his medical studies with his zealous pursuit of God and the things of the kingdom. This is because he was fully committed to various groups on the campus at that time.

We became attracted to each other from the day we met. This resulted into a relationship that spans thirty years. During those years I have found Pastor Tayo to be a true friend, both to my family and the ministry I pastor. God has used him at some critical period in our ministry to provide direction. He was one of the closest people to me. My family and the entire Christ Image Assembly will surely miss him and his wise and incisive counsel that we used to tap into. Pastor Tayo has left an indelible mark in the teaching and interpreting of God's word, a mark that cannot be ignored. His numerous works will continue to speak for him.

My family and the entire Christ Image Assembly bid Pastor Tayo good night, until we meet at the feet of Jesus.

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Pastor Fred Odekhian & Family

RCCG COURT OF HIS MAJESTY

I met Pastor Tayo 27 years ago. It was a life changing encounter. He preached a sermon that was so potent, it left me with an indelible impact. Ever since, he has remained a father, brother and a friend. I got endeared to him by virtue of his sublime attributes as a Christian leader. Here are some of the attributes that he impacted his generation with: He was an outstanding trailblazer. Ralph Waldo Emerson said "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." Pastor Tayo left a trail. He was an excellent and prophetic teacher of the word of God. His communication was erudite. He taught with such precision that even the unlearned understood him clearly. He was visionary, bold and fearless as the lion. He was not afraid to be different. He stood out of the bunch. He was excellence personified. He was generous and intelligent. He feared and loved God with an unparalleled passion. He is simply an uncommon person. Like a human comet, he has come and gone, but his impact and legacy lives on!

Pastor Tayo was never afraid of death; but more afraid of an un-lived life. He believes, you don't have to live forever, you just have to live - hence his favourite theme: Maximize Life! Since life is not under any obligation to always give us what we expect, his early exit from the big stage of life is one of those mysteries only to be understood on the other side of eternity. Pastor Tayo, we shall greatly miss you. Good night!

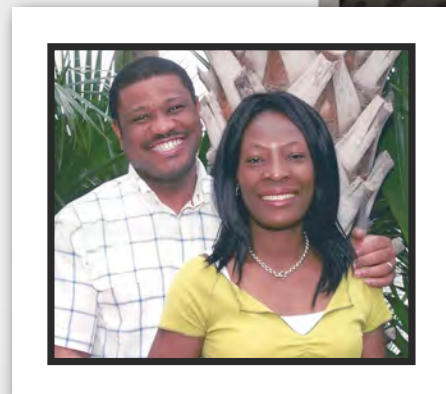
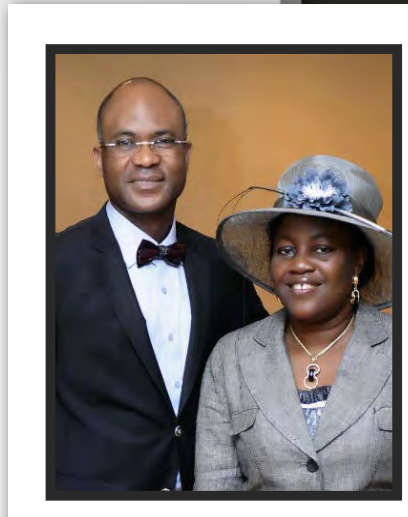
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Pastor Gbemi Jaiyebo

You meet them once in a very long while: gentle giants bestriding our universe with conviction and compassion. Pastor Tayo was one of them: courageous, tender, generous, innovative and industrious. We met in the summer of 1984 and from then I came to know him: compatriot, trustworthy and reliable friend, provocative thinker, visionary leader, insatiable learner, assiduous worker, dedicated teacher and excitable preacher. Don't fit in, stand out! was his charge. He had no tolerance for shoddy or sloppy work. The man is the ministry, he would say. He was meticulous in his preparations, painstaking with detail and excellence was his way of life. A peek into his study gives a glimpse into the discipline and industry that undergird his teaching series. He was passionate about people maximizing their potentials and his approach was to develop the whole man. He was on a mission, equipping people all over England, Europe, India, United States, Nigeria, Ghana, Tanzania and South Africa. Pastor T. was a liberated man: praying steadfastly, thinking deeply, laughing loudly, dancing freely, and crying unapologetically. He worked hard and played even harder, his loyalty was unquestionable and his kindness and generosity were inspiring. He was unique, yes, very special: not for lack of errors or the absence of mistakes but for his courage and candor to admit them and his fortitude to chart alternate courses.

As the fasting came to end on June 30, 2013 he entered into his Savior's Rest. We shall no longer hear those ebullient laughs, the jokes and most especially the hard truth spoken without embellishment. Pastor T. was a winner and a hero in life and in death. His beloved wife, Adejoke will miss his playfulness, mind-boggling insights, amazing foresight, thoughtfulness and authenticity. We trust God to comfort and uphold her. The boys are becoming men: Adeolu, Ore and Ife will miss his input in their respective transitions. As they explore his legacy, may the clues they discover be lights that lead them to the road each must find. A general in God's army is gone and he shall sorely be missed.

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Dr Mike Adebamowo

ASS. PROFESSOR & HOD, DEPT. OF ARCHITECTURE, UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS

Dr Tayo, my friend, my great leader and motivator since school days of almost 30 years who lived far ahead of all of us. Your message on “Counterfeit Salvation” at Ibadan in 1987 turned me a Preacher of the Gospel and ever since your life has been of tremendous service and great influence to humanity Dr Tayo, a trail blazer, a man of excellence with dogged determination, dexterity and exceeding great faith in God, you did everything so fast as if you knew you had a short time to accomplish the task.

Now that you have fought the good fight of faith, you have finished the race and have kept the faith, you are gone to receive the Crown of Righteousness.

A week before you departed my wife dug out your old messages and as we listened, we were trusting God for your healing. Only to receive the bombshell!, the great man with great zeal for God has gone to be with his Creator. Difficult to understand but we take solace in the sovereignty and goodness of the unquestionable God.

Our hearts go to Lady J, the 3 sons, Dr Tayo’s siblings, the Adeyemi’s family, Pastor Michael and the entire New Wine family. It is well with you all.

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Dr Ezekiel Alawale

SENIOR PASTOR, GOD’S VINEYARD MINISTRIES, UK

Pastor Tayo as I knew him; He was a blessing and source of inspiration to me, my family and our Ministry. I knew him as a kind hearted, amiable and accessible person. He was down to earth and highly principled. He had the spirit of excellence, and he did manifest it. He was exemplary in paying attention to details; he was unassuming. He brought distinction and excellence into Ministry.

Since I came to know him closely in the past seven years or so, I have known him as an honourable, generous and courteous man. He was a man of his words. Pastor Tayo was relational and a bridge builder, he did not despise people.

We have lost a General in the body of Christ, an industrious son of Africa. He was a teacher, whose message cuts across races and diverse cultures. The work God began through you is generational; you have set a high example, you have left behind a worth legacy of excellence and diligence. Though you are no more physically with us, your work and legacy speak on. Certainly, it is not how long, but how well.

Rest in the bosom of the Lord, till we meet again at His feet.

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ARE YOU LIVING FOR
Eternity?

DR TAYO ADEYEMI

I have a few questions for you today: what are you living for? What is the motivation behind everything you do? When you think of the expected end; when you think of the ultimate conclusion what comes to mind? What for you is the final analysis? From where you stand, how far into the future is the end?

If truth be told, far too many people live only for today; they are not thinking about the future. And if they are it doesn't go far enough. Their concept of the future is the next ten or twenty years. Not much more than that. Can you picture a future beyond fifty, a hundred or even a thousand years? Can you picture eternity?

When I was growing up as a Christian, some of the teaching we received was imbalanced. All the focus was on heaven and eternity. We sang songs like “this world is not my home”, “I’ve got a home in glory land that outshines the sun” and “some glad morning ... I’ll fly away”. As a result, we were raised as a bunch of ineffective and irrelevant Christians who were completely detached from their environment. Consequently, we made no impact.

We were terribly infested with an escapist mentality: “come Lord Jesus and take us out of this sinful world”. We were so heavenly minded that we were no earthly good. We just sat and let life happen to us.

Now over the years that imbalance has been redressed (thank God!), but unfortunately we have swung to the other extreme. We are now so focused on our lives on earth, we hardly ever hear any teaching about heaven or eternity. The only time most of us hear about eternity is when we get saved or when somebody dies. Consequently, a lot of us are now so earthly minded, we never figure eternity into what we do.

TO HEAVEN, THEN WHAT?

I think it is important that we live our lives with a consciousness of eternity. Why? The truth is you are going to live forever – whether you are a Christian or not; whether you are born again or not. So, let me ask you: Are you living for eternity?

Let’s take that one step further: what will your experience of eternity be? For most Christians, the answer to that question is; “I’m going to heaven”. But that only answers one part of the question. “I’m going to heaven” addresses the issue of where you will spend eternity. But still, there remains the question of how you will spend eternity. You’re going to heaven and then what?

In this world, we never visit a place just for the sake of visiting. What really makes the visit meaningful is what we do when we get there; how we spend our time there. We have not been taught nearly enough about how we will spend eternity. We have been told; “get saved and you will go to heaven”. But that is only the beginning of the story. Believing and getting saved only gets you into heaven. But when you get there, what will heaven be like for you?

Think of your favourite holiday destination. Not everyone who goes there on holiday has the same experience. Some have a five star holiday; others have a budget holiday. And when someone you know returns from their holiday, you are more concerned about how they spent their holiday than you are about where they spent their holiday.

Now this is the key: what you believe determines where you will spend eternity. But how you behave determines how you will spend eternity. And both are extremely important. What you believe unlocks the door to eternal life; how you behave unlocks the door to eternal reward. Receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and

Saviour will get you into heaven; but how you live after you get saved is what determines what heaven will be like for you. Settle it in your heart right now; heaven will not be the same for everyone. What you do now will determine what happens to you in eternity. And I'm talking about the ordinary, mundane activities of life; things you might not even consider particularly spiritual. Your relationships; how you treat strangers; your attitude at work; what you do with your leisure time; how you spend your money. Let me ask you again: are you living for eternity?

The choices we make in this life do not just evaporate and come to nothing when we die. They matter and will continue to matter throughout eternity. Remember, your eternal destination is the result of what you believe on earth; and your eternal compensation is the result of how you behave on earth. Both are extremely important.

We plan our weddings, birthday parties and our holidays with such great attention to detail. We plan our children's education and our retirement. What about our eternity. Let me ask you one more time: are you living for eternity?

TWO KINDS OF REWARD

As you go through the gospels, you will find that Jesus spoke about two kinds of reward. He spoke about temporal rewards and eternal rewards. There are certain things that we do and we receive our reward in this life. In Galatians 6:9 Paul said *"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart"*.

When we do good in this life, we reap certain rewards. For instance, there are temporal rewards for making the right choices in life – choices about our habits, relationships, finance and so on. There are temporal rewards for walking in certain divine principles; hard work, discipline, generosity, prayer and so on.

However, the rewards that Jesus spoke about the most are eternal rewards. Unfortunately, many believers do not know the difference between temporal reward and eternal reward. So they are expecting God to reward them in this life for things that He promised to reward in eternity.

And this lack of basic understanding can lead to a great deal of frustration. That is when you hear statements like; "I am serving God with all my heart, how come I am struggling in some areas of my life? Doesn't God care?" Scripture makes it abundantly clear that God is a rewarder (Hebrews 11:6). But sometimes it is difficult to tell if He is speaking of temporal reward or eternal reward.

It is my firm conviction that we should claim every promise that God has for us in this life. I do not subscribe to the idea that treats every promise of God with a "pie-in-the-sky-when-you-die" mentality. I believe we short change ourselves tremendously when we postpone all of God's promises and see them only in the context of the future.

UNDERSTANDING ETERNAL REWARD

But I believe it is just as wrong to expect everything we do in this life to be rewarded here and now. Eternal reward is a strong scriptural reality. And it would save us a lot of frustration if we took the time to understand its place in the scheme of things. Let's quickly look at two references that Jesus made to eternal reward.

"Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets." Luke 6: 22,23

"Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbours, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just." Luke 14: 12-14

Jesus makes it clear that there is coming a day when we will all appear before the judgement seat of Christ to receive our reward. So how will it be on that day? Just what will it be like? Paul gives us some insight.

"But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God". "So then each of us shall give account of himself to God". Romans 14:10-12

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." 2 Corinthians 5:10

The first thing I want you to notice in these two passages is that our judgement will be an individual thing. You will not be rewarded because you went to a fantastic church; or because you were part of a powerful prayer group. You will be rewarded purely on the basis of the decisions you made and the things you did.

The picture that comes to mind here is the Olympic games. An athlete has spent months in intense training. Think of the gruelling exercise regime, the self denial in diet and other social habits, the strict discipline. Think of the sweat, the grime, the muscle cramps and the many moments of almost giving up. The fierce competition, the intense contest ... finally the victory is won.

Now, it's time to receive the award. She steps up to the centre podium, her country's national anthem reverberates through the entire stadium. Her nation's flag waves in the spotlight. The whole stadium breaks out in rapturous applause as the Olympic official drapes a gold medal around her neck. A glorious moment. Always. It brings some to tears.

Now, all that will be nothing compared to your own award day. That day when you stand before Jesus, the judge of the whole earth.

AWARD DAY

Imagine all the saints from every tribe, tongue and kindred; from every nation; every generation; every denomination – standing before the throne of the Most High. A book is opened; it's the book of life. No problem, your name is in it. Then another set of books are opened. These books contain your works; everything you ever did in your life time. Jesus does not need to read because He knows everything written in them. But they are opened anyway.

As you stand before Jesus, His eyes pierce through your very being. He knows the detail of every cell in your resurrected body. He has a number for every hair on your head. He understands the nuances of every fibre of your being. He knows your temperament, your personality, your motives. He knows the deepest secrets of your heart. He knows everything you have ever done and He knows why you did it. And if anyone qualifies to judge you, He does; because He is both God and Man.

He is God. The ultimate expression of perfection. The thrice holy God; the one whom the angels describe as "Holy, Holy, Holy". He understands perfect justice from heaven's perspective; but He also knows what it is to live in the muck and mire of daily human existence. He has experienced both sides. He knows.

He knows everything you've ever thought, said or done. He knows what you did and why you did it. He understands every minute detail and every intricate complexity of what made up your life. Nothing is hidden from Him. He knows everything. He knows. And you that He knows. And He knows that you know that He knows.

All of heaven is at attention. You could hear a pin drop. You're standing there, shaking like a leaf, not really sure what He is going to say. Then His face cracks into a big smile, He nods His head and says "well done". All of heaven breaks into applause.

WELL DONE

He awards you, not a gold medal (or a cheap imitation thereof), but a crown of the purest solid gold! Then they play an anthem. Not your country's national anthem, but your own personal anthem – a song specially composed by angels as a tribute to you. This song describes every detail of your character, your likes and dislikes, and draws attention to the things you did in the flesh, big or small. But most importantly, you hear those two words "well done!"

Now why will He say well done? By what standard will He judge you. On what criteria will He base the decision to commend and reward you? It will be based on whether or not your work stands the test. What test? *“According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”* 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Notice that it is not you who is being tested here. You have passed your own test; your destination is secure. The foundation has been established; you have already received Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. So what is being tested here? Your works. That which you spent your entire life time building. It will be tested, not in terms of the shape and size of what you built (many will be disappointed to discover!), but in terms of what material you built with. You can either build with gold, silver and precious stones on the one hand; or with wood, hay and straw on the other.

WILL IT SURVIVE?

Fire will be applied to your work. And the question is “will it survive?” The truth is that it is not possible to look at two believers or two ministers and decide at face value which one’s work will burn or which one’s work will endure. God has not given us that prerogative; and it will be presumptuous for us to arrogate it ourselves.

So how can I know the true quality of what I am building? Paul said it will be revealed, it will become clear for the day will declare it. 1 Corinthians 3:13. Depending on how your work performs in the fire, you will either be asked to step forward and receive a reward or you will barely scrape through into heaven yourself – as one who passes through a wall of fire.

How will your life add up in eternity? Is it possible to know before the judgement day how your work will fare? Yes. The bible gives us a few pointers. First your love for God. God is more concerned about your walk with Him than He is about your work for Him. As a matter of fact, your work for God must flow out of your walk with Him.

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’” Matthew 7:21-23

Notice that Jesus’ contention wasn’t that they did not do all the things that they claimed. His contention was that there was no intimate relationship between Him and them; “I never knew you”. In Revelation 2:2-4, the church of Ephesus was commended for their works, yet Jesus admonished them because they had lost their first love. Their passion for God had grown cold.

The second pointer is your love for people. It is possible to serve God without loving Him. It is also possible to serve people without loving them.

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

No wonder Jesus reminded us to love God with all our hearts and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

It is very clear in scripture that if our work does not pass the test – if it does not survive the fire – we will suffer loss. 1 Corinthians 3:15. This is a concept a lot of Christians struggle to appreciate. Is it true that there will be a sense of loss or regret in heaven? My bible says so.

“And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.” 1 John 2:28

“Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.” 2 John 8

If we lose our reward, God will not love us any less. In fact Revelation 21:14 says He will wipe away every tear from our eyes. But we will live forever in the consciousness that things could have been different. Eternal reward is a reality. Let’s strive to receive God’s best.

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Over and over during His earthly ministry, Jesus spoke about servants who were commissioned to take care of valuable asset belonging to their master. Sometimes it was money, at other times it was a field or a vineyard or a household. And each time, He started the parable by saying “the kingdom of God is like ...” It was almost as if He was trying to tell us: “This is what the kingdom is all about. If you want to know what eternity will look like, this is the glimpse into eternity that you need”.

And in those parables we see the word “steward” appear again and again. A steward is different from a servant – he has greater responsibility than other servants. A steward has been charged with the responsibility of managing the asset of his master. That word “steward” in the New Testament comes from the Greek word “Oikonomos”, which means “manager” or “overseer”. Literally, a “house distributor”. This person was usually a favoured or a freed slave to whom the master had entrusted the management of his affairs. Joseph in Potiphar’s house was a typical example of a steward in the Old Testament. Because of this position of trust, the master demands faithfulness from the steward (1 Corinthians 4:2).

In the parable that Jesus told, we see a common pattern. The master commits resources into the hands of the stewards and commissions them on an assignment. He then leaves for a far country, giving the stewards the opportunity to fulfill their commission. Later the master returns, demands an account from the stewards and rewards them accordingly.

In every case, the stewards are given the opportunity to prove themselves – to be faithful or be unfaithful. Like those stewards, you and I have been commissioned to manage asset for our Master. What is that asset? Our lives and everything that comes with it. The sum total of our time, talents, treasures, our strengths, our skills, our personality, our interests – everything.

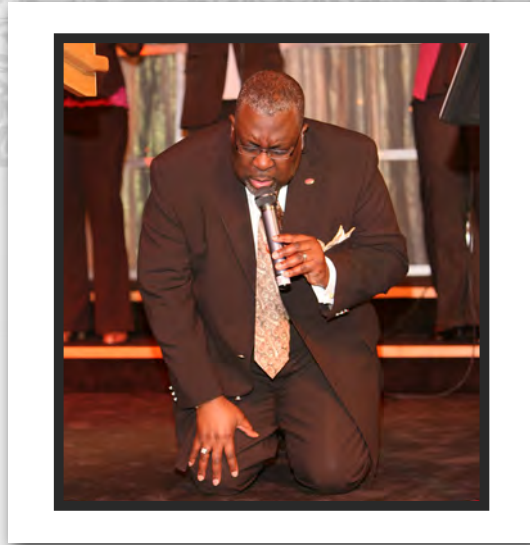
Our mandate is to manage our lives and everything that God has given us in such a way that it greatly increases His kingdom. And everyday, we need to ask ourselves; “what kind of steward am I?” “How well am I doing with the asset that has been placed in my care?” The truth is, whether we are asking those questions or not, we are actually answering them - everyday! Deliberately or not, everyday we are deciding what kind of steward we will be. We are deciding how we will steward the opportunities committed to our trust. We are deciding by our attitudes and actions. As stewards our primary aim must be to please our Master; to honour Him with what He has entrusted to us.

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Don’t be fooled into thinking that God is not concerned about what you do with the resources and opportunities He has entrusted to you - He is. He expects you to take the resources of your life and multiply them greatly. It matters to Him that you make the most of everything He has given you. And when you are faithful in little, He makes you ruler over much. He gives you a commendation and a reward. He invites you to reign with Him for all eternity. We become partners with God in administering rulership and dominion over His kingdom. Our opinion will matter, our decisions will carry weight. He even said we will judge the angels! In this life, we are called to serve; in the next we are called to rule. Serve faithfully here, rule gloriously there.

My friend, there is a great reward and a great commendation that awaits you in eternity. Live your life in such a way that He can say to you “well done”.

It’s time to move beyond this life. It’s time to start to live for eternity ■



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