

THE TWELFTH COLLECTIVE

WE WANT TO FORMALLY INVITE YOU TO BE A PART OF

The Praying Creative

21 DAYS OF PRAYING AND INTERCEEDING
FOR KINGDOM CREATIVES

JOURNAL (WEEK 4)

WEEK FOUR

THE EMERGENCE

LET'S GET A BIT OF CONTEXT

This theme for this week is EMERGE!

What does this mean ?

To begin to exist or reveal from hiding, begin to have power and influence. Some creatives in this season have been in a place where they are not functioning in the area God has called them to, while others have been functioning but the heart motive and intentions go against his characteristic and nature . As we have progressed on this 21 day journey there is a need for the creative to begin to exist and display God's power and influence through their creative craft . It's time to move from autopilot mode to the mode of emergence. Gone are the days where we create without much thinking or intentionality . Your gifting serves a purpose which is....to glorify God , to show His love and to display His power.

This week we would be looking from the following angles:

- **Stewarding your gifts/crafts**
- **Skill and anointing**
- **The spirit of excellence**
- **Arise and shine**

STEWARDING YOUR CREATIVE GIFT AND CRAFT

The word steward /stewardship is the act of taking care and managing something. Another definition states the "responsible management or planning of resources". God has created us to not only be stewards of this earth but to steward things that he has put on the inside of us.

James 1:17 lets us know that

"Every good and perfect gift comes from above."

However just because the gift is in us, if it is not nurtured, developed and exercised, that gift will remain dormant. We have the responsibility to tend to gift, to manage, to take care of the resources that God has given us! Not God but each and everyone of us!

Where do we see stewardship in the bible?

Genesis 1:28

"And God blessed them. And God said to them, be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

God's original call to stewardship requires humanity to cultivate and care for His creation using the gifts and talents He has endowed to every one of us. This is further reiterated in God's words to Noah found in Genesis 9:1-7, part of which reads:

"And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.... And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it."

Whenever we see repetition in the scripture we must pay close attention.

The Bible emphasizes the importance of the creative using the priceless gifts that God has given us to pour them out as a sacrifice in service to Him and to our fellow man. This is what the Bible calls stewardship.

The outcome of good stewardship

As creatives when we take the time to invest in ourselves and develop our craft we can expect to see fruitfulness, multiplication, and dominion, which can manifest in different ways. Diligence brings forth fruit and therefore we will begin to see improvement in our creative ability, and we gain a level of mastery in that area. Our consistency will yield multiplication through an increase in open doors. As God sees that He can trust us with little, greater responsibility will come that will allow us to dominate.

Stewardship requires accountability

In the book of Matthew 25:14- 30 Jesus Gives a parable of the talents. Jesus told several parables in which He used stewardship as metaphor for how His kingdom operates. Each one ends with the steward giving an account of what he had done with the master's property. In the same way, we are stewards of everything we have been given, including our time, money, abilities, wisdom, relationships, and authority.

God is holding us accountable to the gifts he has placed inside of us.

Reflection

Prayer and Action : Ask the holy spirit to reveal to you the areas in which you can develop your creative craft. Write these down and take actionable steps, e.g this could be a short course, getting training, researching a new technique, have a timetable for content creation. Dont just pray about it but have the courage to take action

LET'S REFLECT

DAY SIXTEEN
MONDAY 27TH MARCH

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LET'S REFLECT

DAY SEVENTEEN

TUESDAY 28TH MARCH

THE SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE

Excellence can be defined as "high quality "being outstanding" or "extremely good". Excellence can also be an attribute or characteristic possessed by someone or something . We as creatives possess these attributes, therefore excellence is not something we do but something we become .

Excellence is a habit that becomes a lifestyle/ pattern in ALL aspect/areas of life and is made permanent through consistent discipline and practice.

Daniel 6:3 says

"Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm."

Notice the Bible focus of Daniel as a one who possessed excellence first and not on the things his excellence produced. An excellent spirit was in him , it was an attribute of Daniel, it was a part of who he had become which in turn allowed him to reproduce excellence in all areas of his life . It also his excellence that made him shine above all his peers, he was favoured, he was set apart. We mentioned a habit is something done repeatedly. It is these habits we have that shape are life and who we become . To see excellence in our creative endeavours is a habit we must develop. Becoming excellent and striving for excellence in all things you do even the small instills this habit. As creatives you cannot reproduce what you have not yet become !

Most of the time when we think about the word excellence and what it entails, we don't associate it with becoming. We tend to only recognise excellence with things that are being done on big scale like a big opportunity etc . Excellence can be practiced in the small things from how you present yourself to how you complete task , your approach to your job etc .It is a way of life, it is a lifestyle that is constantly worked through in all seasons of life .

Lets look at the case study of Joseph
Genesis 39- 41 :

- **Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers and suffered a great injustice**
- **He became a servant at his Egyptian masters household and it was said of him that “The Lord was with Joesph so he succeed in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master”**
- **Even when he was placed in the prison he was given a leadership role in the prison because he proved to be excellent in the task given to him .**
- **In the palace Joseph was able to not only interpret his dream but give creative strategy on how the economy of Egypt could still thrive even in drought . Which then led him to be the delegated ruler of the land . He became second in command after pharaoh .**
(Genesis 41)

Through the slavery , serving as a servant , being a prisoner , becoming ruler of Egypt , Joseph showed a pattern of excellence . Regardless of where he found himself, Joseph was constant in all phases and seasons of his life. Creatives don't let focus be on your output be excellent but rather work on becoming excellent . As we become excellent everything we reproduce will highlight excellence and demonstrate His glory .

Reflections

Remember this :

Excellence is a habit that becomes a lifestyle / pattern of life when and is made permanent through consistent discipline.

What areas in your life are short of excellent? How can we become excellent in those areas?

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DAY EIGHTEEN
WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH

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SKILL VS ANNOINTING

What is the difference ?

Skill is defined as the ability to do something well.

Anointing is defined as what makes an ordinary man do the supernatural or extraordinary.

In order for us to truly emerge as Christian creatives, we have to be both skilled and anointed . It is the mastery of your skill and the anointing that will give your creativity, cutting edge . The question now is how can we achieve a balance . How can we attain skill and annointing?

God formed man from the dust of the earth and then breathed into Him according to Genesis 2:7. When God did this, He wasn't breathing oxygen into man. What He did was breathe His true nature into Him. As such, when man became a living soul, He was the very image of God. He displayed the attributes of God. One of His many attribute includes "creativity," the ability to birth something from nothing. The anointing has the power to give you supernatural ability to create . We see this in the book of Exodus 31: 1-5. God gave Moses comprehensive instructions for the tabernacle, right down to the smallest detail. The Lord wanted the children of Israel to build a sanctuary that would be His dwelling place so He could dwell with the people . This was a very big task but there was a certain man that the Lord had gifted with the skillset to complete bring the plans to reality.

"See, I have been called by name Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. "I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship, to make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, that he may work in all kinds of craftsmanship." Bezalel was the very first person in the entire Bible to ever be filled with the Holy Spirit! Within him he had the supernatural ability for creativity.

He was anointed by God to cut stones, carve wood, and create beautiful things with gold, silver and bronze! To Bezalel, artistry was spiritual!

Dear Creative, God has anointed you to. To grow in that anointing you must prioritize living a life filled by the spirit of God . When we continue to fellowship with the spirit not because we want to create but to know him , we build a reservoir of his spirit on the inside of us . Scripture mentions that out of our bellies will flow rivers of living waters . Your fellowship with Him allows you to create from a place of overflow .

The scripture also mentioned how Bezalel was filled with knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship (Exodus 35:31), to make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, that he may work all kinds of craftsmanship' (v3-4) . This skill was given by God the creator. He was chosen by God to be involved in the process of building the sanctuary , because he had developed a level of skill and mastery in his gifting that was supernaturally enhanced by the spirit of God .

As a creative commit to developing your skill , the Bible states that you will appear before great men . In other words your creative giftings will impact people of influence and power . Your skill gets you into the door and your anointing will keep you there and allow you to display His power. 1 Samuel 16:16 David was called upon to play for Saul because he was a skilled musician , it was his skill that allowed him to play before the king . The scripture mentions that anytime David played the tormenting spirit would depart from Saul . Because David was skilled and a man of the spirit, God used him as a vessel to bring deliverance to the king .

**Do you know that your creative gifting can be used to impact change ?
Will you commit to gaining mastery over your gifts ?**

Will you prioritize your fellowship with the spirit ? Your answers to the following questions will identify where you are at on the scale of skill vs anointing .

Reflection

Read the passages Exodus 31 and 1 Samuel 16 , what do you notice about what the scriptures reveals about a creatives skill and being spirit filled? How will you now apply this to your life?

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DAY NINETEEN
THURSDAY 30TH MARCH

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Reflections

Remember this :

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Look at your habits ? Make a list of Good habits vs Bad habits ?

How consistently do you practice those good and bad habbits ?

What do you need to cut out / implement ?

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DAY TWENTY

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

ARISE AND SHINE

Dear creative, we have journeyed over the past 21 days and have dealt with different themes such as our identity, heart posture , partnering with the Holy Spirit and emerging . The question now is WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!

Scripture allows us to know that the steps of a righteous man are ordered by God ! Yes this may be the end of the 21 day of fasting and prayer but what if God needs you to press in a little bit longer, what if He needs you to go back to a certain week and deal with a particular area that hasn't quite aligned with His will.

Don't be in a hurry to leave this place of consecration. Allow him to fully complete the process that He has started in you !

Whether your journey goes beyond the 21 days or not ! We will all come to a season as creatives where we have to put what we have learnt into practice !

There is a call for you to ARISE AND SHINE! We must come into the full manifestation of all God has called us to be ! As we behold and mirror the glory of God , we are progressively transformed . Therefore, as we journey with Abba in our creativity we are continually evolving to become what he has planned long before the earth was formed . The book of Isaiah 60:1 states ARISE [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you—rise to a new life]! SHINE (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! As we move into new dimensions in Him and our creativity we begin to show forth His glory ! It's is His light in us that allows us to create.

Matthew 5:16 talks about letting your light shine so bright that men can see your good works and give glory to the Father in Heaven ! Scriptures refers to Christ being the light of the world . Therefore the light we as creatives are showing to the world is in-fact the light of Christ !

There is a call to more ! Your creative sphere and gifting has an assignment! Do not look down on small beginnings continue to steward it and be faithful and do not be attracted to the big wins. Be trustworthy with what God has given you to nurture and you shall reap the fruits of it!!

Reflection

1. Ask the Holy Spirit if there any week he would like you to revisit within the 21 days? Any area He needs you to dwell a little longer on?
2. Ask God to reveal to you strategy on how you can let his light shine through your creativity . Write this down, share strategy with the right counsel and put it into action.

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DAY TWENTY - ONE

MONDAY 3RD APRIL

END OF WEEK FOUR PRAYER

IDENTITY

Spirit of the Living God, I thank you for today.
I thank you for all that you do concerning me and my life
Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gift(s) you have bestowed on to me.
Thank you Lord for this season of waiting and praying.
Thank you for time in your presence.
Lord Jesus thank you for the "What's Next?" phase that I am in.
Lord you who gave me the gift has a plan
And a purpose for this gift. God I pray
That the purpose you have over my life
Will come into fulfilment in Jesus Name
That every work of my hand is one
Step closer to fulfilling your will.
I speak to the spirit of fear, anxiety, doubt, pride, distraction,
delay and I say they have no hold over me. From this
Day onwards I walk with courage and boldness
Of my father.
I pray that resources, connections, opportunities are
Coming my way.
Before I venture into any project
Give my a discerning spirit
To determining what is over you and not of you
May I never loose track of
The main goal but remain focused on you
I pray that strength to not be
Discouraged, disheartened or dismayed
When people don't respond to my work.
May I be accustomed to the audience of one
And not serve and entertain man
I pray that those who engage in my work
Will see a receive a new revelation of God
As I am preparing to
Emerge guide me and be a lamp on to my feet.
Make every crooked path straight
And may I develop a hunger to show forth
Your glory more and more each and
Everyday
In Jesus name.

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Creative Workshop **WHAT'S NEXT?** EVENT SCHEDULE

- THE AUDIENCE OF ONE THURSDAY 13TH APRIL 6:30PM
- THE NEW WINESKINS THURSDAY 20TH APRIL 6:30PM
- THE EMERGING CREATIVES THURSDAY 27TH APRIL 6:30PM

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