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THE COMMISSION

It was a great morning for me while attending an interview session in Amersham, England for a post with one of the charities, I did not get this job also due to unique challenges related to being sponsored by an employer and my Visa category was different. The Executive Director was asking the questions; I forget the name of the charity organization, but it was Christian. After explaining myself, He looked up at me and said the following.

‘Florence, there is a calling of God for you for women and it’s a big call. You have got to answer it. God’s purpose for you in this work is great indeed’

I was overwhelmed at God’s faithfulness and how He continues to reveal His purpose for me. This was a stranger and after He spoke those words, I felt such peace and joy and was like; even if I do not get tis job, I got a message from God.

Well, it was in 2005 while at Makerere University and serving as the Chairlady for the great Mary Stuart Hall that God began to place upon my heart a burden for fellow women in the Kingdom, He whispered to me saying, “start an initiative to raise up women after my heart and call it Real Women”. Indeed, even after I met the love of my life, I shared with him this vision and he embraced it. I believe that God has called me to equip believers in the Word but also given me a unique ministry to women.

When my husband started Christ the Foundation Ministries in

Yei South Sudan and I later joined him, the Real women vision burned, and God used me to leave a mark in that community and in the lives of different women through the daughters of Zion initiatives targeting adolescent girls and the Real women conferences that were hosted annually. While in the UK serving with Great Commission Ministries in Barking East London, the Founding Pastor appointed me to be the Vice chairperson of the Great Women initiative serving alongside His wife and other great women of God. I did have an opportunity to speak to women at conferences and it was here that God instructed me to write my fourth book in 2017 (For Pastor's Wives) which the Lord led me to write to encourage women married to Pastors and other women in ministry.

At the center of my heart is a desire to see women live free and confident lives. I desire to see women building each other up instead of tearing each other. My heart beats to empower girls to attain a good education and how life transforming this can be. My career is also built around empowering women and girls to overcome effects of abuse, violence and be all that they were created to be.

I invite you to partner with me as I build this God given vision for the glory of our master!

In His service!

Florence Nassali Kayiwa

ORIGINAL FORWARD (2014)

I confess; I have not known Florence Kayiwa for very long. I have lived in South Sudan for 6 years, but she came to join us in Across whilst I was in the UK. But in the short time I have known her; I have been blessed by her presence. She is truly a confident woman, who knows her identity is not in where she comes from, or that she is married, or a mother, or talents she has, but her true identity is in Christ.

Confidence is something I have struggled with for much of my life, though through the Lord's grace and friends He has put in my path over the years, I have overcome much of what I struggled with. I also have come to realize that, just as I am – I am a precious Child of God. I do not need to add other things to my appearance to be accepted, though that is not wrong. I am who I am because He has made me. I am His, and it is His grace shining through me, it is the character that he has put in me, which He uses. I trust Him for my future, thanking Him for what I believe He will do for me, even though He is not doing these things in my timing! Each secret has truths for you, but secret five is one which stood out for me. Be yourself. There will never be another you. The book of Ephesians (1:4) tells us that even BEFORE HE created the world, God loved us and chose us! Just stop and think about that for one moment. The creator of the whole universe chose YOU before He even created the world! And He created you to do good things he planned for us long ago (Eph 2:10). Sadly, the devil will always try to pull us down and sow lies into our minds; he will often work through other

people to do this. If you have had people speak insults, abuses, or generally negative words to you – know they are NOT from the Lord. He speaks to build up, to encourage, leading us onwards. But the way that we are created means that words do hurt, they scar our hearts and they prevent us from being the women that God created us to be. This gives us also a huge responsibility to the children we are in contact with. We do not want to be those people who scar their hearts and pull them down with the words we use. Yet if those are the words that we heard when we were growing up, sometimes they seem to come naturally and it can be hard to speak positive words into their lives.

BUT! Jesus can and will remove those words from our minds and hearts, and replace them with His healing power and love. If you have words over you which still hurt you, find a mirror, stand in front of it now, and say out loud – as many times as you need to do so for it to sink into your heart: ‘I am precious. I am chosen. I am incredible. Jesus loves me; always has done and always will do.’

So – I commend this book to you. Florence has a natural way of writing and a passion for what she writes about. Read it, more than once; allow the words and the truth to sink into your hearts. YOU ARE AMAZING.

Ruth Radley

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to all the women who have confidence in their God and have purposed to partner with Him to shape their destiny.

APPRECIATION

My sincere appreciation to my Lord and savior Jesus Christ for revealing his unending love to me & showing me that I count.

My appreciation too to my life partner, friend, husband& Pastor; Charles Kayiwa for loving and believing in me. You are God sent. To my sons; Israel, Tendo and Joshua: you make life better.

My gratitude to all those Men and Women of God that have stood with me along this journey of discovering the will of God for my life and are still guiding me.

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To all my friends, daughters in the spirit, sisters, relations and colleagues in the mission for Women empowerment, you rock!

INTRODUCTION

To be confident is to have a feeling or belief that you can do something well or succeed at something according to the Merriam Webster learners' dictionary. There are many things that we have, do and say that can bring confidence to us. Our looks, education, wealth, social status and other achievements can bring confidence to us. This is ok but we should always have it in mind that they are only temporary. It would then imply that the lack of or shortage of such things would leave us feeling less important and of low self confidence.

My heart often breaks when I see ladies trying to derive their confidence from money, looks, hair styles, children, husbands, and beauty. When they put on an extra pound, they then feel horrible and unattractive which is often followed by vigorous and ridiculous ways of losing weight. If that is not a success, then they are not pretty enough and so not confident. I do not mean that we should not watch our weight; in fact overweight comes with several complications. What I do mean is that you should not necessarily be model slim to be confident. God has created you uniquely and with peculiar gifting. There can never be another you. You are wonderfully and fearfully made in God's image.

(Gen 1:27 [ESV])

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ”

You should know that whether you are tall, short, thin, black, brown, white, etc, you are beautifully and wonderfully made in God's image. Quit wishing you were another person for you will always be you. Look after yourself, love yourself and be happy. Life is to be enjoyed. God loves you and you should love yourself. You can not appreciate others if you do not appreciate yourself.

That is why I have written this book. To speak to you heart to heart. To show you that by receiving God's love through Jesus Christ, we can have an unshakable source of confidence. Jesus loves you. He knows the number of hairs on your head. He will always look out for you. Your confidence should come from the realization of this fact. You are God's princess. You have a destiny to fulfil. We are living in a world full of negativity, but the Word of God has power to transform us, heal us, forgive us, cleanse us and set us free from all bondage.

In the following pages, I explore those secrets that I have learned will help the women of today to regain and build their confidence. Be my guest!

MY TESTIMONY

As a young girl, I was sure of my parent's love but did not know how to represent myself to the world. With teens peer pressure at school, the world taught that esteem came from beauty, education, and social class. If you were not from a posh family, then you were less. This left me with very low esteem round my peers as I tried to be like them. I was happy only if I was reassured of my beauty, school status and not if I felt less than my friends. Besides the spirit of rejection was hovering over my life and I seemed to be a loner. I was often misjudged and ill treated for no reason. On the outside I was the young beautiful, quiet, humble girl but inside I was so low, miserable, and undefined. I did not know who I would become after my studies or where I was going. I was just attending school.

Then the transformation started in December 1999 when I gave my life to Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and savior. I still remember His vivid touch in the school chapel while at King's College Budo one afternoon while in prayer with other fellowship members in 2000. This marked the beginning of a journey of peace, deliverance, liberty, and confidence. It was like shells breaking off of my eyes. The joy stemmed from realizing that God knew me too. That He had a good plan for my life followed by a series of preparations for ministry. Right through my years at Makerere University, it was clearly obvious to my former classmates that I was a transformed person. The previously shy, timid, worldly, insecure girl was now representing ladies on the student guild and a leader on the

Makerere University Christian Union Executive Committee and settling for more.

It was at Makerere University, that God began putting a burden on me for fellow women in the Kingdom of God. God wants us to live happily and fulfilled. Confidence does not mean arrogance. Confidence is being aware of your gifting and abilities for success. It is not competition, it is complementation. A confident woman does not want to be aman, no! She wants to excel in life with the abilities God has given her. As my father always said; "There should be equality of opportunities for girls too". A father of mainly girls, He set out to give us a descent education with a basic salary of an accounting officer. I am forever grateful to him.

Confidence does not mean arrogance. It is being aware of your gifting and abilities for success.

My top confidence secret: My confidence does not come from my beauty, education, gifting, or earthly possessions; it comes from God, my maker and from receiving His Love revealed through His son, Jesus Christ. The gifts and possessions are additions to service my existence before I go Home to glory. That is why I smile, hope, love, believe and live life with enthusiasm. I know who holds my future. Am confident that He will never leave me nor forsake me.

This is an expanded version of the first original copy of this book printed in 2014 while I was still in Yei, South Sudan serving the Lord alongside my husband and leading the Women's ministry. God has continued to be faithful to me down the years and I have

dived deeper into understanding my unique calling for greatness and my purpose in Him. In 2015, My Lord opened the UK door when I attained the Commonwealth Scholarship to pursue my Masters degree at King's College London. This was such a big breakthrough that God did for this His daughter. God connected me to amazing women and men while in London, United Kingdom and I saw His divine power and favor.

As a confident woman (after the realization that am inherently loved by God), the gift God placed in my life made room for me to speak at women conferences and also co-lead women ministries. I was appointed to be the Vice Chairperson of the Greats Women at the Great Commission Church in Barking East London where I connected to powerful women of God that understood the power at work in them. It was an amazing season of self-discovery and continuing the work of God for His glory.

For nearly four years now, I have worked with the International Rescue Committee in Uganda and beyond as a leader in the Women's protection and Empowerment Sector where I have got an opportunity to serve my passion of empowering women and girls in vulnerable situations by guiding and leading such teams in close coaching with the technical unit.

I have also founded the Global Real Women Foundation (formerly registered company in Uganda) and with website at <https://globalrealwomen.org/>. Projects like the Ssali Education Fund (in honor of my father's commitment to educating the girl child),

FLO food bank (feeding the widows and vulnerable girls, women conferences and sessions are making a difference in the lives of women at Kitebi, a Kampala suburb and beyond. The Global Real Women Foundation is also the brand name and women wing under the Foundation Tabernacle church in Kitebi that I co lead with my husband; Pastor Charles Kayiwa.

I implore you to seek God first (Mathew 6:33) and understand His unique purpose for you and all these other things will pursue you.

But first and most importantly seek (aim at, strive after) His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right—the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also.

Matthew 6:33

Beauty is fleeting and fades but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised forever (Proverbs 31:30). God is above all and will heal you and restore the wasted years. We serve a God who can do exceedingly, abundantly and above what you can ever think or imagine.

❖ **Secret One: The fear of God**

The bible says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom. **(Prov 1:7 [ESV])**

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

Every confident woman has reverence for God as her maker and shows this in deed. By deed I mean in actions, dressing, talk and associations. She knows God’s place; that He is omnipotent and omnipresent. She knows that He solely knows her destiny from the beginning and the end. She therefore seeks his face, wisdom and guidance through prayer, the Word and fellowship with other brethren. This is not something she does **only** on a bad day. She will do this in the good and bad times as she places her life in His able hands. She gains confidence from Knowing that her future and that of her loved ones is in God’s hands. In other words, she gives God first place in all she does.

As a mother, she knows that teaching her children God’s ways is her priority for when they grow; they will not depart from them. By fearing God, the confident woman views the world through the Knowledge revealed in God’s Word. She delights in God’s Word. **(Ps 119:16 [ESV])**

“I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.”

The fear of God is not a confession; it is a pattern of life

We have many women in the bible that feared God and He saved their generations. In this era where evil has multiplied and sin is normalized, we need mothers to arise and stand in the gap for their families and children., The fear of God is more than going to church on Sunday. It is the trust, confidence, and total dependence on God. The fear of God points to a life surrendered to God where a woman realizes that God is her absolute source, anchor, strength, and reward. Fellow sisters, the Word of God is clear in Hebrews 11:6; (Whoever comes to God must believe that He is and is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him) God is real; God is able, and God can.

In life, we esteem people and things. Some of us, when we were growing up, whatever our parents said was final and we did not argue with them because we respected and revered them. How much more for the creator of the universe? When you choose to fear God, He will esteem you and invade your life with goodness. God is looking for true worshippers in truth and spirit. God has got to be your number one priority and following after His precepts should be your life goal.

Trials will come, yes, they will but if you have made the Lord your refuge and strength, none of it can destroy you. (Psalms 91:1-11).

- 1** *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.*
- 2** *I will say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."*
- 3** *Surely He will deliver you
from the snare of the fowler,
and from the deadly plague.*
- 4** *He will cover you with His feathers;
under His wings you will find refuge;
His faithfulness is a shield and rampart.*
- 5** *You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,*
- 6** *nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the calamity that destroys at noon.*
- 7** *Though a thousand may fall at your side,
and ten thousand at your right hand,
no harm will come near you.*
- 8** *You will only see it with your eyes
and witness the punishment of the wicked.*
- 9** *Because you have made the LORD your dwelling—
my refuge, the Most High—*
- 10** *no evil will befall you,
no plague will approach your tent.*
- 11** *For He will command His angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.*

I love this Psalm because it assures us of God's faithfulness, protection and covering if we will make Him our shelter and shield.

Because Esther feared the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, she was able to stand for the Jews and went before the King uninvited after praying and fasting to preserve them from Herman's planned death attacks. She remembered that it was God that had elevated her and was not even afraid to die in this quest for God's will! The fear of God brought victory to Israel through Deborah and His glory manifested. What can more can I share of the godly women in the bible that still speak to us of God's faithfulness! It was the fear and reverence that Mary the mother of our King had for her God that separated her to carry the Master; she wondered how this would happen, but the angel assured her that the spirit of the Lord would overshadow her. There were many virgins at that time in Israel, but the hand of God fell on Mary because she feared God.

“In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27. to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.

31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Highest. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

(Luke 1: 26-33)

In the verses above, Mary found favor with God because she feared Him. The fear she had for God drew His divine favor and not only was she set to marry from David's lineage but that she would carry the savior of the World. No one in her family knew and expected that she would be singled out by God. It was like one of those other days but the Lord came and visited her. Whatever you are doing for God, do not lose hope and give up. Like Mary, if you persist with God, your visitation will surely come and will transform and change your life.

God is looking for women and young girls through whom He will manifest His glory. God has not changed; the world can change but God's Word has not changed. People can leave you and change but not God! If you will make Him your refugee and fortress, He will always amaze you and lift you up for His glory.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom; Fearing God will not only preserve and protect you but will bring wisdom. Wisdom is the principal thing. Confident women know that with wisdom, they can build their homes and cities. A wise woman knows how

to fight her battles; not only on her knees through dedicated prayers but by choosing her words, friends, and acquaintances carefully. Wise and confident women know that quarreling does not settle disputes or build friendships. Confident women know when and how to speak because they have reaped wisdom from the fear of the Lord. Wisdom will dictate to you how to handle marital conflicts, work battles and stresses of life and leave you at peace.

Because of wisdom gained from fearing God, the confident women knows that timing is a necessity. They can know when their season has arrived and what they ought to do. Like the sons of Issachar wise women understand the times and what they ought to do, **(32 from Issachar, men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do—200 chiefs, with all their relatives under their command; _1 chronicle 12:32).**

Wisdom brings excellence, understanding and sets you apart from your peers. There is a uniqueness and special grace that comes upon a woman who reverences and fears God. Forget the worldly standards for excellence and achievement; am talking about Kingdom secrets that will bring you rewards in this life and the one to come.

Let us live to glorify the Master and he will always come through for us. God has your name in his palms and heart and has engraved you in His books. He is not a man that He should lie nor human

that He can change His mind about you. He has got a special plan for your life and will order your footsteps. He is our strength and anchor; a mighty man of valor and victory, Beauty surrounds Him, and He is too faithful to fail. He knows everything about you, your pains, disappointments and will give you beauty for ashes.

I mentioned earlier in the introduction that God met me when I had emotional wounds, esteem issues and was searching for the right way; He found me just in time and has given me His confidence. Am confident in whom God made me to be, the plans He has for me and his unique calling for my life. I have no doubt in His faithfulness because He has proved it over and over that even in my weaknesses, His strength is perfected in me. God is my true anchor and I treasure Him more than anything in this world. Many things have come my way like you that have tasted my faith and many more will still come but we have this confidence, that He who started the good work in us will bring it to come to pass in Christ Jesus! Christ healed my emotional wounds and gave me peace that this world can never give.

“When God is your source, you will not be insecure”

God is not trying you; He is inviting you to a higher level of fellowship with Him. The Master is looking for women that will not only seek Him when things are not going well but those that will be at His feet like Martha. Women that will surrender their burdens at His feet that He may carry them. He is looking for

women that are saying here I am Lord, use me for your glory! Women that are ready to pay the price to walk with Him and manifest His good works.

God promised to pour His spirit upon all men and women in these last days (Acts 2: 17) and He has done it and is still doing it.

and it shall be in the last days,' says God, 'that I will pour out my spirit upon all mankind; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see [divinely prompted] visions, and your old men shall dream [divinely prompted] dreams.

Are you tired of trying to please people and never satisfying them? Are you tired of seeking your value from the worldly standards of how you look, where you are from, your marital status and position in society? Are you tired of blaming yourself for past mistakes? Are you trying to break free from generational and ungodly habits? Are you broken hearted, betrayed, and disappointed? Come back to Him and he will not only heal and restore you but will give you a new purpose and direction. What a Mighty God we serve!

❖ **Secret Two: Loves God with all her heart & soul**

It is not enough to fear God, but we are commanded to love Him with all our strength.

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

Deuteronomy 6:5 [ESV]

To love God is to do his commands and to love His people. If you love God, you will always desire to do His will. You will love His house, His servants, and His people. You will hate sin. We need to understand that despite of our shortcomings, sins and mistakes, God has loved us with an everlasting love. As the people He created, we are called to love Him with all our hearts and soul. Our worship needs to come from the deep place of realizing and understanding that God loves us, and we ought to love Him. Christ reminded us that this is one of the greatest commandments.

and Jesus replied to him, “you shall love the lord your god with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ (Matthew 22:37)

Show me a confident woman and I will show you a woman that loves her God and all her heart and soul are committed to Him. When a woman loves God, she will also love His people and seek to

do others good. She knows that even if some do not appreciate her acts of kindness, she cannot repay with evil because she knows who the judge is and for whom she is doing it for, God!

When the Love of God dwells in a woman, she will shun evil and speak the truth in love. We are living in a generation where many speak what people want to hear and not necessarily what is right. Confident women know that God is their back up and cannot be mocked. They know that living a different life in public and private is hypocritical and will not get them any reward and as such they have chosen to love and esteem God and His Word at all costs. Loving God is not only a confession but calls for acts. James reminded us of that faith for which without actions is dead.

What is the benefit, my fellow believers, if someone claims to have faith but has no [good] works [as evidence]? Can that [kind of] faith save him? [No, a mere claim of faith is not sufficient—genuine faith produces good works.] James 2:14(Amplified Bible)

If you love God, you will take deliberate steps to demonstrate this love in practice. You will do mighty acts of love; You will feed the poor, dress the hungry, pray for the hurting and comfort those in pain. The love of God cannot be hidden, it is stronger than the darkness that surrounds us and will shine in the darkness.

The kingdom in which we serve is founded on love; Even Paul mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13 that love is the greatest and all things will pass away but the love of God will remain. It is very

important that you regularly check your spiritual journey with the Lord dear ladies to ensure that nothing takes the place of God in your life. You need to shake off the disappointments, the hurts and pains and let His love flow through you.

The enemy knows that Love is a powerful tool and therefore fights to sow seeds of discord among women so that they distrust each other and compete with each other. I have heard women make some negative statements about fellow women. As a pastor's wife, I have heard some of the most heart-breaking confessions by fellow women and also experienced some of the unexpected treatments from those that you expect to love you. I believe that God gave me a unique ministry to fellow women; He has called me to remind us that we need to love, and lift up each other. We need to be our sisters' keeper and accept that we are not all the same. God has gifted us differently and we need to learn from each other and not pull each other down.

Confident women know their worth after realizing the love God has for them and will not compete with fellow sisters but rather complement them. Confident women speak the truth in love to other women and will not pretend to be one thing in public and another in the secret. We need to understand that God loves us, and His love has drawn us.

Confident women are not intimidated by other confident women but rather seek to learn from each other. They understand that God has gifted us differently and do not lose anything by celebrating

other women. When you do not celebrate other women or even learn from those that are already where you want to go, it shows that you are insecure and have forgotten your royal inheritance. We all belong to God, and we are His. He is our maker and is no discriminator of persons.

“Confident women are not intimidated by other confident women but rather seek to learn from them and network with them for increased resourcefulness”.

This is our confidence; that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us, and we ought to love and esteem Him.

But God clearly shows and proves His own love for us, by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 (Amplified)

We love God the trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and by Loving God, His light shines through us that cannot be hidden. We do not love people because they love us; we love because we know God loved us so much by sending His own begotten son to die for us. We continually ask for God’s grace to love the unlovable for as Jesus said, if we only love those who love us then there is no reward.

“But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.” (Luke 6:35 [ESV])

People will hurt you, yes but do not repay evil with evil. Trust totally in God's vindication. Judgment belongs to him. I have discovered that love has power to melt even the hardest heart. The problem is that we give up on people so soon. Always believe the best. When people you love disappoint you, God cannot forget your love for them. He will reward you both now and, in the life, to come.

I love the Lord so much because I know He loves me. I have confidence in His love for me. I am not always perfect, but He loves me anyway. That is why we go to him with boldness and approach the throne of Grace with confidence. We know that even when we were still sinners, He loved us.

The day you will discern the depth of the love God has for you that cannot be compared to anything as Paul reassures us in Romans, you will stop trying to buy people's love. You will stop comparing yourself negatively to others. You will rest and find new strength to live.

“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom 8:38-39 [ESV])

People can despise you, but God cannot. He examines our hearts and knows your deepest pains. You just have to go to Him and give Him your troubles that He may give you His Rest and shower

His love on you. He will wrap His arms around you, heal you and deliver you.

Loving God also means that you serve Him only and worship no other gods. We have some women that say they love God but still consult mediums, false prophets, and charms when they find themselves in hard circumstances. They feel that God is not working or slow in bringing promises for them to come to pass so they find a short cut. You cannot say that you love God yet consult mediums and the occult. God is a jealous God and will not release His blessings on you when you are worshipping idols and compromising your loyalty.

My dear sisters, let us love and seek the Lord while He may still be found. Let each one of us carry our crosses and follow the master. What satan promises you is short lived and will lead you to an early grave. Let us put aside anything that corrupts us and hinders us from fulfilling our Godly purposes.

Even if your husband or boyfriend disappoints you; it is not the end of the world. God's love for you surpasses the love of a husband or family. It is very important that we understand that God's love is above. Confident women know that husbands are not their source, but God is. They know that they are human and limited but God is not. God is the comfort for single and widowed mothers and just because they are not married does not mean that their value is less. Single sisters need to find their true source and confidence from the place of understanding God's love for them as they wait to be married and even if some will not marry, this does not mean that they are less women because they are not married.

God has really placed it upon my heart to speak to women about their confidence in God and God being truly their source of confidence and strength. Many women think that if husbands leave, die, or disappoint them then their lives are over. No, my dear, yes, it's painful and hard but God will heal you and restore you and even bless you more if you will place Him first and above all humans in your life. Your relationship with God should be strong enough such that when the winds of life blow, you will not be shaken and destroyed.

Throughout my journey with the Lord, He has always revealed to me His divine purposes and will for my life. My confidence is from a place of understanding that He is my true strength and confidence. My husband is a loving man and my best friend, but he still cannot compare to my heavenly father because there are needs that he cannot meet in my life that Christ does. There are struggles that only Christ can understand and deliver me from. My parents are great but still my heavenly Dad supersedes them; He gave meaning to my life that they could not. Every woman needs to come to this realization that we humans are limited and need to depend on God for divine strength and direction.

When I was a young girl, my mother wished for me to become a doctor one day. At one point I really wanted to be a lawyer and journalist, but I have not taken any of these routes, yet God has enabled me to step into His divine purpose for my life. He revealed to me that He has given me a special grace for the nations and has opened the international doors. He put such a strong desire in me to pursue further studies and jobs overseas while using these opportunities to open doors for the ministry. Most of these have

come to pass and am still believing Him for the best in this unique calling.

Loving God helps you to discover your purpose in God and to pursue it. God gave me a unique desire to write books. It all started with printed sermons on A4 papers that I used to share with fellow students at Makerere University and a small book (Food for your soul) that I printed before my first graduation. Little by little God has built this gift in me and I have now written five books to date including magazines. I have other books in the pipeline that am still working on. The reason I share this is to encourage you as a woman to pursue your unique calling in God. Do not despise the days of a humble beginning. These books have blessed God's people when I have shared them, and I believe that each one of us has unique abilities that God has placed in them.

In 2011, God spoke to me about using my Facebook page (Florence Nassali Kayiwa) to preach the gospel. On this page, I started sharing lines on God's divine mysteries that have blessed God's people around the world. Matter of fact, I have got some notable connections for ministry through this avenue. As much as some abuse social media, we believers ought to use it as an opportunity to preach the good news and motivate masses to trust our God. Through the Real Women conferences, women and girls are reminded of their purposes in God and get to collaborate with other sisters in the kingdom to pursue their destiny. The annual Real Women conferences are a dream that God has birthed in me through fellowship with Him and He has used them to build kingdom purpose.

❖ **Secret Three: Lives by Faith**

We do not live by sight. We believe in the end before the beginning and then take deliberate steps to achieve our goals. Sarah our mother believed that she would conceive even at an old age because she considered Him faithful who had promised.

“By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.” Heb 11:11 [ESV]

In the book of Hebrews chapter 11 (the faith chapter), we are reminded that whoever comes to God must believe that He is, and He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him’

But without faith it is impossible to [walk with God and] please Him, for whoever comes [near] to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He rewards those who [earnestly and diligently] seek Him. Hebrews 11:6

For sure, the righteous will live by Faith and not by sight. The part of believing this promise will boast your relationship with God and fellow believers. We have not seen God face to face but believe that He is alive, and he lives among us. God is omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient. God will never leave us nor abandon us. He is our rewarder, strength, and life giver. God is faithful, He is

not man to lie or change His mind.

Many Christians attend church because it's a routine and a good outward sign of our Commitment to God but our walk with God is deeper than this. God desires to be part of every detail of your life and not just occasionally. He wishes to do life with you; go to the grocery with you, partner with you in your marriage, help you in raising your children and to strengthen you. God will never fail and never disappoint.

Living by faith is more than quoting the scriptures; its being intentional in walking with the Lord. Every confident woman has realized that only God can make them strong and successful. God is our maker and the source of our strength. You were never meant to live alone but to rely on God and his word for strength and courage.

What has God promised to you through His word? This is what you should hang on to. Believe it even before you see it. You are confident in Him who never changes. Have faith in God, not in your abilities or people because these are limited. God knows your future and He has good plans for you.

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.” ((Jer 29:11-12 [ESV])

Be encouraged my sister, your future is better than your past. Hang on to God. In the Bible, there are many women that lived by faith! Women that continue to show us that those who put their trust in God can never be put to shame. Hannah is one of them in the first book of Samuel. She did not only trust God but took an active step of faith to believe that God would give her a child. She was so determined that at one point, Eli the high priest thought that she was drunk.

There is power in your faith to bring marvelous results. Remember the woman with the issue of blood? she took an active step of faith and she said to herself; If I can only touch the hem of his garment, I will be saved and indeed she was healed. She had really gathered her cup full of faith that even Jesus had to ask, who touched me? There are many ways to touch the master today. It may not be an issue of blood that you have; it may be an issue of past emotional wounds, it could be a sickness, a personal struggle, a prayer for a lost child or even barrenness. Jesus is still moving and working miracles. Christ is still in the business of wiping your tears and causing your dreams to come to pass.

I remember in 2013 when I got desperate for a higher level in my career and advancement. I desired an international education which I believe God put in me. I really desired it so much that God even put people in my path that showed me how I could make the dream come to pass, they pushed me, made me send applications and shared tips for winning with me. I had to take an extra step; I

desired to study in England and Europe. In 2015, through prayer and supplication, God opened the UK door for me through winning the prestigious commonwealth scholarship. This is a testimony I will give till He takes me home because it was the Lord's doing and it was marvelous in my eyes.

In 2017 while in London, England pursuing further studies, working, and serving the Lord, it became very difficult for us as a family to be apart and God was reminding us about the ministry He has put in our lives. God spoke to me to leave England and return home to support my husband to build the ministry He has given us. It was such a tough decision to make at the time as I was hoping to get my family to join me but through praying with my husband, God gave me a promise that He would give me good jobs from which I would be blessed beyond what I have ever seen. This came to pass as I saw God open doors that I had never dreamed of and today am an international expert on Women protection, Empowerment and preventing violence against women, girls, and families.

Through taking bold steps like listening to the voice of God and discerning His leading and obedience, I have seen what my ancestors have never seen. I have witnessed chains broken by God by a simple act of obedience like giving offerings, being faithful with my tithe and investing a part of my income to the gospel. Am still a work in progress and look forward to His clear leading in fulfilling my destiny. We have seen God use us through obedience

to start His work to build and bless His people. Its not always easy but God will come through for you.

Small acts of faith can lead to amazing results in your life for obedience is better than sacrifice.

We serve a God who never fails no matter what you may be facing. There will be resistance, opposition and sometimes hardship but He will always come through for us so take heart. Have faith in God my sister, only He cannot disappoint. He will always vindicate you and fight your battles.

As we believe God, we need to also know that His promises are for a definite time. God can give you a promise and just because it takes five years before you see it does not mean that it will not come to pass, wait on the promise, and continue to confess positively. In His time, God will make all things beautiful and come to pass. He is a God of seasons who specializes in changing seasons.

I remember in the early years of our marriage, we experienced some unexpected challenges, the devil really roared and part of it was also what I call part of the package for ministry. The situation was bad, I literally cried many nights in prayer asking God why? Why this shame, the lack, the mockery? The big vision He had put in my spirit was still with me but physically nothing was happening. We had no friends at the time and even family to rely on. It was a lonely three years and hard years, but God used that

time as well to build my character and faith.

One of the evenings, I was almost giving up and there was an altar nearby where I was led to go and pray. Our leader at the time gave me a prophecy of how God was going to wipe my tears and she could see me so blessed and it was running over. Of course, I took it as I really love the Lord but did not know that would happen or even how my situation would change, how would I board a plane and live a better life? Its like the enemy had put a roadblock and debated that we would never cross over. I look back today and marvel at God's faithfulness. Oh, it was hard; It was a painful time and there have been some painful times on this Christian walk, but God has always come through for us. There will still be challenges and troubles in this world, but Christ promised to walk with us trough it all.

❖ **Secret Four: Is committed**

As we move in this world, we encounter several trials and challenges. Your faith will be tested but you should be determined to stay focused on the Lord. In this era, God is seeking for women of God that will stay faithful in season and out of season.

When times are hard, many people give up and leave you. Friends and relatives can leave you, but God will not. Your character will be tested over time. A confident woman stays committed to her God, friends, relations, job, business, ministry, goals even in the face of fear or crisis and are always there to comfort, pray, guide, encourage and support those going through trials.

Ruth was committed to her husband and family to the point that she was willing to go with Naomi whenever she went. She was not going to forsake her now that her husband had died. She was committed to her and the God of Israel. Later we see that the Lord remembered her when she married Boaz.

“But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.”And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

(Ruth 1:16-18) [ESV]

In these days, few people are committed to their Churches, pastors, homes, husbands, ministry. The world has painted a wrong picture of give and take. In other words, I give you or support you so that you may support me back, yet God wants us to love and give from the knowledge that we are not serving men but God through men. You should never look at people for your reward. You will be disappointed. Look at God and He will always see you through. That is why you should be committed to him 100% for He cannot fail us. Stay committed to your vision even when it's hard, later it will mature, and you will be a testimony. Do not leave your husband because he lost a job, stay with Him and God will find Him a new one and provide for you.

As a woman, you need to be committed to something and trust in God to see you through all seasons. Being committed also requires that you analyze your priorities and what is important in your life. Your family if you have one is important; you need to be committed to your husband and your children. You need to be committed to your job and business if you run one. You need to be committed to your church and your fellowship in season and out of season.

Commitment also makes us question our values and what we stand for. This world has a lot to offer but you need to have a value system of things that matter to you as regards to friendship, goals, who you hang out with and who speaks into your life. Otherwise,

you will be blown away by the hardships and temptations in this world. Ruth valued the God of Naomi, and His precepts and that is why she chose not to go back to her land where her values and worship of the God of Israel could have been compromised.

In this day where right is being viewed as wrong and vice versa, we need to keep our priorities in check as Godly women. We need to be reminded that we belong to God, and He belongs to us and has an expectation of us to bring Him glory

God requires commitment from us and all His servants to fulfill His purpose on the earth. He is not calling for half commitment when things are going well but all our sincere loyalty and reliance on Him. All confident women have learned that God is dependable and in fact His ways and Word is to preserve us and not to kill us. God loves us so much and when we submit to Him, we are doing ourselves a favor.

God rewards commitment and faithfulness because they are very pleasant to him. Any confident woman has learned that there are no short cuts in God. You cannot be hot or cold and you must choose who you will serve and follow. We all need to be committed to something and most importantly to our faith. Many women are committed to their jobs, their children and husbands and will do anything to make them happy. What about to your service to God? God is looking for women in this generation who will say, here am

Lord, use me, send me and whatever it will take, they are ready to pay the price all the way with the Master.

Being committed to God implies forfeiting all those other things that can separate you from God. It means putting God first in all you do. The Bible advises us to commit everything to God and we shall prosper!

Commit your works to the LORD [submit and trust them to Him], And your plans will succeed [if you respond to His will and guidance]. Proverbs; 16:3 (Amplified Bible)

In committing everything to God, we demonstrate that we are depending on Him and His unlimited abilities to cause our plans to come to pass. God has formed each one of us and knows our destinies. One day the Lord revealed to me that each one of us He has created, He has designed a destiny for us that we all have to accomplish before we return back to Him in glory. When you are presented before God on that day; what will go before you, my sister? Remember, what we have done for God is what will go before us in His presence. It is the things we do to expand His Kingdom that will count and matter on that day.

It is what we have done for God that will go before us on that day when we are presented before Him!

So quit just attending church and being a mediocre but desire for a higher level in God. Yearn for the deep spiritual things and pursue the purpose God has for you with all your strength and might. Many people are so excited when they first come to know the Lord but as the cares of this world come in, many get carried away and lose their first excitement. This is not God's will for anyone of us, but He desires us to get closer and closer to Him daily.

In the book of Revelation, the Lord reminds us that He really loves us to keep our first love and commitment such that we are taken from glory to glory in the knowledge of Him. Revelations 2:1-7: **To the angel[a] of the church in Ephesus write:**

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. 2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not and have found them false. 3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name and have not grown weary.

4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. 5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

6 But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

From the above verses, many of us are at this stage; of course, we cannot tolerate wicked people and have tested and seen the false prophets, yet the Lord reminds us that we have lost our first love. Therefore, its possible to be a woman committed to your church, choir, marriage, and fellowship yet be seen to have lost the first love. Those little things you used to do just to please the Master. The way you used to obey immediately when He speaks/leads and now you first ask for a sign. Remember how you used to ensure that you are not late for church but now you have some excuses? Or you have allowed yourself to be discouraged by people because of their negative comments about you and their attitudes. The list goes on and on, but the Lord is calling upon us as women to reflect on our commitment to Him.

As the days become more and more evil and the good is now termed as bad or backward, God is requiring women in the Kingdom to take up their positions and stand. Yes, the Lord is coming again and whether we get to meet Him here or in heaven, our works for His glory will go before us.

The Lord desires and is looking for women who will worship Him in truth and in spirit. Where are the true worshippers? Where are the women that He has redeemed and are ready to tell this wonderful story? There is nothing more fulfilling and more comforting than to worship Him in truth and in Spirit. As we do this, the Lord comes down and showers His mercies and grace upon us.

❖ **Secret Five: Has a spirit of gratitude**

A confident woman lives with excitement and appreciation for what God has done for her. She celebrates with others and is not intimidated by the success of others. She knows that she is not perfect, but that God has carefully gifted her with all the qualities and abilities to reach her destiny.

She will not try to be like others. She is herself. Never desire to be like another person. Work to be all that God made you to be. You are unique. You are your own kind. Don't strive to be brown if you are not. Do not bleach your skin. Be yourself. Keep your natural skin type and beautify it. You are already beautiful, and God has created for you your own prince charming and even if you are not yet married or never married, this does not diminish your value. Smile. Do not frown. Life is to be enjoyed. We are free in Jesus' name. Jesus died to set you free. He died for you. He paid enough ransom for your soul. You will see Him face to face one day in heaven. Rejoice in the Lord and He will give you your heart's desires.

**“Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give
you the desires of your heart.”**

(Ps 37:4 [ESV])

When others get breakthroughs before you, rejoice with them, not out of spite but out of conviction that what He has done for others, He will also do for you. His timing is the best. Do not hold on to unforgiveness. It will only steal your joy. Let go and let God. I cannot even over emphasize the importance of gratitude to a woman's spirit and health generally. We live in a world of so much negativity, attacks, hate, envy, and betrayal but even in the face of all this, God is calling us to a life of gratitude. Confident women rely on God's energy to rise above this negative energy by being grateful and appreciative of what God has done in their lives particularly the gift of knowing Him.

Many times, we are tempted to complain about what we have not yet attained. We tend to compare ourselves to others and think that if we had what they have, we could be happier. God desires for us women to be content in who we are and what He has made us to be. We are all on a different journey and we have unique purposes and callings that God has placed in the inside of us. There will always be challenges in this life and we may not always have the things we desire but God expects us to be grateful for what He has already done for us.

The gift of salvation is the first miracle and breakthrough that every believer needs to be grateful for. When I think of where the Lord took me from, where He found me and the peace He has brought into my life, am eternally grateful. And then the gift of life; Even as I write this book, someone is losing their breath, but God has spared me for a reason! Praise the name of our Lord; we need

to be grateful and remain focused to the calling that God has set before us.

The workings of God in our lives indicate how He loves us, How He has purchased us for Himself through the power of the blood of Jesus Christ our savior. Gratitude calls for us to live a surrendered life to Him because we know that He who began the good work in us is faithful to cause it to come to pass. Be grateful for the far you have come, you could have been long dead, but God has spared you. Even if you are going through a heartbreak, even if you are undergoing a painful divorce process, my dear, God still loves you and His plans for your life have not changed.

According to the English Oxford dictionary, gratitude is the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness. David often reminds us to come to His courts with thanksgiving and praise.

Enter His gates with a song of thanksgiving And His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, bless and praise His name.

Psalm 100:4 (Amplified Bible)

Before we complain of what we do not have or what we wish to have, we need to be thankful for what God has already done. Many times, Christ first gave thanks to God before He went on to perform miracles to His people.

For confident women, Gratitude comes from the understanding of the mercies of God, knowing that we have not done much to achieve His love, but He has loved us anyway. When we become grateful to God, we become kinder to others as well. Gratitude is a powerful tool to provoke God to do more in our lives.

Being grateful is a choice that every woman needs to make. It's not based on feelings or what people have done; it's a realization of what God has done in your own life that you arise and give him praise. No matter what you maybe going through, you need to be grateful to God that the situation is not as bad as it could get; You have a roof over your head, you have a family. You have life, you have a job, you have hope, you may be sick, but you are not dead! You may not be driving the car you desire yet but at least you have a plan to acquire one. We need to demonstrate to God that we are already grateful for what He has done so that He can even do more with us and in us.

As I shared earlier that during our early married life, we encountered some unexpected hard situations; life was so complicated. We were basically reduced to nothing, and I wondered how we could ever get out. I literally cried to God every night but also complained often. I told Him about how He had forgotten me and caused me to be embarrassed. There seemed to be nothing in my life to be grateful for.

Then when I expected an answer, God sent me a message through one of the leaders who rebuked me! She told me how God was going to bless me immensely and that I should stop complaining. Some of the promises she gave have already come to pass and God is always faithful. The point here is that when we forget what God has done for us in the past, we are behaving like ungrateful children who forget what He did for us yesterday.

One motivational speaker, the great woman of God, Reverend Funke Felix Adejumo once said that; ***“It is not normal that your life is normal”***. We cannot take things for granted and fail to appreciate God. A lot of times, we think that we can be happier if we acquire more things, get married, build houses, move nations and more. As much as these things are all great, nothing beats the spirit of gratitude that is stayed on God knowing that all we are is because of Him and He is the one that has equipped us to overcome.

My heart often breaks when I see women and girls unhappy and they usually think that if only they get married, they will be whole and complete. If they attain that degree, then that will be it. If they go abroad, then they will be happy and not need anything else. If they achieve a certain level of progress, then that’s it or if they meet their prince charming, then they will be settled, only to realize that none of these things fully satisfy. I must say that we need to be visionally and desire a good life and achieve our dreams. Am for success and so is our God who delights in our success.

However, there is something that I have discovered, ultimate peace, joy and peace come from a place of a life surrendered to God and that is intentional in showing God gratitude for who He is, what He has already done and what He will do! This is a deep revelation from an understanding that to be whole and complete, you need to have a sound and vibrant relationship with our God. This is the place of confidence for any confident woman, knowing that God is all, the beginning and end of their life and wellbeing.

Gratitude is a state of mind coming from the realization of what God has already done

I am so grateful to God for the gift of life and salvation; I was in total darkness though a religious person, I did not have a personal relationship with God. Christ revolutionized my life and outlook to life. Where He sends me, I go, What He leads me to do, I do knowing that He is the ultimate coach of my destiny, and He is still the one to whom I will present myself when I leave this world. We need to discover that our relationship with God supersedes any relationship we have. When we draw closer to God, He begins to work wonders in our lives and relationships. People and loved ones can disappoint us but God will never do so, He can be trusted, relied upon for He is dependable.

When we are grateful to God, we will also be grateful to other people that God places in our lives. One of the bitter truths

about these days is the lack of gratitude even among believers. Some people are not grateful for their parents, Pastors, friends, relations, and helpers. Usually, people look for what they can get from relationships and not what they can add to relationships. I have been in Christian ministry and leadership for a while now to know that you can be surprised by what people can do. They can choose to repay you evil for the good you have done in their lives. Some people turn around and attack the hands that once fed them without fear or any reservations. This has made some people to be weary of doing good but remember the bible says that we should not grow weary of doing good!

And as for [the rest of] you, believers, do not grow tired or lose heart in doing good [but continue doing what is right without weakening].² Thessalonians 3:13(Amplified Bible)

God foreknew that people would disappoint and fail us because they are human like us all and frail. So never stop doing what God wants you to do because of some disappointments you found on the way. However, we do not have to be the kind of people that are ungrateful for what others have done in our lives and what God has done. God expects us to be grateful for what He has done, for the people He places in our lives and for the great hope that awaits us in heaven. Choose to be a woman who has the grateful heart and is committed to bring her God glory.

❖ **Secret Six: Confident Women are givers**

The bible says give and it shall be given unto you, a good measure will be returning to you.

“Give and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

(Luke 6:38 [ESV])

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Be generous. Be a giver. Give in faith. Give in season and out of season to God’s work and to the needy. Give gifts to your acquaintances. Do not be stingy for a stingy person loses even the little he has.

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

(Prov 11:24 [ESV])

Give quality time to God and His work. Give to the work of God through the orphanages, hospitals, missions and so on. God will reward you with double and more. There is a mystery hidden in giving that cannot be explained in human words. When Abel and Cain gave a sacrifice to God, the bible records that both gave but God was pleased with Abel’s sacrifice which angered Cain. And God reminded him that if he

had done the same, he would have been accepted.

But Abel brought [an offering of] the [finest] firstborn of his flock and the fat portions. And the LORD had respect (regard) for Abel and for his offering;
Genesis 4:4 (Amplified Bible)

Many of us wish to be prosperous, we want to be women that can support our families, communities, and churches as the proverb 31 woman. But hidden in this breakthrough is the power that is hidden in a seed!! My dear, your seeds will speak for you in your time of need; if you obey God in this area, God will come down and amaze you. Remember Cornelius?? The bible records that His giving touched God and He came down from heaven and commanded Peter to take salvation to him.

1. Now [living] at Caesarea there was a man whose name was Cornelius, a centurion (captain) of what was known as the Italian Regiment,

2 A devout man who venerated God and treated Him with reverential obedience, as did all his household; and he gave many alms to the people and prayed continually to God.

3 About the ninth hour (about 3:00 p.m.) of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God entering and saying to him, Cornelius!

4 And he, gazing intently at him, became frightened and said, what is it, Lord? And the angel said to him, your prayers and your [generous] gifts to the poor have come up [as a sacrifice] to God and have been remembered by Him.

Acts 10:1-4 (Amplified Bible)

We too can touch God with our giving. Cornelius was still not yet saved but He faithfully feared God and His reverence through His giving touched heaven! Am really astounded by this amazing story of God's mercy and love. Zacchaeus the former tax collector, demonstrated his newfound love for God through his giving to the poor.

I have experienced the power of obedience to giving to the work of God for a Godly woman. I remember before I ever travelled to the UK for the first time, while ministering with my husband in South Sudan, the Lord commanded me to sow seeds to the amount that I had never given to one of the leading Ministers in Uganda. He revealed to me that Prayer alone was not enough. I still had to be tested in my giving and indeed God brought the breakthrough.

Many people struggle in this area of giving; why is so hard for us to touch on our possessions to give it away? As humans, we are inherently selfish, and money or possessions point to having a livelihood or being able to attain what one needs in life. The bible

indicates that money helps to solve many issues which is true. The gospel is free, but it sure costs to spread it. The Bible records that how beautiful are the feet of those that bring good news; this does not only refer to the preachers but to those that support the preaching of the gospel financially. I believe that we will be rewarded in this life and the life to come because of what we have done to expand the gospel and the Kingdom of God.

I believe giving to the work of God has contributed to God opening international doors for me in my career and ministry. I remember a time when I needed to extend my visa in the UK, the Lord commanded me to give in the church I was ministering with in East London every Sunday a seed for this and indeed, God did not only extend my Visa but brought the provision of the related costs that I needed.

There was a time the Lord instructed me to give a seed to a ministry to preserve me on my job. Interestingly, just after about a month, I was promoted to another bigger responsibility and retained despite the tough process of job loss in my very location. I can go on and on.

I have decided to stand financially whenever I can with the vision that God has given to my Husband and me. It has been a very long journey, but we have started seeing some of the promises come to pass. There is a blessedness that comes with obeying God in this

area. I used to hear men and women preach about giving and the power it carries. Am not talking about irrational giving; people being forced to sell off what they have against their will! Am talking about conviction and understanding that giving is a sign that we are obedient to God and that we are devoted to Him. It shows that we are ready to partner with God for kingdom expansion. God is looking for end time kingdom builders who have discovered the secret in giving to their God and others as the Lord will lead.

Recently late last year, the Lord spoke to me about feeding widows and vulnerable women and girls. He gave me an instruction, humanly speaking I did not feel that I could do so I started giving excuses that maybe when I get funding for that project then I will do it, but the Holy spirit did not let me. I know when He speaks to me and that is how FLO Food bank was birthed. On a monthly basis, we help vulnerable women and girls with a few food supplies and needs as the Lord provides and we are calling upon well wishers to support us in this great work. It is also written down in Matthew 25:35; 40 that whenever we do this, we are doing it for our father in heaven.

35 For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick, and you looked after me, I was in prison, and you came to visit me.'

37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Matthew: 25:35-40

❖ **Secret Seven: Is prayerful**

Show me a confident woman and I will show you a woman who devotes her life and time to prayer. She knows she stands tallest while on her knees. Whatever situation confronts her, she knows well that if she opens her mouth and calls on God, it is well with her. Mountains melt, Shadows disappear, strength is recovered, and the devil is defeated.

Paul reminds us in the book of Ephesians that we do not wrestle with flesh and blood. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but are mighty to the pulling down of all strongholds.

“For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.(2 Corinthians 10:4-6)

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Eph 6:10 [ESV])

My dear, God has enough power through prayer to break every stronghold that binds you. Bring all of it to God in faith through

prayer. And when you pray, Believe. Pray without ceasing. Pray in the valley and pray on the hills. In other words, pray when things are good and when things are bad. Pray with the right motives. Pray for people. Pray for your leaders, your children, husband, parents, and all that concerns you.

As we have seen above, the enemy, the devil moves like a roaring lion seeking who to devour. Our battle is not physical, it is a spiritual one. Be always ready to battle against the enemy and overcome. Prayer gives you the protective shield against the enemy.

There is no shortcut to living a glorious and exciting Christian life without earnest prayer. As women we need to understand that we have an enemy of our destiny who does not wish to see us prosper or overcome. Every day we are commanded by our Lord to pray without ceasing. Prayer is the catalyst that puts all things together and enables us to partner with heaven for the fulfillment of our destinies.

I wish to invite you to a higher level of prayer and winning in your life. In 1 Samuel; 2:1-20, It was not until Hannah got to the level of deeper prayer that her miracle Samuel was born. Hannah had been going to the temple regularly and got comfortable in her situation because she was assured of her husband's love, yet she really needed to have a child. Hannah took a step and separated herself and cried to the Lord of heaven in deep intercession for a child and the God who is always moved by Ernest fervent prayer came through for her. She was able to give a prayer of thanksgiving

because of what God did!

1.Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart rejoices *and* triumphs in the LORD.

My horn (strength) is lifted up in the LORD,

**My mouth has opened wide [to speak boldly] against my
enemies,**

Because I rejoice in Your salvation.

2“There is no one holy like the LORD,

There is no one besides You,

There is no Rock like our God.

3“Do not go on boasting so very proudly,

Do not let arrogance come out of your mouth.

For the LORD is a God of knowledge,

And by Him actions are weighed (examined).

4“The bows of the mighty are [a]broken,

**But those who have stumbled equip themselves with
strength.**

5“Those who were full hire themselves out for bread,

But those who were hungry cease [to hunger].

Even the barren [woman] gives birth to seven,

But she who has many children withers away.

6“The LORD puts to death and makes alive.

**He brings down to Sheol (the grave) and raises up [from the
grave]**

(1 Samuel 2:1-6)

I do not know what you may be going through but take courage and choose to try prayer. Am not talking about praying for your food before you go to sleep or a prayer of covering before you go to sleep. Am talking about taking deliberate steps to partner with the God of heaven to advance His Kingdom and get Him to intervene in the most sacred affairs of your life. There is nothing too big for God not to do. Our God cannot be limited.

God has revealed to me the secret weapon of fervent effective prayer in all matters concerning me. When you reach this level including with prayer and fasting; you will begin to see the deeper mysteries of the Kingdom and God will reveal to you the secrets hidden in the secret places.

There are so many women in the Bible that demonstrated the power of prayer and fasting. When Herman vowed to finish the Jews, Esther stood in the gap through prayer and fasting and what Herman had intended for the Jews was served to Him. Please note that before Esther could go before the presence of the King, she first prayed together with the Israelites for three days with fasting. The prayers and fasting that she offered before God enabled God's intervention into her situation.

When those that persecuted Daniel could not find fault with Him, they resorted to His prayer life. The Bible records that prayer

was His way of life and they tried to trick Him and get Him to the den of lions because he could not bow to idols and the God of His prayer closet showed up and shut the lions that did not spare his adversaries. Imagine, the King could not sleep because of Daniel! Who is staying awake because of you so that they can show you mercy and favor? When you partner with God in the closet, He will come and show off for you publicly! We serve a God who knows us in the secret place that is why Jesus advised that when you pray, close the door, and speak to your father. He was trying to refer to the power of individual prayers made to God based on a vibrant relationship of intimacy and love.

When I travel and I get to be served by foreigners, I kneel and cry to God in worship. I remind Him that am grateful, and I know that it is Him who is shedding His love on me. When a driver is sent to pick me from the airport, when I arrive in my guestroom, I kneel and weep because am amazed at God's faithfulness. He was seeing my previous tears, yes, He was aware of my past struggles and persecutions. My midnight prayers of wrestling with blessing blockers were not in vain. He was ever present in every battle, and He rewards us for every pain and struggle.

I remember just three weeks to the delivery our third son; Joshua Miracle, the Doctor advised that he was not in good position for the feet were down and his head was up (in breech position). He gave us some days to monitor and told us that if the baby did not turn soon, I would have to be taken to the operation room. At first,

I was really scared but my husband reminded me that no need to worry; Our God would turn the baby to the right position, and we would have a normal delivery, indeed, God never failed, He did exactly that and our Joshua was safely born. I cannot even finish the list to telling what prayer has done for me and my family. We have been protected from death, accidents, witchcraft, and temptations because of prayer. Prayer has brought many results in our lives and ministry.

Before I attained the Commonwealth Scholarship to pursue the Masters degree in London, I was informed by the commission that I was on the reserve list and could be awarded in case an additional place became available. I still remember that night vividly while on Ministry to another church in Yei, South Sudan. I forgot everyone else and fell in the arms of Yahweh. I had got some Nos before, and I told Him this was enough. I really could feel the breakthrough that night so much that one servant of God came and whispered to me that God had done it. It was a Friday overnight prayer and indeed on Monday morning, the same people that had told me that I was on reserve list confirmed my award and not only paid for my tuition but all the flights, visa, and accommodation costs.

The Angel reminded Daniel that when he had begun to pray, His prayers were heard but for 21 days, he had been battling with the prince of Persia that was trying to prevent Daniel from getting his breakthrough. This happens to us often as well and that is why we ought not to relax in prayer or depend on yesterday's

breakthroughs. We need to travail in prayer so that we can have all that God has promised us because we are battling with an enemy that is determined to prevent us from getting hold of them.

12“Do not be afraid, Daniel,” he said, “for from the first day that you purposed to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. 13 However, the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me for twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia....

Daniel 10: 12-13

It is clear from the above verse that our prayers get resisted by the prince of darkness, but glory be to God that if we persist and travail, we shall always taste and see the victory. In Psalm 144: 1, David speaks of the God who teaches us to battle.

Praise the LORD, who is my rock. He trains my hands for war and gives my fingers skill for battle.

You can count on God to empower you and equip you to live a victorious life through prayer. What He has done for others, He will also do for you for He is no discriminator of persons.

❖ **Secret Eight: Look and feel great**

A confident woman knows that the way you dress is the way you are addressed. She looks after herself; goes for a fresh hairstyle, works on her body health, decent yet with a touch of style. She is careful to purchase clothes within her financial ability.

Confident women do not make effort to look great so as to entice men. No, they do so to glorify the Lord. They know that they are daughters of the King and as such they dress like princesses. Their beauty and confidence are not from this outside adorning. The outside is only a replica of what is in the heart.

“Do not let your adorning be external-the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewellery or the clothing you wear-but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious”

(1Pet 3:3-4 [ESV])

Outward beauty fades. That is why you should not put your confidence in the flesh. Be beautiful from within. Let jealousy for another’s hair, body size/shape, colour, beauty not be a part of you. Another person’s color or beauty will never be yours. Your features will never leave you. Being jealous of another person is like saying that God was unfair to you. It is questioning His creative

ability. My dear, God was not unfair. He is the potter, and we are the clay. Shall the created question the creator? Of course not. Do not waste your time envying others. It will only make you cold and miserable. Check your heart. Do not compete with others out of the desire to put them down so that you are exalted. Do not speak evil about and behind your fellow sister.

If a sister has offended you, speak to them in love and confess it to them or pray about it instead of going around and speaking ill about them. Do not desire what is not yours. Never desire another woman's husband. That is sin and will only lead to pain, regret, and death. God has yours too. Your miracle is on the way. Avoid the spirit of gluttony (overeating). It will only disfigure and harm your body. Exercise, rest and do yourself a favour: forgive on purpose. People will hurt you unknowingly or knowingly. Do the right thing to do and forgive and let go. Guard your heart for out of it flow issues of life. Meditate on the Word of God and whatever is praiseworthy; think on such things.

Many times, we women look after other people and ignore to care for ourselves. We give all we are and have to our husbands, families, children, and colleagues. God desires that we look after our well being and health so that we are able to nurture others effectively.

It is ok to have your me time, to take a break and to turn down

some appointments so that you can focus on yourself and refresh. When was the last time you relaxed, played with the children, took a walk to appreciate the gift of life, went for a manicure and even a new hairstyle? You do not have to accomplish everything in one day so take a break when you feel exhausted.

❖ **Secret Nine: Has financial discipline**

Now, this is equally important to note. Financial accountability brings confidence to us women. A confident woman knows she has to tithe, sow seed, and spend within a minimum set budget. They do not spend more than they have. They develop a priority list in mind and Endeavour to follow it.

As a Godly woman, you should not spend spontaneously. If you are faithful with little, God will put you in charge of more. She is a hard worker. She works with her hands and eats the labor of their hands. This is not a generation to leave the men alone to work. Women should work to support their husbands and families. Women should go to school and earn degrees or vocational skills in areas where they feel comfortable and confident. This brings glory to the Lord. They can then later empower the work of God.

As women, God has called us to be stewards for our families and churches. Charity begins at home and as such, we need to train our children on the way they should go so that they do not depart from it. One of this way is to guide and mentor them on faithfulness and that finances are resources that God entrusts us with.

In our society today, we see and notice a gross abuse of resources. We have a generation that wastes and wants more and more with little discipline and patience. The free economy has not made it

easy with many products available on the market some that are very enticing to young people. Many young people have ended up in harmful habits and been victims of cyber crimes because they are looking for quick money so that they can buy the newest biggest car even if they cannot afford it.

We need to train our children and the young people that God brings into our lives the true value of money. Yes, money solves problems but should not control how we behave and treat others. Rather as believers, we are to use money to support the expansion of the kingdom of God. Money is not the problem but how we use it is the problem.

A top secret here for a confident woman is knowing that its actually God that gives us the power to make wealth. God is our ultimate source and therefore we need to glorify Him with our money. If we are faithful with the little that God gives us, He will entrust us with more. We need to understand that nothing is hidden before God, and we will give an account of our lives on how we spent the resources that God has entrusted us with.

I consider money to be a raw material that God puts in our hands to meet needs and we need to handle diligently. We do not have to spend spontaneously but rather sit down and plan as well as invest for the future to leave an inheritance for our children. Jesus told the parable of the 5 talents in Matthew 25 and was demonstrating to us that we are stewards, and we need to multiply and hold with

value what God has entrusted to us.

Related to financial discipline and integrity is the importance of being fair and just. I mentioned earlier that if we are faithful with little, then God will entrust us with more. The way we treat those that God has brought into our leadership, home and those that work for us matters. The Bible records that a worker deserves his wages. As Godly women, we cannot be among those that do not pay those that work for us and treat them with love and care.

Christian ministry is not only limited to the pulpit but wherever we go and where we are, we need to glorify our God. I am so convinced that God rewards faithfulness and one of the reasons that I believe that God has blessed my career path to now be at the international level is because of faithfulness in the little things, the tithe that is due to God and being intentional on financial stewardship. Cheating others, desiring what other people have to take it away and all those get rich quick schemes will only bring us shame and pain in the long run.

We can all aim to be debt free by observing strict financial discipline and being faithful to spend and live within our means. We do not have to spend more than we earn but be humble enough to live within our means. If you do not yet afford a car, its ok, wait till you can have one. Sometimes society pressures us especially when our mates attain certain things before we do so there is pressure to be like everybody. Remember, no one is in your pocket, and you will

be happy to live within your means as you believe God to expand and enlarge your boundaries.

God is faithful and He promised to bless the work of your hands. Get up each morning with a determination to be better and creative at what you do. Even if you are a graduate and you have not yet found a job of your dreams, you can start a business or company and work hard at building it. God promised to come through as He rejoices with small beginnings. You may have trained in other vocational skills like salon, cookery, and tailoring, these are all marketable avenues that you can begin small with dedication and God empowers you to expand.

❖ Secret Ten: A confident woman Serves God with all her might

There is nothing that gives me joy and builds my confidence like serving God. It is such an honor and opportunity that every woman should embrace. Find your unique gift and use it to serve God. God has given each of us talents and gifts which we should use to serve Him.

I cannot over emphasize the beauty, honor, and privilege of knowing the Lords' ways and serve Him. What an honor and opportunity to partner with heaven for Kingdom expansion. There is nothing that has brought such peace, satisfaction, and expansion to my family like the obedience to the calling of God.

I remember in the early years of our marriage; we went through a period of financial distress and some uncommon struggles and stress. It was quite a challenging time and we decided to pose serving God to look for money and better opportunities. We told ourselves that beginning a ministry was so tough and we could park it and wait till we have stabilized then serve God.

Little did we know that God was very intentional with us and committed to His purpose for our lives. We decided to start fellowshiping at another church and hide in the pews! I still remember it like yesterday, but you cannot run from the master of

the universe! So, one day a servant of God was visiting, and I went to greet her after the service and as I did, she held so firmly to my hand and commanded me to obey God and serve Him then He would open up doors for me and my dreams. I left church happy but disappointed that God was still intervening in my business. Well, to cut the long story, we still did not start the ministry immediately because of the situation.

You may be like us at the time, fighting and wrestling with God because ministry is a sacrifice, and it will cost you everything, but you are definitely safer and protected in obeying and doing God's will for your life. God was still kind to us that He still sent us messengers to remind us of His calling and the need to obey.

Looking back, am happy that we have said Yes to God and whenever He sends us, we are willing to go. We went through a season of growth and learning to hear His voice and leading. It was because of this growth that I was able to join my husband in South Sudan in 2012 to support him to build the church and ministry. God used us in Yei municipality in very amazing ways to His people and it was here that He opened the UK door for me. You cannot stand faithful in the calling of God, and you end up in shame.

My dear sister, God is knocking on your door today, please hearken to Him. It is time to begin that business, orphanage, school, charity, church and whatever He has laid on your heart. Jehovah is so

faithful, and he will not abandon you or desert you. He will equip you for every good work and use you for His glory. Surrender everything to Him today and He will enable you to attain your destiny before you return to Him in glory.

I have shared before that God visited me vividly in 2000 while at Kings' college Budo in my senior five in the school chapel. I still remember the vivid filling of the Holy spirit for the first time when my friend Paul Luguza prayed for me. Yet it was at Makerere University in 2003 while serving as committee member of the main Christian Union and as Chairlady of Mary Stuart Hall that God made clear His calling. Its has been a long journey of learning, falling sometimes, getting up and growth. It is still a journey indeed till He takes me home, but I praise him for His mercies that endure forevermore. He did not hand me over to satan' schemes and has kept me on fire for His presence, praise be to our God!

It is what we have done for God to expand His Kingdom that will go before us in His very presence on that day when Christ is revealed. Serving God requires obedience to His leading and directions. For obedience is better than sacrifice. We do not serve Him so that we can be known but that He may be made known and bring Many to Himself.

Are you a musician? Sing for him. Are you a preacher? Do so to His glory. Are you a teacher, doctor, Pastor's wife, counselor, Minister,

Diplomat, Engineer, IT Specialist, Fashion designer, Social Worker, Lawyer, Dancer, cleaner, shopkeeper? Do all this to serve God by doing it with diligence, faithfulness, love, commitment, and determination. In due time, God will lift you up.

As believers we have the blessed hope that even when we die, we shall go home to glory. We will see the Lord face to face. That is why we serve Him. We know He will reward us here and in heaven in the life to come. We shall be given crowns. Alleluia!

Choose to serve the Lord today and you will never regret it. Do something for the Lord!