



## from the Pastor's Desk

I welcome you to the maiden edition of the Word of Hope publication. This rebranding of the former Voice of Hope was done to better convey the message of Christ in easy to understand words and make it more accessible to all. We are committed to serving you by pursuing the consistent production of this publication every month.

It is my earnest desire that this publication will continue to strengthen your faith in Christ and fire you up to live a life of excellence full of good hope. I encourage you to be a partner of this great mission of communicating truth to our generation. I welcome your comments, prayer requests and encouragement. It is your faithfulness in standing by me that allows the consistent production of this publication and maintains other channels of communication.

I pray that God will pour grace upon your life and prosper you in all your ways.

**Rev. Prof. Greg. Erhabor**

## YOU; GOD'S ORIGINAL

Rev. Prof. G.E. Erhabor

*'He continued this subject with his disciples. "Don't fuss about what's on the table at mealtimes or if the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your inner life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the ravens, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, carefree in the care of God. And you count far more.' Luke 12: 22-24 (The MSG).*

If we are ever going to understand life, we must never forget that God created us in His own image and for His pleasure, so that every time He sees us he delights in us. You are God's original! He never made a mistake in creating you the way you are. Don't be a copy of anyone! For God to create you the way

you are, there must be something special that God wants to achieve through your life. So many times we compare ourselves with someone

else. We concentrate on our weaknesses and compare it with our neighbour's strength rather than concentrate on our own strength that

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makes us unique. I believe the beginning of contentment is this: "I am created by God for His pleasure. I am God's original and I am not going to apologize for who I am." You are

God's own story, you have a theme, a title, your own set of chapters, you have your own thrills, your travails and of course your own

# TESTIMONY

## HOW I BECAME AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF MY PROFESSION

The path to becoming an associate member of the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV) was very tedious. Every obstacle seemed insurmountable, but I thank God for His grace upon our Pastor, Rev. G.E. Erhabor. After I submitted the first synopsis which was not approved, I connected with the man of God before submitting the second one. Lo and behold, it was approved.

Invitation for interview became so strict with so many new requirements.

However, after so much prayers, I was invited to Abuja on the 30th of Jan. 2008 for my interview.

The pastor prayed for me before I went for the interview and by the grace of God it was successful.

Today, I am an associate member of the NIESV (ANIVS).

Praise God.

*Joseph Oyedele*

conclusion. Don't ever make the mistake of aspiring to be someone else. God is not going to use another person's story to plan your life; He is going to use yours. God told Moses to throw the rod in his hand to the ground and it became a serpent. He told him to pick it up again and it changed back to a rod (Exodus 7:9-12). Indirectly, God was saying, "right before you are all you need to sail through the oceans of life and have a safe landing."

**To live as God's original:**

**Don't consult your greed rather concentrate on your calling.** The Bible says that a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions (Luke 12:15). Why live in misery because of another man's wealth? Somebody said, 'Contentment is what makes the poor rich and the rich poor.'

If you are going to concentrate on your calling, you must practice contentment. Contentment has nothing to do with the amount of money you have or your standard of living. It has to do with your state of mind. Contentment means enduring what you don't have, enjoying what you have while envisioning where you are going.

**Let us not forget that God really cares, so we should be carefree.** 1 Peter 5 :6-7 says, "**So be content with who you are and don't put on airs. God's strong hand is on you; He'll promote you at the right time. Live carefree before God; he is most careful with you.**" (The MSG) What does all this mean? It means God can be counted upon! Don't get worked up, give God the chance to work in your life. If a man can care for you, how much more God; the creator of the universe. Expect a miracle. Claim the promises of God. Let God do it again. When next you are tempted to worry about your life and compare yourself with other people, just look at the lilies and say, 'My God is at work. He has not yet finished with me and He will bring me to my destination.' God bless you.

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# APES

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## Quotes

**Don't nullify in the public  
what God has told you in  
the secret.**



**If it takes a miracle, it  
takes God.**

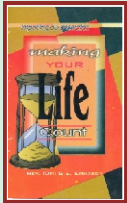


**The greatest enemy to your  
faith is not the devil, it is  
your ear! Stop hearing  
what men say, listen to  
God.**



**Be in tune with what is  
next in God's agenda, don't  
be a prisoner to routine.**

## MAKING YOUR LIFE COUNT



An alabaster box of ointment would have been kept, selfishly hoarded, or used for other purposes. However, the woman who forms the subject of this book chose to break her alabaster box. She decided to give what was precious to her in order to receive what was permanent. She made her life count. This book will teach us how to make our lives count and make our mark in our generation.

## BRINGING OUT THE CHARMING PART OF YOU

# Steps

- **SMILE** always
- **SMELL** well.
- Keep life **SIMPLE**.
- Maintain **SWEETNESS** in the language you speak.
- Cultivate your own **STYLE**.
- Have a great capacity to be **STILL** (pause).
- Be **SACRIFICIAL**.
- Develop a good customer **SERVICE**.

**You are the salesman of your product.**



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## building updates

Glory be to God, the ceiling of the church auditorium has been completed. We are using this medium to appreciate everyone that has contributed to this project. The next phase of the church building is putting tiles on the floor and installation of an industrial generator. Don't be left out of the fun! Join the millionaire's club. God bless you as you do.

Hope is the sweet, sweet scent of  
flowers in the morning  
Hope is the cool gentle  
breeze on a warm summer's  
day

Hope is the knowledge of  
stability from a son in  
mourning

Hope is the bright shining  
light keeping darkness at  
bay

Hope is the calming warmth  
during a cold winter

Hope is the determination  
of an athlete on the track

Hope is the potential  
of a newborn baby

Hope is the love  
between you and me

Hope springs eternal

**Krantol Northic**



## CHURCH PROGRAMMES

**SUNDAY SERVICE**  
9.00a.m

**THURSDAY SERVICE**  
5.00p.m

**WATCH**  
**REV. PROF. G. E. ERHABOR**

on  
**HOPE FOR**  
**THE NATIONS**

**NTA, Ile-Ife:**  
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**&**  
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