

PREFACE

How many powerful sermons have we heard about Jesus empowering believers to do great and exceeding things in and through him? Well, when are we going to realize He wasn't lying? The power that works within us isn't limited to only defeating situations that seem impossible, but it helps us to stand against all things that present themselves as an enemy! Although, our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus will never become our enemies, we have a major situation at hand regarding a force that has entered our realm, displaying enemy characteristics. The purpose of this book is to bring unquestioning awareness to believers, non-believers including all supporters of ministry! This international message doesn't stem from a spirit that seeks to unleash attack on the Church. This message is a bold and relevant subject; we must do our best not to allow it to cause interruption within the sacred walls of our sanctuaries and ministries.

Millions of congregants are attending church, watching Christian televised programming, having hidden frustration regarding several areas of ministry! With no voice for many decades, believers began praying regarding an overwhelming number of concerns. We serve a God that perfects the concerns of His people; therefore, we must realize He isn't going to sit back allowing His beloved/chosen people (the sheep of His pasture) to have continual heartache during a serious day as this.

Church is a relevant part of my life, providing privileges for praise and worship, biblical studies, and also at times, opportunities to exercise my gifts and talents. The course of my life has been an interesting journey traveling, and including relocating to different

cities in America. From New York to Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Atlanta, returning to New York over a decade later (writing this book) then to return to Atlanta (where I reside), has offered intriguing experiences and many lessons learned! My exposure to several ministries has rewarded me, yet also scared me in some areas of my life.

In 1999, the Holy Spirit showed me some areas of my life that were affected negatively by ministry, which may sound strange. Of course, the services we render unto God isn't what affects the lives of individuals, but it's those that lead/govern us into the directions in which we serve. I seemed to have developed an approach for dealing with aspects of church and outreach ministries. Once we've learned and experienced the dealings behind the scenes, sometimes our mindset changes from the average congregant's experience; thereafter, the seed of this book was planted and then nurtured slowly!

Although a journalist, my approach to this book wasn't to become another voice in media waiting for an opportunity to expose a scandal surrounding preachers, religion, and the Church. This message clearly echoes as a voice of a congregant having a motive to reach fellow believers offering sound awareness. As your brother in Christ Jesus, it has taken several years to nurture the approach of this publication, and the journey of my life has helped me gain understanding of a great work that is purposed! How many more lives are we going to lose before congregants realize false hope must be exposed? How many more believers are going to turn their backs on the Church, including God, because our assemblies are becoming corrupt? How long are we going to sit back while many of our leaders are premeditating how to manipulate us, knowing accountability within ministry doesn't exist? How many more believers are going to be abused, deceived and turned away after being

victimized from leaders not in position to serve God, but serving themselves?