

1. Bro. Jide Oseni

I appreciate God for adding another year to my age.

2. Mommy Adeolu

I thank God for journey mercies and for His faithfulness in giving my husband the grace to celebrate another year in His vineyard. I also appreciate God in the lives of as many that came to rejoice with us during the birthday celebration.

3. Bro. Olakunle Oladipupo

The Spirit of God told me I should come out to glorify Him more than I did before concerning my wedding ceremony. Therefore, I return all the glory to Him for everything- the favourable weather and the entire success of the wedding. 🙏

...from the Sermon: BREAKUP YOUR FALLOW GROUND

1 Peter 5:8; therefore, for you to defeat him you must be a full-time Christian.

To be a full-timer in the journey of Christianity, you need to be a stakeholder in the Church of God working for the progress of His Kingdom; rather than being a space-holder sabotaging the Church. **Finally**, brethren, breakup your fallow ground in order for you to be relevant to God as His vessel, and for Heaven to be sure for you. Let us pray. 🙏

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Sermon ▶ BREAKUP YOUR FALLOW GROUND

Hosea 10:1-15

Text ▲

FALLOW GROUND is the ground that was once productive, but now lying idle and waste because it is no longer being cultivated, which has made weeds to grow on it.

On so many occasions, God fought for Israel but despite this, whenever they face any challenge, they always turn against God. It got to the level that Israel became an empty and fallow ground in their relationship with God. The Lord spoke to Israel through Prophet Hosea who told them to breakup their fallow ground and seek the Lord (verse 12) in order to renew their relationship with Him.

Israel is like individual Christian and the Church of today. It is the responsibility of every believer and the Church of God to breakup their fallow ground. Christians' ground has become fallow because of not cultivating it in terms of constant praises/ worship, prayers, fasting, and soul-winning/evangelism. Their ground has become occupied by spiritual weeds and thorns which constitute the cares of this world that has strangled and choked the seeds (word of God) in the lives of Christians, read Luke 8:7 or Matthew 13:7.

■ The manifestations of the Fallow Ground in the lives of Christians are -

- 1. The roots of bitterness.** Such Christians always cause problems among Brethren because their ground of righteousness is fallow.
- 2. Apathy and Laziness.** This prevents Christians to cultivate their ground, and further

make them be lazy in the work of God; they give excuses - read Proverbs 22:13.

3. Complacency. Especially about winning the soul for God.

4. Compromise. They grow cold and compromise their faith. They are always at ease, read Amos 6:1.

5. Little foxes eat up their vines (little sins eat their vines and they become empty), read Songs of Solomon 2:15.

6. Lukewarmness. They are lukewarm Christians who are half in and a half out; as they don't have enough love to serve God and enough courage to go back to Satan - Revelation 3:16 and Matthew 6:24

■ How to break your fallow ground?

1. You must **repent** genuinely and deliberately take a step of real conversion.
2. You must **pray** and humble yourself, read 2 Chronicles 7:14. Let there be a turning-point from your unrighteous ways.
3. **Plough** the Word of God into your life; let the Word be a mirror through which you check yourself.
4. You must be **hungry** for God's righteousness and be angry with Satan. Your hungry for God will take food away from you in fasting, and sleep away from you in vigil.
5. You must be a **full-time Christian**: Satan is a full-time worker always going to and fro and up and down, read Job 1:7 and

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3. Congregational Hymn
4. Bible Reading
5. Love Offerings
6. Testimonials
7. The Choir
8. Impartation & Sermon
9. Prophetic Offerings
10. Announcements
11. Prayer and Benediction

What To Avoid

**Avoid being full
of yourself,
you'll not be able to
accommodate others.**

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Wisdom Nugget

**It is better to dwell
in a corner
of the housetop,
than with a brawling woman
in a wide house.**

Congregational Hymn

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST (Psalm 90)

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day. ♪
6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

OVERCOMING 'COLD WAR' IN THE HOME - Proverbs 17:1

Introduction

Irregularities and arguments are common and permanent features of the typical human system. **The temptation to do wrong is inevitable** – Matthew 18:7b, when they come, they show our insufficiencies and weaknesses as humans and in effect, our need to look up to God for help.

While every home is uniquely managed and operated, one governing common and binding virtue is love. Where the love for one another is under questioning and suspicion, the relationship will eventually break apart. **Proverbs 10:12 - Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love makes up for all offences.** NLT Love has the ability and capacity to make us overlook faults and ignore transgression. However, this is not encouraging mediocrity or stupidity in a relationship and not to correct or rebuke.

Therefore, when we are in love with one another, as couples, we must 'grow' in love through our understanding and knowledge of God's Word and become mature in our relationship with one another. Love is the "one-size-fits-all" key in a relationship. **1 John 4:20.**

First, know that a 'cold war' in the home is that 'struggle' or 'restraint' that keeps you from expressing your true love or affection to your spouse or your family members. This may last for a minute or years.

One day, you'll stumble at what you've swept under the carpet except you deal with it.

Common Cold Wars and Resolutions in the Home

1. Third party presence and attention – Proverbs 5:18. Anyone outside the two of you is a third party. Extra attention given to such person (in the family, society or church) may initiate create cold war. Recall Sarai and Abram 'argument' in Genesis 16 when Hagar became pregnant for Abram. Similarly, the extra attention that is given to visitors at home.

2. For-Your-Information' attitudes – Ecclesiastes 4:9. If your spouse is only informed after the deed is done, you may be preparing for a cold war! Ecclesiastes 4:11-12. Committing the family to some promises without due discussion is another example –

Proverbs 20:25. [See the counsel in 1 Peter 3:7](#)

3. The right thing at the wrong time – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. If your spouse needs your presence and you provide material support, this will be meaningless and unproductive. Elkanah did not understand Hannah's psychological needs. See Elkanah's comments in 1 Samuel 1:8. [Consider the counsel in Ephesians 5:28-29, 33.](#)

4. Material misplacement. Have you noticed the unspoken words in your spouse via the countenance when the utensils or some materials are not in order? [Speak out, make your notices known in love - Proverbs 16:21.](#)

5. Repetition and Nagging - Proverbs 21:9. - It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop [on the flat oriental roof, exposed to all kinds of weather] than in a house shared with a nagging, quarrelsome, and fault-finding woman. AMP This also applies to the man and the children too! Is competition or insatiableness not around?

6. Excessiveness – Ecclesiastes 5:10. We believe in moderation in all things – Philippians 4:5. When your spouse frowns at your excesses in your conversation, dressing, eating and intimacy with the opposite gender, be sensitive to your that countenance especially when in public. Be careful however not to allow resentment (annoyance) overtake your conduct at this juncture.

Conclusion

The making of a 'Glorious Family' is possible when both parties are founded on Christ Jesus. **If the communication in a relationship is not pure, answers to prayers will be hindered** – recall Paul's counsel in 1 Corinthians 7:5 and Peter's words in 1 Peter 3:7. Any family undergoing any form of cold war shall experience 'peace' and love of God in Jesus' name, Amen. Let us pray. 🙏

[Happy Family Week](#)