

Foreword & Devotion

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New Beginnings

Happy New Year and a warm welcome to you all!

I am grateful to the Lord for granting us yet another opportunity for a new beginning. In 2022, we saw His goodness, mercy and provision in mighty ways. In moments when we were not sure in which direction to go, or how we would accomplish the plans we had set, we leaned on the truth that He prepared everything in advance for us to succeed in what He called us into.

I have learnt that the best preparation for a successful new beginning is to set our hearts to trust God in whatever we hope to achieve. In Ecclesiastes 3:11, it says that *“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”* We know that His plans for us are good, therefore we can rest knowing that the end has already been determined, and He will guide our steps to a victorious end.

When we read Solomon’s story in the bible, we can testify of the grand works he did and the achievements he made for the Lord. The Bible tells us that all his work was prepared in advance from the day of laying the foundation until the day it was finished. *“Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the Lord, and until it was finished. So, the house of the Lord was perfected.”* (2 Chronicles 8:16 KJV) Similarly, for us, may we trust that the Lord has prepared everything in advance, from the beginning to the end. Our part is to follow His lead in the lane He has assigned to us.

Doesn’t it bring great freedom and comfort to know that we don’t have to figure out all the steps on our own? It is enough to know our why (our vision and missions) and the Lord will always take care of our how.

My prayer for us, therefore, as we embark on a new year is that God will renew our strength and joy, that we will soar like eagles in all areas of our lives, that we will run and not grow weary, and we will walk and not be faint. As we continue working towards the Great Commission, we trust the Master Builder and His plan for us; we will sail the uncharted waters because the One Who calms the storms is in our boat. Amen.

Grace and peace,

Stephen Mbogo



Prayer Points

- We pray for God’s Spirit to lead us each step of this new year.
- We pray that God would guide all our decisions and turn our hearts to desire more of Him above all else.
- We ask God that He will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut.
- We pray that He will make us strong and courageous for the road ahead.

