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"But whosoever will be great among you...And whosoever of you will be chiefest, shall be servant of all!" (Mark 10:43-44)

Grace and peace be multiplied to you, our ever increasing Canadian and international ministry family and friends, from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Welcome to May, the Month of Service. This month we will seek to emulate the example of servant-hood set by our Lord Jesus Christ, as we look for ways to serve each other, our communities, and our world. Below are some brief thoughts on what it really takes to serve; each is followed by a short prayer:

Serving Takes Humility - By definition, serving requires a willingness to stoop down. This is the true essence of humility - condescending from one level to another in order to help someone else. Throughout the entire Gospel, Jesus, the Lord of Glory, is found stooping down in humility in order to raise us up in glory. By this we know that humility is the heartbeat of every true servant (Philippians 2:5-8). *Lord, give me the kind of humility that seeks to help others up.*

Serving Takes Heart - The heart is another determining factor in serving. Without a servant's heart, all benevolent acts are merely intellectual motions, for out of the heart flows the essential qualities of love and compassion and kindness and goodwill. In the absence of these qualities, any act of good becomes cold and sterile; but with them, serving conveys the warmth of the sun on a cold day, (1 Peter 1:22). *Lord, place within me the heart of a servant.*

Serving Takes Hands - Finally, to serve means that we must be willing to extend our hands whenever and wherever necessary. An extended hand is the physical extension of a humble heart; furthermore, it is the extended hand that completes the cycle of serving (Ecclesiastes 9:10). *Lord, give me an outstretched hand that is ready and willing to serve your world.*

As we go through this month, let us seek for ways in which to serve others. Every day is filled with new opportunities to serve, as long as we're looking for them. It can be as simple as opening a door for someone, or helping someone with their groceries, or assisting a single mother with her children, or volunteering at a community organization, or serving in your local church. It is never the size of the task that defines the servant; rather, it is the size of the heart that reveals the servant.

May is also the time of year when we honor mothers everywhere. I invite you to join us in Toronto and Ottawa for Mother's Day on Sunday May 08th as we celebrate the gift of our mothers. See you there!

Now, let us go out and transform our world through service, in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen!

With love while *Changing & Affecting Lives,*

Your Pastor, Orim M. Meikle



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A Tribute to Mothers

"Her children rise, and call her blessed" (Proverbs 31:28)

Blessed are you mothers for *"Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all."* (Proverbs 31:29)

It is a complete honour for me to write a salute to the Mother's of Zion. Whether you are a spiritual or a natural mother, you are Blessed.

There is a beautifully written song that says, "We are women, women of faith, united in God's love, sisters in grace, looking to Jesus to lead us each day, we are women, women of faith."

As soon as I heard this song, my heart was filled; and as I pondered on the lyrics, I began meditating on the gift of motherhood. Although the lyrics do not include the word 'mother', that is immediately where my heart was drawn.

The gift of being a mother can only be described by the word *faith*. As a spiritual mother to our church, I feel and carry the joy, the hurt, the triumphs and the disappointments of my spiritual children. I watch in awe as God molds and transforms you...[more](#)

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That I May Know Him!

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death"
(Philippians 3:10)

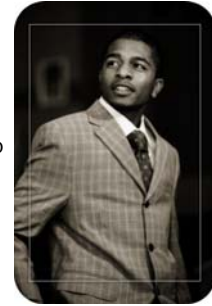


Several topics immediately spring to mind when thinking of the devotional for this month's issue of the Kingdom Citizen Newsletter, many of which tackle women's issues. But then I question, what is a devotional? What is the purpose of the devotionals that we read, sometimes even more than the Word of God? I too have read, and sometimes still do read devotionals. Please don't get me wrong, I believe that they can be a great source of encouragement, reflection, and upliftment. However, besides reading them at our desks, on the computer, or now-a-days from our iPods on the bus to work, what are we supposed to get from these experiences...[more](#)

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Discover the D.N.A of Your Potential (Inspiration)

I believe that the deepest dream in all humanity is not the pursuit and achievement of outer possessions but rather the deepest dream in all mankind is to discover, develop and distribute their inner potential to the world.



D - Direction: "Your vision creates better decisions"

N - Network: "Your network is your net worth"

A - Abilities: "Your gift gives you access"

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work" (John 4:34).

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Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM

In the sanctuary, Downsview Park

Join Pastor Orim Meikle as he journeys 'Through the Bible' every Wednesday at 7pm. Experience two full hours of:

- * Atmosphere-Stirring Worship
- * In-Depth Biblical Education
- * Life-Changing Prayer

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