

# BISHOP'S YOUTH WEEK MESSAGE

Beloved Children in the Lord,

It is with a joyful heart that we welcome you to this special week as we celebrate you, our future torch bearers. We return all glory to our God and Father for His grace which alone is the pillar on which our existence and sustenance rest. We must express our gratitude to the leadership of our Youth ministry at all levels. Your level of commitment, maturity, and diligence has placed you above your peers and set our youth ministry on an enviable position. Watching and sharing in your several programs and activities strengthen us and assure us of a fruitful future for the church and society. We bless every one of you in the ministry for your godly dispositions and so becoming the pride and blessing of us all.

Looking around our world in general today and our nation Nigeria in particular, it appears to be a scary thing to be young and growing. The miserable situations of education, employment, and security in our nation defy any human based optimism of a better future, especially for the youth. But in all this, the good news is that our future is not in the hands and manipulations of men, but in His hands who holds the future and can control the heart of men, Jesus the Christ, who is the Perfect Man. Therefore as you celebrate, you must make a conscientious decision to make yourselves strong and courageous in Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. You must submit your will and desires under His that He may lift you up to where no human mismanagement and corrupt actions can pull you down. Remain immovable in your resolve to be ready to give it all it takes in defense of the truth, character, and values of the gospel at all times and in all circumstances. Never allow anyone mislead you into becoming a tool in their evil hands.

Never stand against your parents and elders in godly leaving and disposition. Remember, obedience to parents and elders is the only law that comes with a promise- the promise of long life. Continue to make the most of the programs and activities provided for you by our church. We applaud your exceptional

participation in recent national and regional programs and enjoin you to continue in this direction.

As you continue to excel by God's Grace, we call on all parents and Diocesan leaders at all levels never to be found wanting in their duties of nurturing and supporting our youth. We must remember that the results of our labors are to be found in these young ones.

We pray that our good Lord and Father may continue to protect, preserve and provide for you individually, and the ministry in general.

May this celebration bring all of you more joy and reason to fulfill your God given destiny.

Please continue to enjoy and May your days remain long and bright.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND HAPPY CELEBRATIONS TO YOU ALL**

Your Bishop and Father in God.

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