



# Lifegate

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## Kingdom Prosperity by Divine Increase



Dear friends,

I am honoured to write you again through this Newsletter. We started our series on 'Kingdom Prosperity by Divine Increase' in the month of November.

The Kingdom Prosperity by Divine Increase

series teaches how true prosperity flows from God's purpose. Five biblical figures illustrate different dimensions of divine prosperity.

Abraham demonstrates that prosperity begins with God's call and the blessing tied to covenant. Called out of idolatry, he received a promise that ultimately pointed to Christ. This blessing brings greatness, empowerment, protection, and provision, but requires obedience and perseverance through challenges.

Isaac shows that prosperity also manifests through diligence. Though he inherited Abraham's blessing, he prospered practically because he worked hard, remained steadfast during famine, followed divine direction, and obeyed God. His life highlights the link between diligence, obedience, and material increase.

Jacob reveals the importance of spiritual purity in sustaining prosperity. Although blessed as the heir of Abraham and Isaac, he learned that foreign gods—symbolising misplaced priorities or distractions—must be removed for God's blessing to flourish. Believers likewise must guard against anything that competes with devotion to God.

Joseph exemplifies prosperity through favour and wisdom. Despite rejection, slavery, and imprisonment, God positioned him for leadership and used trials to advance His plan.

Divine favour, strategic relationships, and godly wisdom enabled Joseph to rise and preserve his people.

Solomon illustrates prosperity grounded in love for others. His request for wisdom to govern revealed a heart for people, and God responded with extraordinary insight, wealth, and honour. His life shows that God prospers those whose motives reflect compassion and service.

Together, these examples teach that kingdom prosperity flows from obedience, diligence, purity of heart, divine favour, wisdom, and love for others.

Finally, I would like to use this opportunity to thank our LifePublishers team for their hard work towards the production of this Newsletter and I am very hopeful you will find the highlights we present in this Newsletter informative, edifying and impactful.

The Lord bless you.

Pastor David Oloke

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**for Our Community**

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# “Strengthened from Within”

## – A Word for this Season

**Ejuma Amen-Thompson**

In a world that pulls at our attention and continues to test our resolve, God is calling His people back to a life strengthened from within. He is not talking about strength that comes from personality, achievement, or even outward stability but a strength born of His Spirit working deeply in our hearts.

In the book of Ephesians 3:16 Paul prayed that the Ephesian Church would be “strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man”. This prayer is just as if not more relevant for us today. Many believers feel spiritually tired, stretched and drained with different challenges being faced in the world today. Yet this is the environment that God seeks to reveal Himself as our source. The Holy Spirit lives inside of us. Hallelujah! When the Holy Spirit strengthens your inner man, circumstances lose their power to define you, fear loses its voice, and hope rises where discouragement once lives as you learn to completely trust in God. This inner strengthening is not a sudden event but a daily yielding, a quiet “yes” to God in moments when your flesh wants to withdraw and a gentle whisper of faith in seasons

that feel uncertain and a willingness to let the Holy Spirit guide your decisions, shape your responses to situations and remind you that you are never alone. God desires a people who rise each morning not fuelled by anxiety or self-effort, but by a consciousness of His presence. The Lord is calling on us all not to simply persevere, but to be renewed. Not to just stand, but to stand in His power with complete confidence in Him.

As we wrap up 2025 to the glory of God, I encourage you to make room for the strengthening work of the Holy Spirit. Let us live a life of worship and thanksgiving (1 Thess 5:18, Psalm 95:6), prayer without ceasing (1 Thess 5:17, Luke 18: 1) and a deeper and intimate fellowship with God (James 4:8, Psalm 27:4). I pray that in remaining weeks of the year and even beyond you will walk with a refreshed spirit, a grounded faith and a confident assurance that He who is in you is greater than anything around you (1 John 4:4). Remember, The Lord is not just sustaining you; He is strengthening you for greater things. Hallelujah!



**WALSALL'S  
WINTER  
WARM-UP**

**TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2025  
10AM-2PM**

**WALSALL TOWN HALL, LEICESTER ST,  
WALSALL WS1 1PT**

Free open public event featuring energy advice, educational activities and a host of organisations offering support.

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Refreshments provided.

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## CELEBRATIONS!

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

**W**e celebrate everyone who has marked their birthdays and anniversaries throughout the year, and especially those celebrating in this month of November. May God's abundant blessings, joy, and grace continue to overflow in your lives. If you would like your special date featured in our subsequent editions, please notify the church and we will give you a special shout out.

## Serve with Us!

Lifegate Church is growing, and there is a place for your gifts and passion. We invite you to join one of our service teams and make a meaningful impact in God's house. Join a team:

- ◆ Lifesingers
- ◆ Lifekids
- ◆ Life Protocol
- ◆ LifeClean
- ◆ LifeUsher
- ◆ LifeMedia

Step forward, get involved, and let God use you to bless others. To join a team, please speak with any of the team leads.

# Guard Your Heart

## Nkesi Kasi

**R**ecently my sister got a new car and told me she's always careful when she goes to buy gas not to put in diesel since her last car used diesel. Her car was designed for fuel and would not work with any other gas. As I sat in a bus, going about my business, I remembered this scripture and pondered on it. Proverbs 4:23: "Guard your heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."

Your heart—like the car—your inner life, thoughts, desires, values—shapes everything else in your life.

What you allow into your heart eventually shows up in your actions, relationships, decisions, and even your overall direction in life. That car is designed to accept only fuel, others might accept diesel, but if the wrong gas goes in, the car will develop problems and eventually lead to more serious issues if not dealt with immediately. Our inner life shapes our entire journey and should be based on the word of God which is what we should feed our heart, our spiritual man.

This matters so much because—

Your thoughts influence your feelings.

Your feelings influence your choices.

Your choices shape your destiny.

Proverbs 4:23 encourages us to be intentional about:

- What we dwell on
- What we believe
- What you expose yourself to
- Who you allow to influence you..

All these should be based on the word of God. The word of God is that fuel that we should put into our vehicle to ensure it runs smoothly and gets us to our destination. To do this we can use God's word to set healthy boundaries. Through His word we can be mindful of what we watch, listen to, and meditate on, we can also surround ourselves with uplifting influence. What we allow into our hearts—through thoughts, words, experiences, and relationships—forms the framework from which we live. Just like a spring of water becomes contaminated if the source is polluted, a life becomes unstable if the inner life is unguarded.

What does your car run on? Now that you know, you should intentionally give it only the right gas or electricity charge.

### 1. The heart

The heart is the birthplace of thoughts that shape your mood, attitude, and behaviour. Negative or toxic thoughts can drain your joy, distort your perspective, and push you into unhealthy patterns. Guarding your heart means filtering your thoughts carefully.

### 2. Your Desires

Every decision begins as a desire. If your desires are misaligned, your choices will also be misaligned. Guarding your heart helps you stay focused on what truly matters and avoid destructive impulses.

### 3. Your Emotions

Unresolved emotions—hurt, anger, insecurity, or bitterness—can quietly erode relationships. Guarding your heart doesn't mean suppressing emotions; it means recognizing them, healing them, and not letting them rule you.

### 4. Your Spiritual Health

A heart filled with God's truth produces clarity, peace, and strength. When spiritual discipline is neglected, confusion and instability often follow. Protecting your heart ensures your walk with God is vibrant and filled with clarity.

### How to Guard Your Heart Diligently?

#### 1. Be Mindful of What You Consume

Everything you read, watch, and listen to plants seeds in your heart. Curate your environment with intention—choose uplifting, truthful, and wholesome material.

#### 2. Set Boundaries with People and Situations

Not everyone deserves full access to your inner life. Healthy boundaries protect you from emotional drain, manipulation, or negative influence.

#### 3. Practice Regular Self-Reflection

Take time to examine what's affecting your peace. Ask: "Why am I feeling this? What is influencing me? Is this aligned with my values and faith?"

#### 4. Fill Your Heart with God's Word and Wisdom

Scripture strengthens and purifies the inner life. Prayer brings clarity and calm. Worship softens the heart and restores perspective.

#### 5. Heal What Is Broken

Guarding your heart does not mean building walls; it means allowing God to heal the wounded places so your life can flourish from within. When your heart is well-guarded, your life becomes more stable, purposeful, and resilient. You make wiser decisions and can build from there.



## FOLFEM Appreciates LaunchPad Volunteers

**F**OLFEM LIMITED, one of the LaunchPad Project's partners hosted volunteers, on Sunday 16 November, 2025, after a week-long half term working relationship. Volunteers used the opportunity to ask nagging questions which the Director of FOLFEM, Mr Femi Olapade-Martins happily supplied answers to. He further provided an in-depth overview of FOLFEM LIMITED and its subsidiary, Femy Cargo, a logistics company specialising in shipping services between the UK and various African countries, primarily Nigeria.

The Director detailed the company's operations, challenges, customer relations, and financial management. He explained that the core business revolves around providing sea and air cargo logistics services for customers shipping goods from the UK to Nigeria and other African nations, with a focus on managing complex operations and customer expectations. Volunteers asked if they could come at other times for volunteering activities. Mr Olapade-Martins said his door would always be opened to youth development and training.



## Making Our Mark: 2nd Phase

**S**aturday 22 November 2025 marked the second phase of 'Making Our Mark' project led by the Creative Black Country and sponsored by National Heritage Lottery Fund. The presentation was done by Mrs. Oluwatoyin Oshaniwa, Community Fellowship Coordinator, who took the participants through the history, process, and cultural significance of Adire, a traditional Yoruba resist-dyeing textile technique. Dr. Nkesi Kasi, Music Minister, joined her to highlight different techniques, a workshop demonstration of practical methods of creating Adire patterns.

Participants were each given a plain calico handkerchief, rope, and scissors which were used to try out different type of patterns.

This was followed by a lively, hands-on fabric dyeing session, involving a resist-dyeing technique known as tie-dye. Participants used their handkerchiefs to experiment with their choice designs and various colours through different methods to create unique patterns on fabrics. It was such a beautiful thing to see unique results from these experimentations. Each participant took home their production and everybody learned something new.

