

Voice of Worth

Topic: **Borrowing, Begging and Bribing**

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Speaker: Tonight we are looking at the topic *Borrowing, Begging and Bribing*.

I'm hoping it will be interactive for us.

I have about 3 questions that I need your answers on, then we rock and roll!

Question 1: Is it good to borrow?

Audience: No, borrowing is anti-covenant. Anti-scriptural.

Speaker: What scripture please?

Audience: As a redeemed of the Lord we are meant to lend to nations not borrow.

Audience: It's not in my character to borrow.

Speaker: Yeah, but if we borrow, is that like a sin? Or it isn't not just the ideal?

So borrowing is a character thing?

Audience: I do at times, but from mum or my elder sisters only!

Speaker: Borrow but restrict who you borrow from. Hence borrowing in itself isn't bad, shey?

Audience: Depends on what you are borrowing.

Audience: The woman that almost lost her sons in the bible borrowed vessels to pour oil ooo.

Speaker: Help us see it. When you say wrong, are you saying 'sin' kinda wrong or you are saying 'value system' kinda wrong?

Audience: I have borrowed, that was then, now I know the truth, may God never allow me to borrow again.

Speaker: Okay... What can be borrowed and what can't be borrowed?

Audience: To me it's just an uncontented person that borrow.

Speaker: So you support the fact that borrowing is a character thing?

Audience: Do you know that the secret of most rich people you see now lending to nations was because they had borrowed?

But they didn't just borrow for borrowing sake they had a goal, a vision that would give them more than they want to borrow. They went into borrowing maybe from the bank and embarked on the goal. If they don't do that who knows if they would ever make it?

Wisdom is profitable to direct.

Audience: Well sir, as for me o, it's a matter of discipline.

Speaker: Borrow with a vision. Discipline. Another one for character. Thank you for your answers.

Let's quickly touch question 2 after which I'll share my thoughts on this then we move on again.

Question 2a: Did Jesus Borrow?

Audience: Yes... Peter's boat.

Speaker: So Jesus the Redeemer borrowed...

Audience: The 5loaves and 2fishes? Was it borrowing?

Audience: The fish and the bread. He borrowed it to multiply it.

Speaker : Was it?

All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish," they said.

Matthew 18-21: Jesus said, "Bring them here." Then He had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted His face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill.

Okay. Let's pause small...

Question 3: What exactly is Borrowing?

Audience: To collect something from someone with the aim of paying back. To temporarily obtain something.

Speaker: Now, allow me do a quick summary of what I have drawn from you what has been said so far...

1. Borrowing is temporarily obtaining something with the intention of paying back/returning.
2. God doesn't desire that we borrow. He wants us to lend to nations.
3. Borrowing can be a character issue. E.g. lack of discipline.
4. It is good to borrow with a vision.
5. Jesus borrowed Peter's boat.

Yeah?

From this.

1. True, *God doesn't intend for us to borrow*, if you don't have to. Don't. I personally don't recommend it.

However, I know there are human situations.

2. Jesus did borrow Peter's boat, the bread and fish or water wasn't borrowed for, but the boat was, as it was returned. So, Jesus borrowed.

It's important however, that we live our lives with a mindset to not borrow.

Jesus became poor that we be rich.

3. Borrowing can be a character issue.

This leads to my third question.

Question 3: How do I know I am an 'addicted borrower'? At what point do I see it's a character flaw? At what point is Borrowing now a character ish?

Audience: When you cannot do without it now...borrowing without control. Even when you have the capacity to get that particular thing but you still feel its better to kuku borrow it...that one iyaf now turn to character affair

Audience: When you are not contented with what you have.

Speaker: How do I know I can't do without it?

Audience: When you aren't satisfied with what you got.

Speaker: Okay. Ojukokoro is the mother of borrow borrow spirit.

Audience: And ainitelorun is the daddy.

Audience: The point at which you can't take your eyes off what's not yours and must have it.

Audience: When it becomes your everyday mindset

Audience: People around you will already show it in their attitude towards you, when you ask for something even if they have, they won't want to give you because you are already a regular customer.

Audience: I think it's just discontentment and not being able to overlook....you see something and you will still not carry your face...borrowing spirits has fallen on that person totally

Audience: Question 3: From all that has been discussed today, I would know that I'm an addicted borrower, if I'm the type that borrows recklessly. A person who borrows recklessly is such that has gotten used to collecting everything from everybody, even the unimportant things. To extent that she may forget who exactly borrowed her this and that.

Speaker: So, when you have the following traits.

1. Ojukokoro (eyes-insect aka always wanting what others have)
2. Ainitelorun (lack of satisfaction)
3. Always having your eyes on other people's stuff and you can't take it off
4. When you have customers greeting.

Let's quickly touch some things. Because of time, let's jump to next question.

Question 4: How should you behave to someone you borrow from?

Answer: 2 Kings 6:

4. So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.
5. But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, *Alas, master! for it was borrowed.*
6. And the *man of God* said, where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim.
7. Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

Speaker: Now, let's assume you sincerely needed to borrow something from someone, no matter whom the person is especially if the person is younger than you, *return*.

Here, *Man of God* could have uses Man of God position to apologize for the loss of the axe head, but he went the 'length' to have the axe back, because it was borrowed.

When you borrow things, *please go the extra mile to ensure it is returned in good shape.*

The *wicked* borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives; Psalms 37:21.

If you borrow and use scope not to return, ya a *#wickedpurson*

Bible talk am, not moi.

Are you a wicked person?

Speaker : Now to the Lender. The Mama Olowo

Rule of thumb is '*Don't release what you can't forget*'.

This may not apply always, but that's a safe rule to abide by. You lend only what you know you can give freely without having hypertension.

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it"—when you have it with you. Proverbs 3:27-28

So, if you have the capacity to borrow someone something, please do, but ease remember that rule just in case the person is a *#wickedpurson*.

Audience: It's true. The person showed you mercy by assisting you. So, you should be merciful by returning the stuff back and in good condition. I think one should buy back if the item gets missing.

Speaker: I agree. As I wrap up,

The Lord will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. Deuteronomy 28:12

Have a default setting of "I shall never borrow" for your life.

Don't look for reasons to borrow.

Learn to be satisfied with what you have.

All those unnecessary borrowing just for a pleasure you can avoid sake should be 'throwayed!'

Whoever loves pleasure will be a poor man; he who loves wine and oil will not be rich. Proverbs 21:17.

If you are borrowing for pleasure, #poorwomanthings

Speaker: Finally brethren, *Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.* Matthew 5:42

Some people find it really hard to borrow, so when they ask you, it actually took courage to ask for help.

Help, when you can, if not, don't look down on them.

Thank you for your time and contributions ladies!

Audience's Question: What if I borrow someone's phone to call and the phone mistakenly falls from my hand and got spoilt!

As the borrower what can I do?

As the lender what will I do?

Speaker's Answer: Dear borrower, I hope your phone is of equal value as the one you spoilt, please kindly give it to Miss Lender...before you start saying sorry and preaching about how Jesus said 'Forgive them for they know not what they do'.

But if it is Phone you can't afford, the Holy Spirit is your comforter. He will lead you into all truth and direct you to know what to do.

Audience: This should be understandable... Depends on the person though.

I had an experience of this my own is even "Tablet" and I didn't ask for a repair from the person. As long as it wasn't an intentional act, it could have been you or your siblings. I don't think the person needs to ask you to repair it. Especially if the person calls you friend. But it's good in your generous heart to offer to assist in the payment for the repair.

Speaker: Dear Miss Lender,

Apologies on your phone, you actually have like two options,

1. Go crazy. Shout. Scream. Demand for your money. Jump up and down and hopefully the money comes out or well if the borrower is really broke, you leave angry.
2. Go firm and friendly.

Show your hurt politely. State what you want done.

However, you know it depends on your relationship with the owner to determine how and what you can demand.

You won't be demanding from your Father or Uncle Boo sef.

I hope I helped.

