

# MY EXPERIENCE WITH PASTORS



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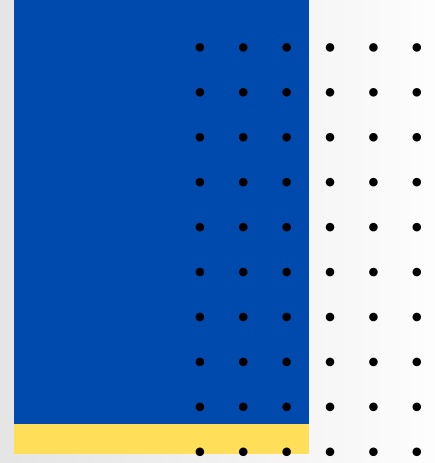


PRACTICAL LESSONS FROM PASTORS

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## PREFACE

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In this life, we often encounter individuals who leave an indelible mark in our hearts and minds. For me, these individuals were pastors, whom I had the privilege of knowing. This booklet reflects on my experiences with these remarkable individuals, who have shaped my spiritual path and enriched my understanding of faith.

Throughout my life, pastors have been more than just spiritual leaders; they have been mentors, confidants, and sources of inspiration. Their guidance has come during moments of joy and sorrow, offering wisdom that transcends the boundaries of tradition and doctrine. In sharing these stories, I hope to highlight the profound impact they have had not only on my life but also on countless others.

As you read, I invite you to consider your own experiences with those who have guided you, challenged you, and nurtured your spirit. May these pages serve as a testament to the transformative power of faith and the unique role that pastors play in our Lives.





## INTRODUCTION

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Pastors are human beings, not angels, and like all humans, they are capable of making mistakes. They are not infallible, but they are still chosen instruments of God through whom He delivers His blessings and message. While we must recognize and appreciate the role they play in our spiritual lives, we must also understand that pastors, like anyone else, can err. It is important, therefore, that we pray for them, guide them when they stray, and support them in their efforts to serve God.

However, pastors must also acknowledge that they are not always correct. They should be willing to admit their mistakes and apologize when necessary. It is essential to remember that even though there are rumors about pastors, and some are true, they do not lose their position as instruments of God. It is also true that pastors may have differences among themselves, and sometimes conflicts arise, including struggles for power. Yet, this should not cloud our view of their purpose. Our focus should remain on what they offer us in a godly manner.



Unfortunately, there may be instances where a pastor behaves inappropriately, such as proposing immoral actions or suggesting witchcraft or manipulation for personal gain. In such cases, it is up to us, as members of the faith community, to rebuke these actions respectfully rather than embarrass them publicly. Our approach should always be rooted in love and the desire to restore righteousness.

This booklet stands as a reflection on the impact that pastors can have on our lives. I have selected a few pastors whose experiences and actions have provided me with valuable lessons, and I hope these lessons will inspire you as well. In the next volume, I will include more pastors and share further insights. I pray that God will guide you as you learn from the lessons shared in this booklet, and may it help you grow in faith, wisdom, and understanding.



## **WHEN WE MET: A PASTOR I CALL " GOD SENT "**

Pastor Chapi James is a unique individual I had the privilege of meeting in October 2019. Who is now a retired pastor, he has dedicated his life to ministry and is exceptionally gifted in music, book translation, preaching, teaching, counselling and many other gifts. His talents and passion for serving others shine through in everything he does, making a significant impact on those around him.

At our wedding, Pastor Chapi stepped in as the officiating minister when others sought to halt the ceremony. His unwavering support and calming presence were invaluable, allowing us to celebrate our special day with love and joy. His ability to navigate challenges with grace truly exemplified his commitment to serving God and his community.

Beyond his pastoral duties, Pastor Chapi is a devoted husband and has become like a father to my family. His wisdom, guidance, and compassion have enriched our lives in countless ways. We are immensely grateful for the love and support he continues to share, and his influence will always hold a special place in our hearts.



## WHAT I HAVE LEARNT FROM HIM :

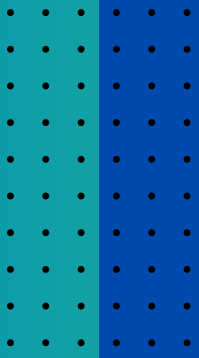


Whenever you encounter a challenge, it's essential to stay calm and take a moment to pause, allowing your thoughts and emotions to settle. In the heat of the moment, reacting impulsively or speaking out of frustration can lead to unwise decisions. By doing nothing and saying nothing initially, you create space for clarity and reflection, enabling you to assess the situation more objectively. This approach empowers you to identify thoughtful solutions you might have overlooked when feeling overwhelmed. Over time, this practice creates resilience and composure, transforming challenges into opportunities for growth and improving your ability to navigate future obstacles with confidence and wisdom.



Pastor Chapi emphasized perfection and commitment, instilling a strong work ethic that has shaped my approach to life and Work. His dedication to hard work defined much of his time, serving as a model for diligence and perseverance. Through his guidance, I learnt that striving for excellence involves both the process and the discipline to get there. His unwavering belief in hard work inspired me to improve, creating a sense of responsibility and a commitment to giving my best in all endeavors, enriching both my professional and personal growth.





## WHEN WE MET : A PASTOR I CALL MY FRIEND AND A BROTHER

In 2016, our paths crossed during Vesper's service, a moment that changed my life. As I finished preaching, I felt his warm gaze, and his first words to me were filled with kindness. Instantly, I felt a deep admiration for him, seeing him not just as a mentor but as an older brother and cherished friend.

His talents as a poet, preacher, and teacher were immediately evident. He has a gift for weaving powerful messages that goes deep with listeners. Every interaction felt like a valuable lesson, inspiring me to explore my own spiritual journey and deepen my faith.

Despite balancing roles as a married man and dedicated pastor, he remains grounded and committed to nurturing relationships within his reach. His ability to thrive in multiple roles while supporting others is truly admirable. In him, I found a lifelong friend and mentor whose influence inspires me every day.

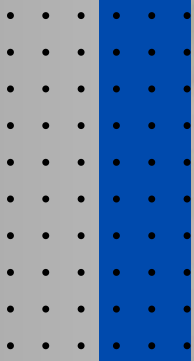


## WHAT I HAVE LEARNT FROM HIM :



- ☑ The first lesson he taught me was to prioritize and take first things first, highlighting that a solid foundation is key to future success. By focusing on core values and essential goals, we build a stable base that supports our endeavors. This approach creates strength and purpose, allowing us to go through challenges and pursue our dreams with confidence while staying grounded in our aspirations.
- ☑ He emphasized the importance of choosing a life partner who is beautiful both inside and out, urging me to seek someone with whom I could build a strong foundation for our future together. He taught me that a healthy marriage not only enriches our lives but also sets an example for our children, shaping their understanding of love and relationships.

Moreover, he conveyed that marriage is fundamentally a matter of spiritual significance, underscoring that it can lead us closer to or further from our spiritual destinies. By prioritizing genuine connection and mutual respect, we create a nurturing environment that builds both personal growth and family unity, ultimately influencing our journey toward Heaven.



## WHEN WE MET : A PASTOR WHO MADE MY VISION CLEAR

I met Pastor Kabanda Lawrence in 2016 during a seminar, and from our very first conversation, he recognized my gift for preaching. His encouragement meant the world to me, and he promised to support my growth with literature. One of the invaluable books he gave me was focused on understanding Proverbs, which has since become one of my favorites, enriching my spiritual journey

Pastor Kabanda is not only a skilled teacher and preacher but also an exceptional counselor and motivator, guiding many through their personal and spiritual challenges. He balances his impactful ministry with a loving family life, being a devoted husband and father, which further exemplifies the values he teaches.

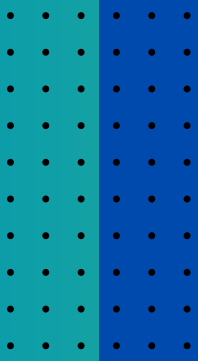




## WHAT I HAVE LEARNT FROM HIM :



- ☑ Life often begins simple, but staying focused on your goals is key to growth. Each small step contributes to a larger journey, and embracing patience and determination opens doors to new opportunities. Keep moving forward; your time to shine will come as you expand your understanding and develop into the person you're meant to be.
- ☑ Having multiple sources of income enhances financial stability and growth. Viewing your salary as capital rather than profit, allows you to invest in diverse opportunities, such as side businesses or investments. This strategy not only boosts your earnings but also creates a safety net, promoting greater financial independence and security.



### WHEN WE MET : A PASTOR I CALL “MY MOTIVATOR”

Meeting Pastor Musunga in 2019 was memorable, despite our rocky start when I accidentally upset him. This awkward moment unexpectedly broke the ice and led to a deeper, more open relationship between us.

As I got to know him, I was struck by his skill as a teacher, preacher, and motivator. He has a unique ability to make complex ideas accessible and engaging, using humor and relatable stories that inspire personal growth.

Pastor Musunga is not only a talented speaker but also a genuinely interesting person. His warmth and authenticity shine through in every interaction. As a married man, he shares valuable insights about family and relationships, making a lasting impact on those who know him.

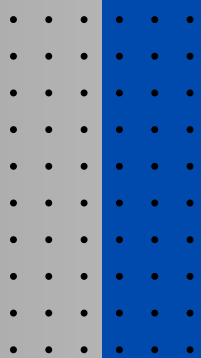


## WHAT I HAVE LEARNT FROM HIM :



- ☑ Growing in silence is essential; a small income today doesn't limit your future potential. What matters most is your mindset and ability to solve problems. Embracing challenges helps you develop skills that create value and open up greater opportunities. By focusing on personal growth and proactive problem-solving, you can pave the way for a prosperous future, regardless of your current situation.
  
- ☑ Fear can overwhelm us, but prayer offers a path to peace and reassurance. Connecting with a higher power helps us find strength and guidance in difficult times. Living in faith builds a sense of safety and hope, reminding us that we are never alone. In moments of trouble, prayer serves as a powerful solution, allowing us to face our fears with courage and clarity.





## WHEN WE MET : A PASTOR I CALL “LOVING FATHER”

I first met Pastor Kaunda in 2016 during a transformative week of prayer that played a crucial role in my mother’s decision to join the church. His powerful sermons captivated many, showcasing his exceptional skills as a preacher and teacher.

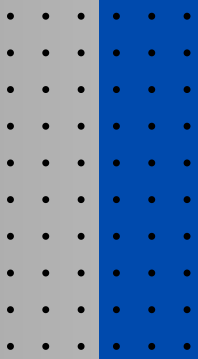
Known for his straightforward approach, he doesn’t shy away from addressing tough topics, which has earned him the nickname "TK the Original." As a married man, he also offers valuable insights as a counselor, making a lasting impact on everyone who has the privilege to hear him speak or seek his guidance.



## WHAT I HAVE LEARNT FROM HIM :



- ☑ Having a big heart involves learning to compartmentalize your emotions and challenges, addressing each issue individually instead of letting them overwhelm you. This approach is crucial for effective leadership, allowing you to maintain clarity and focus. By tackling problems thoughtfully, you demonstrate emotional intelligence and resilience, creating trust and respect among those you lead. Ultimately, combining a big heart with strategic compartmentalization enhances your ability to inspire and support others.
  
- ☑ The best thing you can do in life is to help others in any way possible, as acts of kindness create a profound impact on both the giver and the receiver. Giving embodies love and compassion, fundamental principles of the Kingdom of God. By supporting those in need—through time, resources, or encouragement—we build community and connection. This selfless attitude enriches both our lives and the lives of others, reflecting the divine love that calls us to serve and uplift one another.



## WHEN WE MET : A PASTOR I CALL “THE HUB OF WISDOM”

I met Pastor Mwila in 2020, and since then, he has profoundly impacted my life. A powerful preacher and teacher, he offers deep spiritual insight and practical guidance, especially for parents and families. His generosity and commitment to nurturing the community shine through in his counseling, providing wisdom and support for those in need.

As a devoted husband and father, Pastor Mwila embodies the qualities of a true leader, inspiring and uplifting everyone around him. His presence builds a strong sense of unity and purpose within the community.





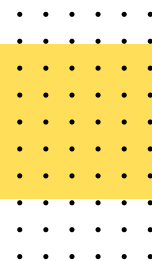
## WHAT I HAVE LEARNT FROM HIM :



☑ He taught me that, to succeed in life, one must embrace humility by treating everyone as equals and promoting fairness. This means listening more than speaking, allowing us to absorb the wisdom of others. By valuing each person's voice, we create genuine connections and a supportive community. Through humility and active listening, we navigate life's challenges and find true fulfillment.

☑ He also taught me the importance of saving and investing wisely, not just to accumulate wealth for myself but to create opportunities that benefit others. By being mindful of my finances, I can uplift those around me and contribute positively to my community. He emphasized that true wealth comes from responsible stewardship—using resources to support and inspire others. In this way, I honor my potential and bring glory to God through a life of generosity and purpose.

# CONCLUSION



As we reach the end of this booklet, I hope my reflections on the pastors who have impacted my life will help you. Their wisdom, compassion, and unwavering faith have been a guiding light during my journey, and I believe their influence extends far beyond individual experiences.



I encourage you to carry these insights into your own life, recognizing the profound effect that spiritual leaders can have in our communities. Whether through their teachings, support, or simply their presence, pastors inspire us to grow, heal, and seek deeper connections with ourselves and others.



May we all continue to honor those who guide us on our spiritual paths and find ways to share their light with others. Together, let us embrace the transformative power of faith and the lasting impact of those who serve it.

**THANK YOU!**



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