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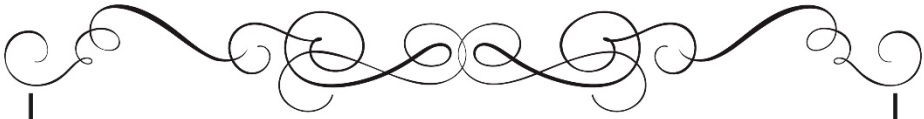

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated first to Jehovah El Elyon for His Indescribable Gift. Second, to my children and grandchildren. Third, to the leadership of Bethel Fellowship. Fourth, to all my spiritual sons and daughters and Bethel Fellowship members worldwide. And fifth, to everyone who wants to have more of God in their life and is ready and willing to obey the Master's call to maintain the house and make a difference.

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ENDORSEMENTS

Everyone on this planet Earth is born to make a difference. However, when we celebrate the new life we have in Christ because our heart belongs to Him, we make an impact. *How Many People Maintain the House* by Angeline Eshun Kesse is an interesting book born in its own time. It emphasizes the power of one, how God calls one person and impacts that one to make a difference. To maintain the house and make a difference requires faith that remains resolute and steadfast. For the most part, ordinary men and women from all walks of life sought God with singleness of heart and were used by God beyond human comprehension. According to the author, it does not take a multitude to maintain the house. It takes willingness of heart to contribute and maintain the house. I highly recommended the book.

Dr. Joseph Arthur-Asmah
Denver, Colorado

"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:9 NIV).

The book, *How Many People Maintain the House* by Angeline Eshun Kesse, is a very insightful narration of how God used great men and women in biblical times to effect changes and impact the world in a tremendous way. She brought to light the various change agents in the Bible and how they availed themselves to be utilized by the Holy Spirit Himself to become beacons of change to ensure the gospel was propagated and the message of the Most High God was received in season.

As children of the Most High God, we are afforded opportunities to be change agents by leaning on the power of God to be equipped to make a difference in this world. This book emphasizes on the "power of one" and talks about the need for us, as children of God, to have a willing and obedient heart to navigate the complexities of this world to be instruments of change. We need to be courageous, obedient, faithful, determined, and, above all, have endurance for the journey.

It takes the grace of God to be endowed and empowered to stand as a person to make a difference. As you read the book, you will navigate through the experiences of life and find the secret to leaning on God to make a difference. What separates people from being successful or unsuccessful is the difference they make. This is a book to refresh and ignite your faith as an individual to make a difference. The difference you make will become the force that propels you to become a mountain mover and an icon of hope to the community. This book can transform your life to be that "one

person" who maintains the house; that "one person" who makes a difference in life and leaves an indelible mark of the Lord's fingerprints behind.

Remember, this book is for you to make the difference you have always been dreaming of. I unequivocally recommend this book. It will make you a change agent for the kingdom of God. The journey starts with you as an individual.

Dr. (Rev) Yaa Amoakoa Caternor
Clarksburg, Maryland

In the book, *How Many People Maintain the House* by Angeline Eshun Kesse, we see the significant illustration of the power of one. Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, said in Ecclesiastes 7:19 that wisdom does more for a person than ten rulers can do for a city. One person can change the course of life, one person can impact a whole nation, and an individual can make a positive impact on generations to come.

Nabal used words that stirred up anger in David (1 Samuel 25). So, David intended to slay Nabal and his servants. Abigail, in the Bible, talked with him to prevent the anger from leading to destruction. Her comforting words turned away the wrath that could have harmed the entire members in the house. The Bible says in Proverbs 15:1 that a soft word turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. One person's encouragement can stop a

person from committing suicide. Another person's inspiration can spark a new generation of youth turning to the Lord for hope. One person's prayer of faith can stop the wrath of God and move mountains to impact many lives. Indeed, it takes just one person to maintain the house. It takes one family member, one youth, one student, one teacher, one director, one professor, one doctor to maintain the house.

As you read the book, *How Many People Maintain the House*, become that one person of influence to maintain the house. Become that one person to bring a change in the family history. Become that one person to bring the light of holiness, to reveal God's revelation through wisdom, knowledge and grace. And become that one person to make a difference in this generation. This book is to empower you to stop procrastinating and take that bold step to do something for impact. I greatly recommend this book.

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FOREWORD

Written by Apostle Victor Acquah Djan

"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV).

God told Jeremiah, "I know the thoughts I have for you, they are thoughts of good and not of evil to bring you to an expected end." God's plan gives hope and a future. His plan gives our lives a meaning. His Word is the compass that guides our journey through time, fulfilling the plans and destinations He has designed for us.

Angeline Eshun Kesse, also known as Mama Angie, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, has compiled from the Word of God, the compass of life and the inspiring stories of men and women who were used by God to make significant impact on Earth. The stories of these biblical characters are so dynamic and applicable to our lives today.

She highlights the state of the heart needed for God to be able to work through us and make us individuals who "maintain the house." The "house" defines the different areas of life where God can use us to be impactful such as our marriages, families, cities, states,

generations, nations, or even worldwide. It challenges us to stand up and be used by God for His glory and honor.

The virtues of availability to God, the significant importance of oneness as children of God, the commitment to understand our place as the image of God on Earth, the wholesomeness of godly wisdom, the following of God's divine strategies, and the listening to His voice at all times are greatly illustrated in this book. This piece of literature will help us learn to become usable by God. Simple to read, the pages are filled with abundant inspiring stories which will help catapult us into the greatness that God wants to establish in our lives and also through us to benefit generations not yet born.

How Many People Maintain the House is a call to stand up to our uniqueness and recognize our usability when we approach God with the right heart and allow Him to shape in us the needed character to sustain us as impact-makers in this world. Be ready to read the familiar and unfamiliar stories that God will use to inspire, strengthen, equip, and empower us to become that "one person" He will use for something great to His glory.

Be blessed!

Apostle Victor Acquah Djan
Missionary in Germany
Founder and Leader of European Missions

INTRODUCTION

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Psalm 1:1-3).

"I have not failed the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food" (Job 23:12 NASB).

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts" (Jeremiah 15:16).

Preaching, teaching and counseling God's people through the Word of God for over 30 years has been a unique gift of divine grace which has allowed me to live in the blessedness of Psalm 1:1-3, Job 23:12 and the joy of Jeremiah 15:16. The task of writing this divinely inspired book was approached with prayerfulness, humility and timeless principles from the Word of God. The goal is to bring us rest from all forms of human

traditions to a Christlike mindset, magnify our Lord, exalt His name above all names, and enlighten the saints to bring a difference in this dispensation. Therefore, be diligent to enter that rest. May the Holy Spirit enlighten us, so we do not discard the offer of God's rest.

How Many People Maintain the House was written with the reader in mind and calls them to make a difference as one person who maintains the house. The contents are words of knowledge and wisdom that will help one crossover the challenges of life without stumbling. It focuses on how one person could bring a difference to families, nations and generations with the direction and help of God. This book is a comfortable addition to personal libraries and also a tool to set us on a new passage towards freedom, success and making a difference by obeying the Word of God.

The Word of God is described in Hebrews 4:12 as *"quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* He has given us His Word to penetrate the depths of who we are and transform us from the inside out. The truth in this book, through the eyes of God, will transform us from the inside out. The assessment and revelation leads, guides and directs us to understand that God does not need many people to maintain the house.

- A house is a building for human or animal habitation. But in the context of this book, a house

represents a family, church, city, nation, generation, group of people, and many more.

- "Maintain" is being used to express "making a difference or an impact."
- So, to "maintain the house" will mean making a difference or an impact in a family, church, city, nation, generation, group of people, and many more.

In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, we see that we will be equipped for every good work with the understanding of the number of people needed to maintain the house. Psalm 119:105 also tells us that God's Word is a light that illuminates our way forward. However, it is up to us to align ourselves with the message to light our path. The Word of God is light for our path and health for our flesh. It is the revealed will of God for our lives.

Truth is not in the eye of the beholder, but truth is based on the Word of God. However, our perception of what is happening in our lives affects our faith which then determines how we respond in situations. God is asking us, would we like to make a difference in our home, in our generation? What do we want to do with our life? Get the vision of making a difference. Deal with our fear and allow Him to guide us each step of the way to make a difference in His Kingdom. Stop making excuses. God has a plan for us, just ask Him to show us so we can start making a difference in our home. God wants our availability. When God puts a thirsting in our

soul, we will have a different attitude. The hunger for Him will change us.

Matthew 5:6 says, *"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."* As we learn to hear the voice of God, we will notice that He speaks in a variety of ways. He is not limited to any particular method or style. Sometimes, He speaks through godly men and women. Other times, He speaks through circumstances. Occasionally, He speaks directly to our spirit. We must hear the Word of God with our heart so we can maintain the home and make an impact.

CHAPTER ONE

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Proverbs 6:16-19 teaches us there are seven things the Lord hates. To make a difference, we must avoid a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked imaginations, feet that are swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaks lies, and he that sows discord among brethren.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NIV) says, *"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people."*

God is looking for character, not talent. A person who makes a difference commits to be closer to God every day. They are disciplined and diligent. They have a sense of adventure and handle obstacles differently than the masses. They can be compared to a tree planted by the rivers of water whose will is surrendered to God. Like a weaned child, they are calm and peaceful. They should be a person of character who walks and operates in love. A

person who makes a difference will be transformed from an ordinary person to an extraordinary person. Be blessed today to make a difference!

In Scripture we can find a lot of individuals who yielded themselves to God and made a significant difference in their generation and beyond. We can consider a few in this book to challenge us to stand up and make a difference.

A. Jesus Made a Difference

The Lion of the Tribe of Judah

The Earth was given to man to manage and have dominion over it. Through sin, man lost control to Satan. It needed to be redeemed and restored back to man. A failure to find a redeemer means the Sovereignty of God's Earth will forever remain in the hands of Satan. Jesus, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, willingly took the sealed scroll, which was the title deed to this Earth. The deed was sealed to prevent unauthorized opening since it is a very important legal document about the ownership of the Earth. The seals are the first seven series of divine judgment out of the scroll poured out on Earth in rapid succession during the great tribulation. The seals certify and guarantee the authenticity of the document. Only a legally qualified person could take such a scroll and open it to reveal its content. The qualified person must be sinless and truly righteous.

The question arose in Heaven, who is worthy to redeem and rescue the Earth? Who has the ability and right to break the seals and open the scroll? No one except Jesus, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, was willing and qualified to break the seals. The breaking of each seal released judgment on Earth, but He alone could take all our judgments upon Himself to redeem us back to God.

Let us read this redemption story from Revelation 5:1-14 (NLT):

> *"Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside and the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel, who shouted with a loud voice: 'Who is worthy to break the seals on this scroll and open it?' But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it. "Then I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll and read it. But one of the twenty-four elders said to me, 'Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David's throne, has won the victory. He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth. He stepped forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne. And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the*