

UNCHANGABLE

"Pastor, how come many Christians are so inconsistent and unreliable? They fluctuate all the time!" This is probably because they have not found a fixed position in God - they are not anchored in His Word. In my opinion, stability absolutely is necessary if we are going to achieve God's plans and purposes for our lives. There should be a sense of permanence when we encounter other believers, and they encounter us. If we were to look at the life and ministry of Jesus we would see an unchangeable aspect to what He represented and what He did. Hebrews 7:24-25, in the Amplified Translation, states; **"But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable (permanent) priesthood. Therefore, He is also able (and willing) to save (deliver from the bondage of sin) to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."** As Jesus has an unchangeable ministry, so does every child of God. Why? Because we have the same Spirit as Jesus; operating the very same gifts, and with the same mission on this earth. The Holy Spirit is our 'anchor man' and although there are diversities (allotments) of gifts, it is "the same Spirit" operating all of them (1 Corinthians 12:4).

Even though, everything the Holy Spirit does is fresh, He always manifests Himself within the confines of divine order. Like Christ, the Holy Spirit is unchangeable! He does not change Himself to accommodate human agendas. He is always the same precious Holy Spirit - the same Spirit of Christ! Therefore, to be unchangeable is to be led by the Holy Spirit. His Spirit acts as a spiritual stabiliser and is a supernatural transformer - constantly changing us into the image and likeness of Jesus Christ. Here is another paradox.... Being transformed into the image of Christ, through the Power that is continually at work in us, causes us to be consistent, steadfast and unchangeable. Consequently, there is less and less fluctuation when dealing with the complex matters of life. 2 Corinthians 3:18 says, **"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same (unchangeable) image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."**

2014 is just days away, and we all have different expectations and resolutions for improving our lives and circumstances. But I would like to think that 'being consistent and steadfast' would be high on the list. In order to reflect a true image of Christ, and go from glory to glory, you must allow the Holy Spirit to be the stabilising force in your life. This way you are assured of fulfilling God's plans and purposes, and succeeding in everything you do. When God thinks about you, He thinks of prospering you in all your affairs. He has given you a hope and a future to hold onto. Yes, He is the unchangeable God on whom you can rely. What's more, you have a great High Priest representing you in the throne room of grace, the Holy One who is constantly making intercession. So be encouraged because the coming year has already been prepared, and the Lord's unchangeable promises will be "Yes and Amen!"