

SPEECH

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I want to thank **Prophet David** of Universal Apostles Fellowship Church of Righteousness, for inviting me to attend the End of Year Glorification and Thanksgiving Convention, in Kaliro District. I have not been able to join you physically, due to earlier scheduled engagements. However, I have delegated Hajji Faruk Kirunda, to represent me; and deliver my message to the Christian faithful.

Firstly, I thank the Almighty God for the continued peace, unity and stability, in Uganda. It is gratifying that Uganda has remained peaceful; and there is a lot of agricultural and industrial production. The shops are full and the markets are full. Yes, there is still poverty among the 30% of the households still outside the money economy (Abakolera ekiddakyoona, tic me ic keken), but the way-out for them is well laid out and the resources to support the process are available and up-scalable (PDM, Emyooga, ghetto funds, bodaboda fund, etc.).

I wish to commend Prophet David for prioritising the message of wealth and jobs creation in his ministry. I thank you for encouraging the believers to work hard and embrace the government programs aimed at eradicating poverty. It is important to note that

human beings have both spiritual and physical needs.

The spiritual needs are satisfied through praying to God, studying the scriptures, listening to religious and moral instruction, fasting, praise and worship, etc. These enable a believer to draw closer to God and impart good morals and discipline in relating with other people. However, there are also physical needs that must be satisfied in order to achieve a happy, fulfilling and productive life. These include: food, water, shelter, medicine, hospitals, schools, clothes, transport, a job, etc.

In a modern economy, you cannot obtain the goods and services, which are necessary to sustain life without money. Therefore, the first step that must be taken by an individual or household is to eliminate moneylessness or subsistence living, which satisfies only one need i.e. food. Moneylessness can be eliminated by undertaking a profitable enterprise in one of the four sectors of: commercial agriculture, industries, services and ICT.

These are the four sectors where you can create jobs and wealth. Religious leaders should encourage the believers to work towards achieving decent and better standards of living. This is a crucial point which some

believers fail to understand and put in practice. In the process of working for heaven, some of the faithful become negligent about their earthly responsibilities and thereby end up perpetuating and entrenching socio-economic backwardness and poverty in their respective families and societies. Jesus Christ should serve as an example to all the religious leaders and their followers.

The Bible tells us that besides fasting and prayer, Jesus also healed the physical ailments of the blind, lame, lepers, deaf, etc. He fed the hungry. Additionally, he earned his bread by working alongside his earthly father Joseph as a carpenter. He worked for both the spiritual and socio-economic uplift of his family and society. This is what all Christians must emulate.

Finally, the future is bright. Let us pray for peace in the whole of Africa and more economic and political integration in Africa to continue to solve the problem of markets for our products and services and strategic security. I wish you all a peaceful and prosperous year.

I thank you all.