

Dear Brethren,

Kindly spare a moment and earnestly pray for us in Kenya, specifically in the highlighted areas: -

1] SHEPHERDING THE FLOCK AMIDST HARD ECONOMIC TIMES.



A section of Kenyans picketing over heavy yoke of taxation.

There is so much pastoral wisdom and sensitivity needed at this time in Kenya since we are ministering to a people who have despaired. The government has introduced backbreaking taxation laws and is resolutely bent towards implementing them despite national outrage and uproar. The economic experts have not only condemned but also termed the proposed finance bill as both punitive and draconian. Our younger population, now christened 'Gen Z', are completely disillusioned. They have taken to the streets across the republic in a bid to compel the government to rescind these laws. In part, they were expecting a 'better Kenya' owing to the mouthwatering promises by the current regime during their campaigns. The older folks have slouched in hopelessness, probably hoping that the government may listen to the young people who are now acting as their mouthpiece. It seems, however, that the government will not be bludgeoned into rescission. Last evening, a military contingency was deployed in Nairobi to reinforce the police in what the government gazetted as 'security emergency'. So far,

hundreds of young people are feared dead owing to the brutality of the security agencies. The political-economic landscape is rugged and the future bleak for the general populace. By the help of God, Elder Ken and I have been guiding the flock to glean from the foddors of encouragement in Proverbs and Philippians respectively. This coming Lord's Day, I hope to preach from Philippians 4:10-13 on "Facing Economic Hardship as a Christian".

- *Please pray that our teaching-preaching ministry will be relevant to the flock at this time.*
- *Please ask the Lord to grant us much wisdom as we shepherd the flock at such a time of despair and disillusionment.*
- *Please pray for other biblical churches across the country for much encouragement from God.*

2] SHEPHERDING THE WOMEN AMIDST THE EVER-GROWING CONCERNS OF FEMINISM.



Addressing the women on the theme "God's Purpose For The Woman."

The relationship between men and women, especially in the context of marriage, continues to elicit controversy in our culture that is gradually gravitating towards feminism. In the wake of such controversy, our women folk are grappling with confusion regarding how to approach the complex and intricate matters of marriage. They asked me to help them to reconsider what it means for a wife to be a helper fit for her husband (Genesis 2:18). They organised a breakfast meeting which proved quite appropriate for such a conversation. They invited a good number of their friends from other churches. Both the attendance and participation were so encouraging. So many practical questions came up during the Q&A session and it was impossible to respond to all of them given the

limited time. From the questions, it seems that the culture of the day has sadly redefined the concept of submission.

- *Please pray for God to mould our dear women into submissive wives.*
- *We would love to sponsor many of similar forums to address these matters. Please pray for provision.*
- *Please thank the Lord for such an opportunity to herald His word.*

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