

Understanding The Power Of Light In Darkness

*The Choice To Curse The Darkness Or Illuminate
With A Lamp Lies In Your Hands*

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Dedication

I dedicate this book to all who aspire to find an angle of escape in every dark moments of their life. Those who rambles on and on in transfixed manner not being able to get remedy with the 'elephant' they encounter in their house. This book is your 'cocktail of bullets' for the very predicament fighting your ability to think.

Foreword

The tragedy of a hopelessness and desperation has hit so hard in a generation that has not stood the test into self-discovery. Life has a habit of bringing a dimension of refinement which is not a sweet gallop to swallow in many instances. Some will spit and forgo the fruits while others will endure the bitterness and swallow. This is a sure test into greatness. It is not a determinant of others that will make one to go through this exposure but it is a personal decision to define the Results. **In this case the ‘I’ is more important than the ‘We’.**

Life is a package of dark ends and bright ends. It is upon one to determine how to live through both extremes. ***Curse the darkness, or light up a lamp***, is a seasoned write up that presents without prejudice the realities of life. Reading this book gives my heart great joy in that it expounds on the mystery of existence. The mindset and view of God on matters of life was initially a presentation of good as He confidently says, **He saw it was good**. This divine beauty of life alludes that, no matter the dimension you approach life, there is always an awesome end.

This book calls us into action to define our operational and definitive standards of the life we want to live. You rise up and create an arena of patchy areas of darkness and sorrow or bright ends of happiness. This critical direction to take is anchored in three magnificent areas,

- ✓ **The understanding of the personal make up or identity**
- ✓ **The understanding of the reason and value of existence**
- ✓ **The understanding of the focus or the direction of existence.**

It is not the dark areas that matter but the patches of light that shine in the darkness .You can decide to dim your light or make it brighter in darkness .The bible says that, A righteous man will fall seven times and seven times rise up again (Proverbs 24:16).The fall is guaranteed but the rising is based on the fallers individual decision. **The beauty of a man's life is not defined in the many times they sank in the sand and refused to rise but the many times they appreciated the fall ,rose up ,dusted off and pushed on .**Remember it is up to the stability of ones mindset and focus to come through the process effectively .

“You're the sum total of what you fetch in your mind, conceive in your heart and execute from your mouth”. The rhythmic make up of this statement hits differently in the readers mind, heart and soul. The mind is the pool where life is birthed, the heart is the stream where life flows. Guard your heart for out of it are the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23), then the mouth is the address system in which life is pronounced, “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (Luke 6:45)

You conceive life in the mind, the desires of the heart are naturally streamed in that life dimension then the mouth has no option but to speak life, the contrary is tragically true.

The makeup systems of God in making man is an outstanding standard of uniqueness ,originality and completeness .God made man and gave him His will and spirit .We a co-creators with God .With this precious understanding and revelation we will definitely become in the standards of our will and mental alignment of becoming. God holds the manual on what He has inscribed in man. There is a precious strength and potential in every man that needs to be exploited explosively. Many are the people that have been caged and sealed in murmuring, complains, self-denial, low self-esteem and counting themselves invaluable. Don't allow any toxic environment to define your existence, God has already defined you, Arise and take action, proof to the world that you don't just exist but you do valuably.

The greatest ideal in life is to refuse living in the darkness .There is a lot of dirt in the darkness ,Terrific acts and dark agendas follow in the night as projected in this book ,the psalmist also said in Psalms 30:5 ,*that weeping may endure for a night ,but joy comes in the morning* .**I will gladly sound this trumpet that it is a great achievement for one to make a concretely personal decision to light their own world** .The scientific discovery is that ,Light travels in a straight line ,once you light your own lamp in the middle of extreme darkness ,you can only progress forward. Do not sacrifice your future because of ignorance. Someone said that the level of your revelation is the level of your elevation. Life into the future is a Now program, don't procrastinate, **WAKE UP AND RISE!**

The practical application of the principles in this book will help one to create a viable world system that will have a legacy

and a generational voice. Don't die in the dungeon, Light it up and pull yourself up. Success can only be achieved where specialized action is present and constant, in this case Consistency is the master key. Do not just read and know the principles outlined here but practice them. I will say like Apostle Paul, a man who rose against all odds, despite the physical defects and a dark history, today we are proudly reading the epistles that he wrote by his own hand .To Quote, Philippians 4:13,*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!*

The world does not recognize what they hear about you but what they see in you. One of powerful statements you will read in this book, ***“Fame is created by men, fame dies with men, but greatness is a seed that's transferred from one generation to another. That's why all great men are famous but not all famous men are great”***

This is an eye opener that you can be famous but not great. CHOOSE!

I applaud every word, statement, sentence and chapter of this book. I welcome you to approach the read with a great zeal and appetite for knowledge to become. The book gives great insights in self-realization and discovery. This is achieved through great determination and resilience in life.

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I am Bishop Morris Kikului, Senior Pastor of the Redeemed Gospel Church Matuu, Yatta Sub-county in Machakos County, and Bishop in charge of Yatta Regional Churches. Eng. Fred. W. Wafula joined our church with his family five years ago.

He has since become our worship leader, mission coordinator, and youth patron, passionately preaching the gospel as an evangelist through singing and teaching the Word of God with boldness.

Fred is the rightful author of this remarkable and life-changing book, *Understanding the Power of Light in Darkness*. This seasonal book, penned by my beloved son in ministry, can easily illuminate your thinking and transform your lifestyle.

While reading this book, I discovered that many of our problems stem from a lack of knowledge. The deep explanations within these pages have led me to encourage you to read it diligently and with an open mind.

The knowledge and wisdom shared in this book are powerful and worth absorbing. After reading, you will find that the challenges you once faced have been transformed into moments of victory.

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Chapter One

Curse the Darkness or Light a Lamp in Darkness; It's up To You

The greatest observation I have ever made in life is this: You can't achieve a deeper discovery of light by critical analysis of darkness. A wound on your body can not be healed by smiling at it. If you lack enough faith to achieve total divine healing, just seek the doctor. Similarly, you can't realize the bright days of adventure in your life by singing the same old folk songs, concentrating on Stone Age stories, misfortune you caused, or other people printed in your life. Paul instructed his spiritual son Timothy in *1st Timothy 4:7* ***to have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales but rather train himself in godliness.*** In other words, Paul was advising his son not to have a relationship with Stone Age stories, discussions and sayings that can push him to spiritual darkness but rather equip himself with the true word that would profit him in the area of reproof, doctrine, instruction in righteousness.

Let me ask you a quiz before I blast this greatest discovery. Have you ever found yourself in an angle where life pressures and issues have pressed you down, crushed you down to earth or heated you up to a boiling point until you turn into another state of being? Have you ever felt an irritating smell about life or like you're in a small hell on earth? The reality is

that life has sometimes felt like a fight to many of us. The hits and punches in the form of challenges, obstacles, and failures have been experienced thus making them completely knock us down. You will agree with me that most of us have had fluctuations in our economical, marital, social and educational circles that were tough enough to brand us feeble and unqualified. Some of us have reached a level of denying ourselves, completely crushing inside. We remain downcast, waiting for somebody to reach you to help you stand. They wait for a good Samaritan to employ himself in the corner of their situation to help them get up or pick themselves up. However, others walk with their shoulders high, shaking off the dust. They manage to be self-coach in that very game of life, pick themselves up. They look in that mirror of defeat and turn it into a window of possibilities. Despite the pressure they are experiencing, they struggle and do their best to surface from any point in the parameters of life and remain standing.

However, the funny thing after all these happenings to us is that the life we live is now credited with various definitions from numerous sources. The life account that God himself opened for us and deposited one simple and universal definition is now flooded with different definitions from other people he himself created. That simple credit He gave to life was this: “***It is good.***” When God created everything in his supernatural way from the first to the last day, his simple conclusion was, “It is good” God saw that everything was awesome. This is to say he had the final favorable definition of life for all. In fact, in this life account balance, “it’s good” is where after creating a man confined him there and ordered him to go further and find his

life purpose through it. And guess what the first man found after checking the balance ‘it was good.’

However, with that great assurance, we human beings, who were created and commissioned to operate in the first and initial mission life statement deposited in our life accounts, have gone ahead to add more worthless statements about life. We have overloaded life accounts with definitions and comments that favor the conditions and circumstances in which we’ve accidentally or intentionally found ourselves. The best initial statement, ‘it’s good’ has been outweighed by statements like ‘it’s pathetic’, it’s unfair, it’s hard, it’s a mystery etc. All these utterances have been the daily songs sung and poems narrated by individuals from different walks of life. From the small to the great, rich to the poor, black to white, single to married, the song's tune and rhythm have never been transposed.

I am strongly convinced and believe that God's word is power and the final authority. Therefore, it’s an abomination and insult of the highest order for us to subtract or add anything on top of it, as the bible states. If He created everything and saw it was good, how come we in cooperate different perceptions of them? We have completely forgotten that our major role is to function within that reality. All of these definitions, which we call the ground realities, are summed up as a compromising murmuring before him. All the cooperate conferences we hold in our localities to give life meaning due to spiritual and physical crimes and disasters face is considered null before him since we have failed to function in the realm of his reality. He always turns his back to us whenever we face total darkness,

thus causing some of us to stay put at the same level and fail to search for the light of truth in that particular error. Nevertheless, since we are offered a platform for decision making, whether you will continue cursing the darkness or lighting a lamp in that very darkness, himself God has given us free will and clear conscience to choose in between the lines. It's true that you never chose that dark concert, but you'll have to choose how to respond to it.

Now, allow me to establish to you that when we talk of cursing the darkness, I refer to building different ideologies and so-called facts of life contrary to what was formulated from the beginning. It's branding life definitions like it's unfair, it's hard, and it's painful, it's bitter, etc. It simply directs to negative nuggets of perceptions about painful and bitter times we've faced. It's choosing to become moody, unstable, emotionally irregular and sometimes even contemptible when life crushes you to the ground. On the other hand, lighting a lamp in darkness refers to creating a coupling terminologies and rhyming scheme about life similar to what God invented despite what has pinched you. It's pressing a button of hope in your heart despite the painful events launched in your life. It's simply confronting a step i.e., growing in dirty places that many people grapple with understanding. It's concurring and conforming to what he said about life and adding complements to it. That's to say, you depend on his declaration; through it, you create pillars of truth about life no matter the present circumstances. As many individuals around the globe invent booklets of many whys about life, you subdue and dominate over all the hiccups of life and generate amazing realities about

the beauty of life. Not because you don't face challenges but because you have overlooked them and focused on the best life has for you. You begin a business, it fails; you laugh at yourself. You recollect from that mess, pickup another business and move on. You enroll for a new course, and you fail all the exams at the end of the course, but you come back to try again, for you know that success is a product of the times you've fallen and risen. You begin a ministry, it depreciates after 3 years all members running away, heading to various churches but you thank God for the short episode, go back to the mountain pray to God for a fresh start. You stumble, fall but you don't stay there, you wake up shake off the dust and try new styles, channels and methodologies every day filled with energy and zeal because in your mind you hold your master's initial statement about life.

My precious reader, life rewards you more on what you know than on what you believe. This is because the power of knowledge is greater than the power of belief. Through knowledge, you're able to get the details of what life is all about. And the knowledge in our case is what our creator composed about life. Before you begin to curse unfavorable conditions in your life. Before you tell us why you have quit that marriage, job, relationship, ministry or business you should know the kind of platform that God had already laid for you. Get the knowledge of what he said concerning you and your life. I have realized that many people just decide to quit and surrender due to lack of clear perception of who they are and what was written in the

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books of their destiny. Don't forget that anytime you think of surrendering whenever you're faced with a challenge, then we are aborting our development process. This later causes you to compromise the power of the promise God has placed within you.

It's important to note that in any area where life plants you, you need to blossom in grace because there were necessary utterances that were made in your favor that give you speed in that particular environment. Why should you give people excuses as to why you can't produce the best of you? It looks funny when you tell people you've nothing left to enjoy in life. Before you wind up your mere utterance's murmurings, understand that you're not alone in experiencing that pressure in that cocoon. God's hand and presence are standing from the center in any and every stage of your cocoon. Many people have been there, where hope and credibility were buried long ago, but today they have become a legacy builder with a positive influence in the very conditions. Remember that a dirty or dark place is like a nurturing soil to enable you grow and blossom in ways you would have never experienced sitting safety of a green house.

Allow me to give you an illustration here. Imagine you enter your house very late at night from a journey or workplace. Unfortunately, you find the power off and, in your house, you've nothing to light up the whole house. You decide to run up and down and later you encounter your neighbor from the gate who later lends you a candle he's holding. At that very time, you discover you don't know where you left the matchbox. As you keep searching in the very dark room,

suddenly the power comes back but this time round at a very high voltage thus tempering your wiring system and damaging your appliances and fittings. What are you going to do in such a situation? Will you click ten times, give up hitting everything in the house and yell at the top of your voice as you burn inside with anger. Or will you relax, cool down, and get something to eat as you think the way forward. My concern is, will you curse the darkness or you will light a lamp in that darkness?

I have learnt that during the dark days of our lives, most of us have never resolved to appreciate those moments, match them with brighter ideas, methods, choices to lighten up our paths. T. D Jakes discovered “*Even in the moments of your greatest anguish, you often find unexpected blessings alongside and commingled with your losses*” Therefore, I encourage you to just be ready to face those unfortunate days with a positive mindset, and fight for your survival again if we need and desire to encounter your divine blessings. We have to learn to concentrate on the solution agenda and not who or what caused the problem. Through that, you will be now prepared to shed light on those sophisticated moments of life.

According to the recent study and research I have done, 90% of people around the world curse the darkness will only 10% endeavor to light a lamp in that darkness. Now before you think of falling into the category of those who curse the darkness, kindly pause a little bit and ask yourself the following questions; -

- 1) Who are you? - your identity in life
- 2) What do you carry? - the value of your existence
- 3) Where are you going? - your focus in life

1) *Who are you?*

I was seated one day in a service at our local church. Our pastor had invited one of the most radical and eloquent motivational speakers and preachers of the gospel. When this man stood to minister, before he uttered anything or even greeted the congregation, this was his first opening remarks while standing on the altar “*you’re the sum of what you fetch in your mind, conceive in your heart and execute from your mouth*’’. This statement pondered in my mind as I struggled to understand what he meant at that particular time he was ministering. His comprehension and discovery were heavily triggering since it was my first time hearing such a commentary about one’s identity. Just like the preacher I encountered, most of us have encountered many who have given us various definitions concerning their identity.

However, based on my subject of discussion here, let me subject you to a new realm of identity. I may not be able to exactly know what was fed in your mind but if you loosen your mental cords, you can swim into new reality and insights. The reality is that you’re the mega project of God, very much original, unique, designed and manufactured, packaged and exported in the environment called planet earth which contains other products like you. In other words, you’re what your manufacturer labeled about you and not what other products that hang around you say. You don’t rely on the opinions of the

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masses, but one only one single label, comment or statement of identity concerning you. 1st peter 2:9 defines us, ***‘but you’re a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people....’***

Your genesis completely defined your exodus at any point in life and nothing can alter this order

You’re born of God, not of corruptible but of incorruptible seed, that is the word of God. That is what and who you’re when you have totally believed and relied on him. That is your

identity. When you know this, you will operate on a level that morally upright people who lack self-identity can’t reach. This identity keeps the father of all liars (devil), who is the lover of darkness 1000 miles away from your point of operation

My precious reader, your manufacturer (God) perfectly designed you, did a perfect setting of every part of your body and calibrated your mind and heart so that they can function in accordance with heavenly set standards. Therefore, it’s an absolute error to begin functioning contrary to our manufacturers’ manual (bible). One

of the guiding principles in this manual ***‘you’re beautifully and wonderfully made’*** should be your shield against any opinions presented to you trying to reveal your ugly state. Nevertheless, the statement, ***‘we’re more than conquerors through Christ who strengthens you’*** should energize you with an assurance of victory against any odds

Life is a sweet story, that has its introduction through your existence, picks up a body in your position and manifestation in a specified environment and climaxes with a revelation of your reality in the exposition of your manufacturers manuals

of life. This manual is full of all kinds of realities upon which if well studied and taken care of can boost your ability to deal with issues in the circumference of your life.

I want you to understand that life is a sweet story, that has its introduction through your existence, picks up a body in your position and manifestation in a specified environment and climaxes with a revelation of your reality in the exposition of your manufacturer's manual. Your genesis completely defined your exodus at any point in life and nothing can alter this order. Remember this sequence of life where genesis dictates exodus was fixed even before the so-called man-made laws and supplies around you existed. If this God's sequence can be well wired in the loins of your minds, then man's opinions and provisions on the aspect of life will be meaningless to you. Do you really know that in our manufacturers' manual is where self-discovery and recovery are found? So you should go find and reinvent yourself there. In this manual, you will encounter formulated principles of true living. Through it, you will gain instructions, corrections, doctrines and reproves that will energize and quickly start you to place your ladder on the right wall. The bible says in 2nd timothy3: 16, 17 that ***“All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work”***

Before you arrive at a conclusion and compose songs like “born to suffer”, and ‘life is so hard’ get an understanding of who you’re. Know the contents of your manufacturer’s manual concerning

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you. Fight to know what he said after He perfectly designed you. The deeper knowledge of this aspect will induce in you a will power and fresh strength to move on and light a lamp in darkness. Steve covey learnt this *“we’re the creative force of our life and through our own decisions rather than our conditions, if we carefully learn to do certain things, we can accomplish those goals”* Its better you apply this will power in your situation, implement various ideas if you want to get out of that darkness and discover the best out of you. Remember, in darkness, there’s always an identity crisis. You will not be able to know much about yourself. You will be confused about your real potential and the creative force within you. You will do what we call trial and error process because you’re not sure which process is fit for you. But if you know what your master has said about you, you will be able to stand, with your shoulders high, and look at your darkness and command it ‘light be!’ and suddenly it will be. That’s when the best of you will begin to emerge in the very light.

Every now and then, I have witnessed funny behavior and culture practiced by many people when found in perilous circumstances. Many rush to secure themselves and hold everything in place. They shoot roots into the soil beneath them in the hope of anchoring themselves against life storms. They yearn for someone or something to hold, lift, and sustain them when they have completely forgotten the contents in their manufacture’s manual. Finally, they droop and wilt in the winds of their isolation and loneliness. In other words, the fiercest enemy of progress is dark moments. Many people lose their focus during the dark days of their life. Destinies have

been messed up during this stage or season of life. Families have been sacrificed here. Hinges of success in individuals' businesses have been broken here. Greatness in men has been diminished and demolished on this platform. Weak foundations in individuals' marriages have been built here and so much more. I tell you the truth, darkness is not a good point to stay.

Just look for instance, in normal circumstances, you will realize that many awkward things happen at night. Robbers carry out their major evil operations at night when there's total darkness. Witches practice their witching skills at night. Harlots and sexual workers demand are more than supply at night. Most deaths and killings happen at night. You will realize that in the pervasive poverty and social economic misery experienced in different societies today, impunity and impurity have their high and increased market at night compared to day time. This is to say, most of the evils carried out in our nations today experience higher registration at night than in day. Thus, it's crystal clear that when you stay in darkness consistently, troubles can easily slap you and randomly hit you. It's better to troubles at day times when there are people who can advocate for you than at night when you will need to defend yourself of which victory is not guaranteed.

Actually, why stay in those mistakes you made long time ago till they wear you out? What advantage do you have in singing the same song about your broken relationship until an emotional related sickness hits you? Why should you concentrate on the failed exams or interviews till you turn into a sample of failed personalities in your society? You don't have a concrete reason as to why you should not try a new business

Daytime dreamers are sharper and accurate than night time dreamers

because the one you had suffered shame due to financial constraints and finally collapsed. I don't understand why you should stay in the same pressing condition until you become hopeless. Move on and do something, my precious reader. It's better you regret the things done than things you haven't done. It's better you illuminate your world of thoughts and come up with decisive measures than stick to the same episode of your failure.

There is this story in the bible in 2nd kings 7:3-10 about the four leprous men who give us a clear mental picture of those people who didn't want to stay in their pathetic conditions. Although they were disadvantaged with a well renown disability, they overlooked it and questioned one another, '*why stay here till we die?*' they later resolved to march into the camps of their enemies from where they were prepared for anything, life or death. They decided it was better they look for food rather than starving to death because of hunger. They chose to move to the point where they could see light rather than just staying in darkness. And guess what transpired after this step, they experienced great victory than ever before. They ate and drank until they had the surplus to carry. Their enemies ran away after hearing them coming like a great army of Israel. The truth is that the day you'll decide to overlook your present condition and march forward with an adventure spirit and decisive measure, you will

Please take care of your dreams and goals, one day they will testify against you or show up in your favor

encounter virgin ideas that give birth to amazing results that you've never thought or dreamt of.

Yes, I know you have a dream, even me I have it, but its better you continue with that dream in broad light than in darkness. Day time dreamers are intelligent and sharper than night time dreamers. They see 1000 miles away from where they are than night dreamers. Its better you chase your dreams at the point where you're still determined, consistent and enthusiastic than when you're drained, hopeless and discouraged. Please, take care of your dreams and goals, one day they will testify against you or show up in your favor. Your eyes will be eager to see what your mind and heart conceived. Your eyes will wander everywhere just to have a look at the dreams and visions you wrote down and pledged allegiance to make them come true.

Falling into the world of identity crisis has caused many people around the globe to fall off the track. Some end up eating their birthday cake in the very darkness when no one is watching, scream at their family members or indulge in self-pity mode. They end up in ruts because to them that's the best way to harmonize with the darkness. However, the moment they stumble on the reality of who they are and become fully in charge of their life, they speak light in the very darkness. They will be in control of their life until being in control over their circumstances feels more natural than being out of control in every hard circumstance they face. My dear reader, my point here is that the seasons or instances will sometimes feel inevitably out of control, but self-knowledge will make those series of circumstances look small and manageable to you. You

know your precious life is like a ship navigating its way across the ocean, and you are meant to be the captain of the vessel. So when storms of life toss you around or cover the deck with water or break the mast clean in half, self-identity will emerge and will show you what to do to fight your way back. It will teach you how to throw water off the boat, bucket by bucket until you land on the ocean shore.

Now that you have perceived a new outlook about your identity from above reality and exposition, you need to deal with those issues that look mountainous and troublesome to you. Don't forget that you're unique and special according to your manufacturer's manual. And in that darkness, don't forget that still the product of God and he's working on you. So there's no way he's going to present you with light and graduation moments unrefined, unfermented and underdeveloped product. Nevertheless, there's no photocopy or your copy cut that you can begin comparing yourself with. Let the contents of your manufacturer be your mirror. Have mercy on your life and let it conform to the standards of this manual. You're neither what people defined you nor what they see in you. Let not your dark or tough moments define you. Know who and what you are, i.e. unique, peculiar and with the DNA of God. As he is, so you're. With this nugget of reality, you will find yourself holding a lamp in your hands ready to light up in the darkness you've been experiencing in your life circuit.

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2) What do you carry?

“Fame is created by men, fame dies with men, but greatness is a seed that’s transferred from one generation to another. That’s why all great men are famous but not all famous men are great” (Anonymous)

You will consistently wrestle in your darkness until the day you will land to the knowledge of what you carry. Everybody was given something by our chief architect (God) who designed it and placed it in our DNA system. This is the seed of greatness that was wired in us. Although we function in different fields and offices in life, this seed of greatness is what gives us an advantage and speed in market places. This only comes into play after a clear realization of its existence in you. One of the areas we’ve lost focus in the theme of definition is fame and greatness. Many people have never differentiated the two vices. Understand that fame as I have stated earlier is created by men. Men are the founders and originators of fame, while greatness was created by God and placed in a man to manifest within a specified period. For your information greatness is not only classified by financial gain or notoriety. It’s actually the level to which God takes you where you finally operate with confidence and fullness in the environment, He has placed you in. In the form of a seed, it lives inside you, but it must be cultivated as God himself guides you through the various seasons of change. And it’s in those dark ages that the costliest transactions take place in you as that greatness grows and finally surfaces. Therefore, out of man comes fame and

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greatness. They are like two power twins under one family but work independently. Fame is like a fruit that ends after a certain period of time while greatness is a seed as I have mentioned that grows, matures and is transferred from one generation to another. Fame is seen but greatness is felt by the masses. Fame is full of self-glory and satisfaction but greatness is more of touching lives and transforming communities. Fame is buried with you after you're gone, but blue prints of greatness are stamped everywhere you step.

Therefore, it's what you will give a chance here to surface that will help you during bitter moments of life. If you discover the seed of greatness in you, and give it a chance to grow and despising ripple components of fame in you, you can be the most rejuvenated and jubilant person on the face of the earth. It's only in the knowledge that you carry the seed of greatness that will make you a legacy builder. This seed was put in you to become a source of answers to the questions your family has been asking. It's in you to purposely help you supply morally cultivating resources to this morally sick and drained generation. You're given this seed to help you build liberation camps, to secure the disadvantaged and mentally captives in your society. In other words, this seed was planted in you to offer solutions to every predicament that your family is facing today. However, you need to know something here: to keep a seed from being planted is to condemn that seed to realize its full potential. So, when you're in darkness (planted in dark points) by life, there's

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always a good chance for that greatness to grow. Unfortunately, most of us, with that seed of greatness, don't understand the vine or legacy we are becoming to others. It's when we have grown into vines i.e. strong, loving and fruitful that we can look back at what we used to be in that painful circumstances and notice that what appeared to be accidents, incidents and coincidence converged to produce what we are and the fruits that hangs from our branches. The reality is that if you know what you carry (greatness), nothing can hold you in misfortunes, dark and crushing moments of your life. You will fight for your survival because you know there's a task and great assignment ahead of you. You will be hungry and thirsty for the manifestation of this seed in you. You will stop seeking permission to do whatever you want to do for society because you will be aiming to serve society through this seed of greatness. Gurbarksh chiral advices *"if you genuinely want something, don't wait for it. Teach yourself to be impatient."* This is exactly how people of greatness behave. They utilize the available resources, time and environment to do something that will forever transform their status quo. Please, don't tell me that there are special and specific people authorized to run life with this unique ability and potential. Everybody under the face of the earth possesses this unique capacity. The difference comes in how fast we are in discovering it. That's why some people struggle with fame thinking that that's what will make people trade their name with big titles. They later end up being self-oriented satisfying and forgetting their identity. Just know that you've greatness packed within you. This seed of greatness is not achieved by searching for it in the dictionary or literature

materials, but it's by realizing and accepting that you own it. In other words, the only way greatness is realized before an attempt of self-discovery is through dictionaries and literature documents. Please understand that you have something unique that gives you distinction in the masses. You carry great capacity that can help you soar into higher positions in life. My friend, you hold in your life circuit what it takes to make you top of the news headlines of all social media in the whole nation. My precious reader, you can make the entire world knock at your door post just to get pieces of wisdom, knowledge, insights, ideas, concepts and creativity you carry. Ralph Waldo Emerson concluded, *"Build a mouse trap and the whole world will beat a path to your door"*.

Therefore, since what you possess is very precious, use it to break barriers that have been set before you. Give room for this seed to grow. Offer the necessary ingredients to help it germinate effectively. Water it every day and guard it against all the odds of life. Pray for it and research the new methodologies on how to nurture it. One day one time, your mouth will be filled with a special utterance like Paul in 2nd timothy4:7, *"I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept my faith and*

unto me is laid a crown of righteousness." If you desire to explore more about the seed of greatness and how to nurture it read my book **"the hardest riddle of life between the day you were born and the day you will die.**

You're not honored because of where you come from (BACKGROUND), but by what you have achieved (destiny)

3) *Where are you going?*

Let me tell you this for free, the reason why most people never reach their destiny is due to lack of a clear definition of it or seriously not considering it worthy and tangible. If you encounter winners in life, they will tell you stories of where they are going, what they plan to do along the way and who will be enjoying the adventure with them.

It's very pathetic to realize that many people in life don't know where they are going. It takes a courageous man to define his destiny. You're not honored because of where you come from (your background) but you're honored by where you've arrived (destiny). Do you know that if you don't have a clear mental picture of where you're going, you will not know what to carry? And if you go to a place empty-handed or without any mental or physical weight then loss is guaranteed. Nevertheless, the moment you walk empty-handed in the journey of life, then darkness will totally cover the face of your life. The reason is that you have nothing that can catalyze your ability to realize your great destination.

Therefore, unless you know where you're going, you'll get stuck in the ugly moments of your life forever. You will complain, lament, and argue but nothing positive will be installed in your life. Ok, let me pause a little bit and ask you a quiz. Have you ever traveled to a destination you do not have any information about? For instance, you don't know the name of the place, the weather conditions the kind of people, etc. Lack of knowledge concerning your destination is very costly. If you don't know the name, you may stop at any point thinking that you've already arrived. If you don't know the distance, you

will not be able to select a good and appropriate means of transport. If you fail to know the weather conditions, you will not be able to choose the appropriate clothing. Nevertheless, unawareness of the type of environment will fail to prepare you mentally and physically for how you will interact with whoever you will meet there.

I want to let you know that everyone has a defined destiny and they are no longer the same. That is why only those who are good at originality make it. It is this understanding of your destiny that will help you know the distance, who and what to carry along to facilitate you to your destiny. After you are aware of your environment, you will be able to know the clothing (outlook) that will sustain you in your destiny. Nevertheless, after studying your environment, you will know the kind of people (company) you will be interacting and associating with at that level. Remember that your network determines your net worth. Therefore, the people you choose to share your secrets at that level will determine the increment or decrement of your value.

In conjunction with the above sort of facts, don't forget that you will encounter a jam of people, issues and circumstances in the journey to your destiny. This may present to you as the darkness that fights its way into your life to block you from where you are going. This means that you will be required to employ patience, endurance and perseverance as you trust God for a breakthrough. If you make a mistake of overtaking and ignoring those factors without dealing with them, you will end up colliding with them. And guess what will happen! Competition factor will arise that will make you have

a head-on collision with each other. I have witnessed some people overlapping others who were ahead of them terming them destiny delayers and block factors. Later on, after much struggling and all in vain, they get stuck after these factors deny them a chance to move on and pursue their purpose. At the end of the day, they are forced to move at the pace of those factors ahead of them.

My dear reader, do you know that before you think of overlapping or overtaking anyone, you need to understand his or her personality. For instance, on the road, a saloon car can't just carelessly overtake a transit aimlessly. The reason is in the capacity that each vehicle carries. A saloon car can easily be crushed by the transit if it overtakes poorly. In the journey of life, before you think of competing with those ahead of you, first understand their capacity and history. At least, find out what they carry in terms of their physical and mental abilities. Get affirmed with their mental maturity hence you can learn much about them and thus pushing you into your destiny won't become a big deal.

By the way, do you know that listeners are more creative than speakers? Those that are behind may be wiser than those ahead. Those who sit to listen may be mentally richer than those who stand up to talk. This might be a shocking truth but I will explain it: when you are seated listening to somebody, your mind is subjected to a free wheel mode where you can acquire more understanding, qualitative arguments, creative ideas and quality thinking that may be even of a surprise even to the speaker at that moment. For instance, a

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teacher comes to class, teaches a respective subject and before he/she is done with the lesson, a sharp student may challenge him/her with a question. This question may be out of the knowledge of the teacher hence promising the student that they will answer it during the next lesson.

Therefore, what am trying to tell you is that you should not be worried about what you have and what you are doing. You are a victor and a champion in the workshop. Stop competing with those ahead of you in terms of spirituality, education, age or business. Remember that great experiences are acquired in silence. Behave like a fool but inside you, a wisdom circuit is well-wired and very live. Inside you, maturity patterns are being designed. This will cause you to sit in the council of elders at your prime age. You will begin to gain names such as; the youngest preacher in Africa, the best footballer in the continent, the best singer, etc. Those who were ahead of you will even pause a little bit and desire to listen and hear from you as you pour out nuggets of revelations, wisdom, word of knowledge and realities. Eventually, you will turn out to be the chairperson and head of several corporate institutions because of the influence, knowledge and wisdom you possess.

You can now realize that after knowing where you are going life becomes cheap, easy and portable. You will be able to shun darkness like evil and light a lamp in it. You will know who is who and why. I would like to encourage you to maintain your position, accept where you are and be prepared to move on.

Before I wind up this chapter, do you know that being in light is like operating in reality while being in darkness is

like operating in the absence of actuality? The moment you take a step ahead, forget about the economic miseries you have undergone and move further for greener pastures, you will be marveled by the financial ability hidden in you. Cracks are the name I give to the steps taken by an individual, and do you know what Leonard Cohen commented about cracks? Listen to what he said “*There is a crack in everything, that’s how light gets in*” The moment you take steps and decide to move on in life, you will be inviting sweet moments in your life. That moment you will make a choice of moving ahead despite the surrounding miseries and misfortunes, it will be a new dawn to you. By the way, it’s only little minds that are subdued and tamed by misfortunes while great minds rise above it. Remember nothing in life just happens. There is always a lesson to learn and a precaution to take. Alberto Manguel reveals some great mysteries about this and said, “*in the light we read the inventions of others, in darkness we invent our own stories.*” My dear reader, the pain in your life is not there to set a prophetic platform or mood of destruction. Your darkness is no longer your cemetery if you take it positively. It’s actually a controlled environment our creator is using to cultivate and inspire you to realize your worth. Your painful moment’s you’re passing through is not a punishment, it’s a pathway to God's power in your life. It’s in these dark and dirty places of life we get a chance to appreciate what we had before we lost them and also scream for God's attention and help.

Today, I do motivational speaking and always seek to inspire many people around the world with my inspiration to pursue life with a determined personality, but how I wish you

could know how my gift of exhortation was founded. I discovered and allowed it to sprout in a dark place. It was cut and trimmed by a scalpel of life difficulties. When the wounds of broken relationships and joblessness were consistently slapping my innocent face, is when I discovered my gift of inspiration. When the lady I wanted to marry after two years of courtship and engagement told me am very much mentally immature because of common disagreements that occur in relationships, dismissing the marriage program and told me it was over between me and her, that's when I received the title of the first motivational book. Let me tell you, it's only in the darkest point of life my dear reader, that the creative ideas, stories and bitter truths about life are acquired. The painful moments and lessons don't cut through our life to kill us, but to heal. Just like a surgeon who uses a sharp object to cut through our flesh when performing an operation, we feel severe pain but after that pain, healing follows automatically. Those worst circumstances sometimes present some pain, but if you trust God in the process you're going through, you will find yourself energized, with the lamp in your hands to shed light in very situation. As you move on with those lessons, you will find yourself at the point of light, encountering new ideas and the discoveries of other people.

Do you know the kind of feeling an individual possesses when he realizes that the environment has changed and now he has the necessary supporting documents to advocate for his position at the light point of life? At that point, the individual is of the same caliber with whom they share the same parameters. The very individuals, who consolidated with

you now encourage you and the same time help you to nurse the wounds you experienced while you were in darkness, Here, love and cords of unity are created. OG Mandino observed something about the light and the dark point of life and said, *‘I will love the light for it shows me the way. Yet I will endure darkness for it shows me the stars.’* In that situation keep on enduring and be patient, God is always with you. Remember he didn’t arrange every single step of your life to this point to leave the weight of your future solely on your shoulders. I discovered that most of us love the thought of being gifted, talented and having the ability to do great things, but we don’t smile so brightly when we’re placed in the refining process of life. Be assured that every time we face dark moments in our lives, there’s always something on the other side. The bible says in Romans 5:5 *“its hope that makes us not ashamed”* I agree with you that you have encountered shame in every bad decision you’ve made, trials of divorce in your marriage, bankruptcy in all your accounts, resignation from your career, unplanned and unnecessary birth, but I promise you that if you drink from the cup of hope, then your present sufferings will not be worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in you. God's hand and presence are standing from and center in every stage of your darkness.

Please, don’t give up and curse the very situation because in darkness is where there’s a great turn around and transformation. Don’t forget that the transformation process of our lord Jesus Christ from death back to life happened in the darkness of the tomb. Every time you’re in darkness, you’re always in conversation with God giving you details and plans

of your assignment and calling back on the surface of the earth. Look, for instance, Joseph in the pits and prisons, Moses in the desert for forty years, David in the pastures while tending to a sheep and our lord and savior Jesus Christ in Egypt as a child long before he endured His time in the grave. Can you see this my dear reader? After these unusual happenings, no one allowed the pressure of those issues to press and limit them, because they were always armed with a lamp to light their situation and they finally saw the victory. It's true that our conveniences cause atrophy of what needs to grow in us. However, understand that we do thrive well in the unfamiliar and unstable atmosphere of life. So, do yourself a favor, light a candle in your situation and keep watch for the miracle to pop out.

Furthermore, don't fear or shout to your circumstances thinking that they will dismantle your life plan and structure. It's always the plan of God. And God is intentional in how he relocates the wild shoots of our lives and moves them into the unrecognizable field of promise. This is the secret of accepting the turbulent times. We should keep in mind that soil must be upturned or else it will go fallow, depleted of its nutrients and minerals and unable to accommodate the new growth. Therefore, fear and shouting mentality should happen to those who are only mentally feeble and not ready for God to cultivate them. Unfortunately, if you are fully grown up and the fear of your condition still crowns you, then you are experiencing a real tragedy. Fear is an enemy of our souls and will

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always send obstacles in our way to convince us to abandon what God is doing in our lives. Understand that the moment you begin to get afraid of what is making you circumference your bedroom at midnight, then you lose your value. For your information, timid people have no value even the second-hand value can't be attached to them. These are the kind of people who have no respect for the courageous ones who are experiencing the light moments in their lives. In fact, timidity does not inspire bold acts. I tell you the truth, danger is real but fear is a choice.

Therefore, it is better to put fear aside and march forward. It's true that fools die out of ignorance, but cowards die out of fear. So it's better you choose to regret the actions you have chosen than regret having done nothing. By the way, in all manners of life, you have to know the darkness before appreciating the light. You have to taste lack before appreciating abundance. You have to feel illiterate before you soak yourself into quality knowledge. You will at a time stay jobless before occupying a permanent job. In that challenge I tell you the truth, God is switching you from the food of failure to the breakfast of champions. He is shifting the paradigm of heart broken mentality to simply repairing your ego. My dear reader, when we long so much for life without difficulties, we should always remember that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and diamonds are manufactured under pressure. Roger Housden said *"The heart is prone to delivering its harvest in the same moment that it appears to be crushed"* The crushing process, i.e. shame, loss, disgrace or lack you're undergoing in your life at the moment is not meant to instill fear and failure

in you. However, it comes to profit you in the following areas; get out of you what's in you and get the true you out of the thin skin that encases you.

My dear reader, we are the contemporary disciples who must make a choice to accept the fiery agony that results from being cut down by the very darkness and work hard for the light or miss out on the joy, peace and contentment that comes from fulfilling the purpose of which our creator designed us. Though it appears that everything you built has been demolished, the lord has strategically left a remnant that will give rise to more developments and victories in the next season. It's true that you never choose those painful events that disrupt your life programs, but you always have to choose how you will respond to them. I tell you, if you make a choice to dwell on the fruits that have already fallen, spoiled and expired, then you will miss out on letting God redeem that fruit by making you into the best juice that others will enjoy upon interacting with.

Sometimes in life, we run too fast than the speed God wants us to run in the name of overtaking anointing and favor. Then suddenly something comes our way, we stumble on it and knocks us down. We fail to understand that God can't work on and in us when we are in a hurry. Something or someone has to cool us down so that God appears on the scene to talk to us. From there we are now able to discover the value, healing qualities and even the necessity of being slow but sure in life. From that trouble, you receive recharge, divine insights and purge what has been worrying you. The point here is that some blessings will only come your way when you're locked down

by life. When John the beloved disciple of our savior Jesus Christ was locked down on the island of Batimore by the Jewish council, he received a revelation that climaxed the entire Holy Scriptures. Your darkness is like a womb that tightly holds you in another world, but when light is shade in it and God emerges there to speak with signs and symbols, that's when great performance erupts, gifts and ministry towards God himself and others begin. You may be busy and doing everything to curse your crushing and knockdowns, but I tell the truth that these are very points that God needs to reunite and pair you with him. Please don't get lost in those miseries.

One of the biggest mistakes you can make when you're feeding on your misery dose is when you forget part of yourself. This can happen when you're so wrapped up in trying to survive the relentless onslaught you're suffering. It's true that having been distanced from proper identity, you can grab hold of what's nearby in your desperate need to be anchored by something even slightly recognizable. But never forget that your temporary condition can never graduate into eternity matter. My dear reader, don't you know that before time began God was with you and when your time ends in this world you will be with him. The idea is that you and God are always meant to be together. The problem is that agony of yours that lies within the brevity of time that sometimes makes you doubt him and his plan for your life. At the end of the day, your limited understanding of your very darkness catapults you into the arms of temporary idols that qualify or graduate you into idolatry master. That's when you find yourself attracted to too much love of money, sex, and drugs as soothing agents and totally

fail to appreciate the indomitable gifts from God that make us unique in a matter of time. Even as you intend to curse the pain that's boiling your head up, God is always ready and willing to convert you from worse to best. When faced with calamities, don't believe the fears of destruction and forget that God is present even though he may be hiding from your physical eyes. The fact that he is hidden from his incarnate form doesn't mean or equal to absent God. Sometimes he just wants to train us to see if we can recognize him in another form or state.

Let be known to you that in every failure you incur, some of them act as divine forms of guidance from our God. And that guidance gives birth to too many lessons we get from every hardship of life. You'll find yourself giving a testimony of God's hand that you've witnessed in that circumstances in unfamiliar ways. This is what sometimes God does. When he realizes that we are accustomed to him coming into our situation in a certain manner, he decides to step outside the box, deploy himself from it and employ something different yet effective. That's when you find that if you're used to your parents being the most concerned when you're in crisis, he ensures they are not supportive effectively and he rises a friend someone who will stand with you till the end. God is ever faithful to us in all seasons. It's only us who struggle with spiritual attention deficit disorder where we trust him to move us through the darkness but we don't trust the way he chooses to solve our problems. God uses what we didn't expect so that he kills our ego and strips us of everything that we had put our hope in.

Sometimes we receive nicknames from others when faced with challenges. However, I would like you to know that you're not what you lack neither did that condition have the ability to copy-paste a shame in the face of your life. You're not what others have labeled you to be. When people's abuse and insults become high as they think that they are the most perfect, just silence them with this statement from Martin Luther "*Life is not godliness, but growth is godliness; not health, but healing; not being, but becoming; not rest, but exercise. We are not what we shall be, but we are on the way*" Keep hoping for the best my dear reader. Your darkness is preparing you for something that will help and boost the very people who are insulting you. Those transformations and metamorphosis are temporary moments that will produce a private reserve for them to clamor. And the instant in which they will sip from the goblet you will finally offer to them, your bouquet will point directly to God, with whom you share a supernatural matrimonial connection and who was with you in that darkness. You will hear them asking you questions like 'what must I do to be born again?', 'how did you win that case?', 'which process have you endured to become the expert you're today?' and many other questions that will keep them attracted to you.

Scientifically, we are told that light is very much essential in growth and germination in plants. Even God before he began his perfect creation, he needed light. Though the darkness was all over, he never cursed it. He realized that for me to succeed in this restoration plan, I need light. That's when he said, 'Let there be light', and the light came. He just called, wandering, formless, nothingness to order and commanded light to explode

onto the scene. From there the whole process was accomplished swiftly. Therefore, if you don't want to operate in the realm of impossibilities like God, and follow him as your model, you must shine your own light in that situation, follow your own paths and stop worrying about your dark ages. That is when the frequency of your composition in the inner quality that will attract masses will be finally experienced.

Your words make people to look at you, but its your actions that causes them to see you

Chapter Two

Day One or One Day, The Difference Is Not the Same

“You can waste your life drawing lines or you can live your life crossing them” (Shonda Rhymes)

Your words make people look at you, but it's your actions that cause people to see you. Your words help people to fathom the direction you're taking, but your actions help them to decode the details of your destiny. Your actions dictate your character. Let me narrate to you a small episode to explain to you what I have stated in the introduction part of this chapter. There was this friend of mine called Nelson whom we went to the same school both primary and secondary levels. He was a very serious and committed man to the things of God. He couldn't afford to miss any Sunday service both at home and at school. Every time whenever he was free, you could find him in the church hall praying or reading his pocket-size bible. Sometimes I could fail to understand if he's in a bible school or secondary school. After observing him for a couple of months, I decided to face him and question him. “Nelson, why do you love to be in church hall all the time

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praying and studying the bible until the late hours?” “Am preparing for a great ministry ahead of me, I want to venture into a ministry immediately after my degree course at the university. Therefore, what’s ahead of me doesn’t allow me to sit down and watch but rather stand up and act.” he replied swiftly. “Oh yeah, I can now see the definition of all these sleepless nights” I replied. After our form four KCSE results were out, he qualified to join one of the most prominent universities with the same spirit of prayer and studying the word. Later on, he enrolled in biblical studies in theology at the bible college. As we are talking at the moment, he’s pastoring a very big Pentecostal church in Kenya in the coastal region which he had launched a few years after his diploma in theology. Through his words, I understood him and his actions of moving ahead and pursuing a diploma in pastoral works, it formed and conformed him into the office of a pastor within which he’s functioning until today.

My royal reader, if you’ve ever checked your calendar, then you’ll discover that there’s no day of the week called ‘one day’. However, you will meet a day called ‘day one’ which is branded on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Someone once said that someday is not a day of the week. Therefore, those who wish to be dominators in every department of their lives have never bothered others with the language of “one day” One-day vocabulary is only found with those with chicken and grasshopper mentality while ‘day one’ is a common quote among those with eagle mentality.

Therefore, as much as you may try to interlope and function within the two vices, understand that the difference is

not the same. The difference lies in the speed of implementation and manifestation of the so-called conceived ideas. The difference is in the velocity of the approval of your mental composition. In other words, ‘one day’ is full of wishes and you remember if wishes were horses, then beggars could be driving. However, ‘day one’ is composed of tangible fulfillment of your thoughts and ideas. While ‘one day’ is filled with sayings like “when get enough money I will....” Yet nothing is being done with little at hand, ‘day one’ mindset comes with phrases like “I have begun selling sweets with that 200sh I had”. The point here is that ‘one day’ is coupled with ‘I will’ but day one is coupled with ‘I have’.

I have come to realize that it is only lazy people who brag around with ‘one-day’ terminology. And by the way, they are the busiest people ever. They don’t differentiate between being busy and productive. They are always busy at everything but productive at nothing. By the way, do you know that lazy artists have never created any master piece? This is because their postponing, mentality has never won them an award, business idea, or any tender in their area of specialization. Let me put it this way, the moment you become lazy, then you’re ushering yourself into beggars’ conferences. Proverbs 10:4 assures us that *lazy hands make man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth*. Since choices are the frequent fabrics of our daily designs, then you can now choose between the lines.

It’s said that if your dreams are not big enough to scare you, then you

Life is a race that needs to be run with an open mind principle that guides you into finding a song that you wish to sing and tune you wish dance

have not yet dreamt. But let me tell you this, if your dreams are not being transformed into physical realities, then you've not yet begun to live your life. It's better you stop dreaming and watch about some great dreamers, maybe you can buy theirs and try to apply and fulfill them. This is better than holding on to those big dreams big dreams that you're building castles in the air with them. It's good to dream big, but please don't bite what you can't chew. It's about being slow but sure. It involves being precise but categorical and specific. It's summed up in one word; SMART i.e. specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely. However, don't forget that the purpose of your dreams is not only coming true, but its valuable purpose is to get you in touch with where dreams, happiness and passion originate. That is to say, your dreams should connect you to the source of the very dreams, happiness and passion and that is the heavenly almighty God.

Life is a race that needs to be run with an open mind principle, that guides you into finding a song that you wish to sing and the tune you wish to dance. However, this very song you wish to sing is nurtured in the school of time management. In other words, every dream you set aside should be allocated specific time even if you're bankrupt in terms of resources. Remember our dreams are not directly proportional to the resources at hand, but they are equivalent to the time that's equally distributed to us all. The good news about dreams is that before they are fulfilled, they set your upstairs in the future mode while your heart

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and your body systems are still experiencing the present foundation class of those dreams.

Before I launch deeper into this subject, I want to let you know that time is the only resource that was equally given to us all with which we have to use so that we achieve what we want. Through it, we can inspire ourselves before we expire. This is where we create ourselves and become valuable assets rather than liabilities to others. Therefore, if you enjoy wasting your time, remember that somebody somewhere never wasted it. Carl Sanburg revealed “*Time is the coin of life. The only coin you have and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you*”. Let be known to you that time wasted equals dreams wasted, which later give birth to a reckless and incompetent lifestyle. This is to say, you fall victim to failure. You turn into a sample of real failures. Remember that time is more valuable than money. You can get more money but you can’t get more time. Therefore, since dreams are much dependent on the time factor, it is better for you to develop tactics on how you will maximize it appropriately.

The individuals we term as great inventors in life are just ordinary people who decided to take extra ordinary steps and invent things that we were unable to see or notice. It’s not that new discoveries and inventions don’t exist. It’s only that no one is ready and willing to see or think about them. This is the reason behind many of us become perplexed and surprised at new discoveries we encounter that are noticed by others. If an individual tries to explore virgin markets and come up with unique products, it doesn’t mean that he or she is a genius or

braver than you. The difference lies only in the calculated risks and steps taken.

Nevertheless, if you have a friend in any circle of life who is an idiot and you happen to motivate him or her, then you will be interacting with a motivated idiot. This is the kind of person who will be bragging around with ‘one day’ ideologies and totally does nothing to transform his or her status. In other words, motivation is not enough. Immediately after motivation, you need to put your mind and hands at work.

Let me tell you, even as you are reading this perception-changing book that can change your very life, you can choose to earn the benefits of ‘day one’ or you enjoy the consequences of ‘one day’. Kindly please, give yourself a break and stop earning your living with ‘*one day*’ and begin living your life with ‘*day one*’. You know when you really want something you will always find a way. But if you don’t want to, you will find an excuse coiled in a term called ‘one day’ Are you aware that even your subconscious mind knows the difference between what you want and what you pretend to be in need of?

This is what your subconscious mind does, it looks at the history of how you’ve worked on and tackled similar needs in the past. It looks at the standard you have set for yourself when comes to getting that which you desire. I know you may be at your prime age at the moment and you still claim you have time to do what you want late, but don’t forget your subconscious mind is watching. So, be cautioned, because when the full horror of being late 50’s hits you, at that, time you will be drained mentally and your memory bank fully formatted. Eventually, you will just have to go home and have a good cry.

You will begin to behave like a scarecrow that's always at a place to be seen but not to be heard. That's when your deactivated upstairs will show its true colors.

As you continue living in this panel of life, you will discover that you will need 3cs to guide you in life i.e. **choices, chances and changes**. This is to say, you must make a **choice** to take **chances** or else your life will never **change**. Every morning a cock crawls and your alarm rings, in the face and walls of your mind, there are two choices printed there; to continue sleeping with your dreams or wake up and chase your dreams. You may give an excuse claiming that you're too old to start chasing your goals and objectives until you've become a burden to your family members and well-wishers. However, remember age is just but number and it has nothing to do with pressing the start button in the system of your life. Listen to how Henri Frederic Amiel challenged those who use age as a reason for not moving on *“I'm not interested in age. People who tell me about their age are silly. You're as old as you feel”*. Kindly please just render your age excuses useless and begin predicting your future by creating it yourself because you're the supplier to your own demands. No one can do it for you except yourself.

Do you really know why you're on this planet at such a time? It is nothing other than to add what you can and not get what we found on it. You are here specifically to supply your difference and value to the entire locality. Our primary purpose is to make it a better place than we found it. This can't be achieved by waiting for opportunities to knock at the doors of our lives, but by building a door where possible and matching

through it with determination. By doing so, we will cause the will of the lord to be done on earth as it is in heaven. We will not be waiting for our turn, but we will be going to make a turn for ourselves. For sure you may not understand the advantage behind this step, but I promise you after you've added value to your society, your mental attitude will gain a priority over your mental capacity. Goethe the author observed *“what you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals”*

There's this common maxim that goes on in major driving schools where trainees are advised that for them to have an effective journey towards their destination when driving, they should assume that they are the only mentally sober individuals on the road in comparison to others. It's said that this principle can help drivers to be keen with whoever he or she encounters on the road so as to avoid any accident. Similarly, for you to make it in the journey of life and add quality in your area of jurisdiction, you need to live like you're the only determined fellow while others are careless and not future-oriented. Even if they are doing something unique, assume that they are nowhere to be seen. With this in mind, I assure you will understand that it's about knowing what to do and doing what you know respectively.

“One day I will marry” This is what you keep on comforting yourself with. You're in your late 30s yet you can't compose yourself, approach a lady and throw words of

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compliments and wait for her smile, a sign of positive feedback. “*One day I will get a job*” yet you’ve never knocked at the door of any office to request if they can secure a chance for you in the area of specialization. “*One day I will own a company and emerge as a famous business tycoon*”, yet pride has swallowed you too much till you’re not willing to sell boiled eggs or snacks at the bus stage as long as there are customers “One day I will become the outstanding gospel singer in the whole continent” yet you fear even holding a microphone thinking it will electrocute you”. “*One day I will become a football star*” yet you can’t even finish 45 minutes watching the 1st half of any football match. You always tell people what you will do one day, but you can’t account for what you’ve done daily that can push you close to your preferred future. You can’t explain what you’ve done from Monday to Sunday, but what you always promise people and yourself are 100% leap services. I agree with the fact that your words have power because there’s power in the tongue, but remember your actions shape your life. Your commitment carries a heavy covenant weight.

Let it be well known to you my dear reader that these are not the days of Moses when he could call manna from heaven and the children of Israel could eat at their comfort zone. They depended on Moses as their bread winner, sometimes murmured and complained when they were feeling thirsty and hungry. These are not the days of Elijah when God commanded ravens to feed him. We are now in a different era and seasons.

We are living in the dispensation of grace and faith that works. This faith that works is the one that believes in Christ Jesus and his finished works. One of the things that Jesus

revealed through Paul which we need to believe is that which is in Ephesians 2:10 “For we are God’s workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, that God prepared for us in advance” Colosians 3:23 “*Whatever your hands find to do, do it with all your heart as working for God and not men*” Here, the responsibility is on us as we focus on Christ. James 2:17 says “*Faith without actions is dead*” i.e. faith without focusing on what Christ did on the cross and believing what he said about us is useless. It can’t bear any fruit.

Nevertheless, you’re like a mango seed planted in the soil of this world to bear fruits in due season. The necessary factors i.e. breathe of life for your germination, growth, flowering and bearing of sweet fruits are available. You don’t need to struggle for it since it has been made available freely to every individual on the face of the earth. Therefore, employ these factors to effectively advance yourself and let your environment feel your presence. Let the fruits of ‘day one’ cause a permanent mark in your generation. Let me caution you that if we fail here today, our generation will suffer from moral multi-nutrition syndrome where they will totally lose moral values. Furthermore, there’s always a place called ‘there’ for every generation and for it to arrive there, someone must rise, accept to lose his/her comfort zone, lay down his good life for a while for the future of that generation.

This becomes practical when we decide, it’s either today or never. It looks real when we don’t compromise with a postponing attitude. It comes into operation when you’re able to account for what you’ve done the whole day after your busy schedule. It happens when you transfer from being an active

zone to being a productive zone. That's when you decide to do small things in a great way as real miracles begin to flow out. At this point in life, you no longer beg God to drop manna from heaven, but you pray to him to give ideas and creative thoughts on how to create your own manna.

In summary, this is what am saying, whether you want to run the day or you passionately want the day to run you, the baton is in your hands. Whether you want to waste your life drawing lines or live your life crossing them, choose what you think will earn you more 'Bonga points'. Whether you want the consequences of cursing the darkness or enjoying the benefits of lighting a lamp in the very darkness, I hereby summon you to choose in between the lines. My dear reader, whether you desire to be a master of 'day one' or a slave of 'one day', it's up to you. You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you think it's credible. However, don't forget this 'day one' and 'one day', the difference is not the same.

Chapter Three

Please Don't Give It Five Minutes If You Can't Give It Whole Day

“What you do every day matters more than what you do once in a while” (Anonymous)

When I think of great men and women who have shaken the nations of the world with great performance and ministrations in both natural and spiritual realms, there's one thing that immediately pops into my mind i.e. consistency. On their outlook, I see a garment of persistency as they stretch out the hand of impartation in the four corners of the world as the proof of their majesty and intelligence.

Nevertheless, I have observed and tend to think that this seed of consistency was picked from the bible by these very prominent men and women. This is because the fact that it was written over a 1500-year time span, on three continents, by forty authors and people from every walk of life like kings, shepherds, fishermen and tax collectors, it still tells us one story with consistency. It tells us one story from the beginning to the end that is God's plan of salvation to the lost man. The stories of these authors became complete, accurate and interjoined with each other due

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to the commitment each one had towards his own story.

If you happen to do a thorough study of your life, you will be able to figure out those projects like business, constructing a house, marriage, starting a company, etc. that you launched well, pledged allegiance and seek to honor them with all your strength to them until they bear some fruits. Unfortunately, as we are talking now, they have collapsed and some are almost wearing out.

A good number of them have become past tense until you can't bear any testimony about them. You have given up on them a long time ago and you're not even willing to think about them or give an account of their diminishing. On the other side, you're wondering about those who are doing the very projects within which you've failed and have acquired radical success.

Do you know where the difference came? You gave it 5 minutes' attention while others gave it 24 hours' attention. The distinction lies in the quality of persistency they incurred. They have offered 100% concentration till they are willing to die for it. But on your side, it became a short-time career. You never coupled with the fact that what you do everyday matters and profits more than what you do once in a while. You've simply forgotten that every time you give monkey services, you should expect monkey fees and transactions.

Allow me to help you understand the above statement with a short story. One day I went to a mobile phone venture to buy a mobile phone. On arriving at the display desk, after a series of questions concerning what I wanted, the seller who was a young gentleman offered me 3 phones with similar features but of different prices. I happened to question him why all these

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so much will never earn
you good results***

differences in prices if features were the same. Then he smiled back at me and responded, this time with a low tone “quality and origin matters, the higher the quality the higher the price”. Then I felt very confused as I gazed at them wondering what to do and which one to pick among. Since I didn't have enough cash to buy the best quality phone I wanted, I decided to bargain for the lowest price phone with low quality. After a longtime of bargaining, we met at the equilibrium point where we were able to agree. I finally gave him the agreed cash and he handed me the new phone in return as I walked out majestically with a gentle smile on my face.

I knew from that time henceforth; all of my neighbors will meet me at the digital platform and their mockery will expire. Believe it or not within a period of two months of service and maximum interrogation of the garget, it began to develop some complications. Its sensor failed, its screen went dormant and its battery life span began to decline until it could no longer conserve power even a single day. It misbehaved beyond repair.

I began to regret it, tried to think of returning it to the seller, then I remembered that it had no warranty. Immediately the words of that young seller I met at the customer care unit popped into my mind “quality and origin matter”. Then I remembered, I gave him a monkey cash and he gave me a monkey phone. I realized that it was my fault since I would have considered

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quality, I would have taken time and worked on it, raised enough money and go back for the best I wanted.

Since I was in a hurry as some do when they want to buy something new to them, then I had to suffer the loss. Later on, I concluded that quality is remembered after the price is gone.

Therefore, it's quite clear from the above episode that cheap is expensive and vice versa. What you don't invest in so much will never earn you good and quality results. What you can't give much attention and resources can't respond back with quality and quantity. This is to also say, that what you despise can't spice you. In Simple language, your level of concentration in whatever you want to pursue in life determines so much your degree of its quality. For instance, you can't compare a doctor who holds a diploma and a doctor with a Ph.D. in the same field.

The difference is brought by the quality and depth of the studies undertaken by the individuals in that faculty. Furthermore, remember that concentration doesn't need speed, but it needs direction. You're only eligible and accountable to a certain thing i.e. direction and focus, and not speed. You know direction is better than speed since with direction, you will know where you're going and what you want to do even if you're going slowly.

When you're too fast and you lack a geographical location (map) of your destiny, you may end up anywhere and to make it worse you may be physically exhausted. For instance, a young man who is too fast in choosing whom to marry without taking time and necessary precautions from both spiritual and

biological parents may end up with a substandard wife material in the name of a marital partner.

Thus, those who concentrate and consume time to work on their outlook and inner beauty end up with cheers moments. In addition to that, understand that you can't concentrate on something you can't be consistent at. This is to say, consistency and concentration are like identical twins and time is their close friend. When well cooperated and working together in harmony, they attract quality and in quality comes excellence. This is when you now shine and everybody around you begins to shout your name upon your appearance in their midst.

I really don't know about you, but for me, one of the toughest lessons I have ever learnt about success is that you have to keep on being success. Even if you're talented in any area of life, remember that talent only serves as a starting point in this enterprise. So, for you to be labeled a champion in that particular field, you're required to keep on working on that talent. Remember a day is coming when you will be after it and it won't be there.

Nevertheless, comprehend that lack of consistency gives birth to lack of interest and lack of interest becomes a father to a deadly phenomenon called failure. I'm trying to imagine if I could have lacked consistency in my scripts if you could have been reading this book today. But since I resolved in my heart to paint on my face a character called consistency like a carbon; a whole composition of steel, you're now gaining a tip of knowledge here.

You'll discover that your giving up culture will cause chaos in the midst of those around you since they may not enjoy

the new venture you were almost delving or digging into. Who will apprehend and taste the ecstasy or joy of the virgin zones and markets if you close down your unique business or research center? Who will walk around with your name printed in his heart as a result of high intellectual capacity you expose?

My royal reader, its only with consistency that you'll be able to develop routines and builds momentum. You'll end up forming habits that will become your second nature. My precious reader, have you ever heard any good gospel song done by a lazy gospel music minister? Ok that one aside, have you ever encountered a good-looking mansion drawn by a lazy architecture and later constructed by a lazy contractor? In everything attractive and admirable you see or hear about; behind it you will encounter a smart hardworking individual. In other words, behind the sweet milk we love to take there's a cow and behind that cow, there's a hardworking farmer.

Sometimes consistency attribute may sweep you out of your comfort zone because you feel awkward and vulnerable. However, after a series of trials with maximum errors, a new personality is launched in you. Immediately with the rumors of your appearance at any state, masses will be gathered to hear and see your shocking and overwhelming designs, techniques, service, teachings, preaching's and wisdom.

In one of many books I have ever read "GODS GENERALS; The Revivalists" written by Roberts Liardon, I encountered one of the

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generals called George Whitefield. This man of God was nicknamed divine dramatist by Roberts due to his revival momentum that triggered almost the whole of America, England and London. His consistency in emotional and radical preaching, unveiling the mysteries hidden in the bible and his evangelical spirit to win souls caused men of all walks of life to follow him. Men 1000s in number could run to attend his meeting, and break into tears after a short sermon of ‘faith in Christ’ was delivered to them. In his book, Roberts records this about just the quarter acts of this great revivalist “From Philadelphia to New York, he spoke to record-size audiences. Those who gathered to hear him often outnumbered the local population. From all over, masses of people would descend on a village field once they learned that Whitefield was to speak there. People came rushing on horseback, in carriages, on barges and ferries and on foot to witness Whitefield’s dramatic interpretation of the bible. Whether motivated by mere curiosity, the prospect of being entertained or the earnestness to hear an inspired word from the lord, the colonists turned out in a greater number than even the British people had in London. George Whitefield was a phenomenon”. If you have ever wished for your audience, customers or clients to wait for you at any auditorium, waiting room, or customer care desk then just be consistent.

Consistent individuals in life are guided by one motto “Rough is only mental”. They believe that whatever discharges you mentally have already discharged you physically. This has helped me to also understand that poverty is no longer a curse as some tend to think and gather shuttered proofs about it.

However, poverty is simply lack of mental productivity. Before you become poor physically, mentally you became poor a long time ago. You know being broke is temporal, but being poor can be eternal if you don't improve and exercise your mental muscles.

Are you aware that Cain who was cursed by God in *Genesis 4:17* went ahead and built a city? If for real that curse was to affect him, then who could have died poor. However, because he never became a mentally captive victim, he did something beyond what was pronounced to him. Let me leave this subject aside because it has a lot of controversial doctrines originating from it that need another book to do exegesis on it. You know the consistent guys are only known for rounding off their life with “*it's not over until it's over*” kinds of slogans. They never allow situations and statements to bind up their indomitable and vanquishing will.

At this very moment am writing this book, there's a great pandemic that has blasted the whole world has its origin in China called the coronavirus. This calamity has slapped the economies of many nations of the world. Many countries have lost 10000s of their citizens as this virus has a vast spread in remote parts of many countries. Many country's economic structures have shaken and weakened causing some to surrender to this giant. The whole world is now in a total mess and experiencing a lot of heat underground.

The secret behind possessing a consistent personality is first you need to be composed of lively disposition, quick perception, penetrating behind curtains and extra ordinary zeal

Doctors and medical experts and different health organizations are busy working in their labs to get the vaccine for this deadly virus. It's now four months since this disaster landed in the world. Unfortunately, some doctors from different nations have already given up and are busy 'cursing the darkness'. They claim that the virus is above their medical experience and intellectual capacity as many people are now worried about the part two of this episode.

They have remained hopeless, leaving the whole matter to God as they watch their patients breathe their last breath at their sick bays. However, some doctors and medical experts in some nations are busy working on a solution to this predicament. They are daily experimenting with their laboratory samples to find out if they can get the vaccine and gather their nation to their normal state.

You will realize that at the end of these series of adventures in their respective labs, irrespective of their development status, they may stumble on the correct vaccine. Am not a prophet by calling, but the reality is that God uses individuals who don't give up in whatever they do to release a solution. I know some doubting Thomas have declared that there will be no medicine for this virus. However, remember that rough is in the mind before it surfaces. The consistency and persistency of these doctors in their research methodologies and fervent prayers of the righteous in those nations can cause God to bring a solution to this pandemic.

I assure you, that the moment the fear of losing overpowers the excitement of victory in an individual, God stops channeling a solution to mankind. It's wise to note that

for God to accomplish his purpose on earth, he needs a man. However, it takes a focused and self-determined individual to be used by God for a permanent solution. That's why until today, he still uses seriously dedicated and consistent men to spread his gospel of salvation to the entire world.

Have you ever known the secret behind possessing a consistent personality? First, you just need to be composed of a lively disposition, quick perception, penetrating judgment behind curtains and extraordinary zeal. With these garments of self-composition, you will do small things in a great way that will scare and shake individuals around you.

To the students, I have a message for you. You will not trigger and challenge the latest top performance in your school by scooping many shares of ugali in the dining hall daily, but it's through your exponential consistency that will make you break the record and outshine the previous performance. To the businessmen and investors, don't settle for less stock, local supplies and distribution if factories and processing companies have disposed of all the necessary products in your favor. Be consistent in your business if you want it to grow, take risks and apply for loans from banks and financial institutions to get finances to grow your business.

To my fellow preachers of the gospel, don't always depend on yesterday's anointing, sermons you preached, prayers and revelations you encountered from the heavens. Launch deeper into the secret place of prayer and intercession, read resourceful variable spiritual books, listen to various preachers as they

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preach and study the bible in depth to prove your spiritual maturity and sound doctrine.

To my fellow gospel singers, after you've recorded the current song you have, compose another one, and move to the studio and record again. Remember those who wish to sing always find a song. Finally, to my fellow motivational speakers and authors, after launching that book, write another one until writing becomes part of you. The fact is those who always have motivating ideas never retire from summarizing them in a book.

Actually, nothing is more effective than consistency when it comes to qualitative analysis of your life or your performance and ministration. It underlines the message you want to convey to your stakeholders and beneficiaries regarding your potentiality to achieve goals and objectives. In short, consistency is the habit that guarantees a successful pattern of one's life. For instance, in your family as a father, husband, mother, wife or any position you hold, consistency means that you're organized and family members know what to expect from you. That consistency creates an atmosphere where all the members are more comfortable. And where there's consistency, there's usually productivity. While change is inevitable, a lot of wasted energy can be focused on unnecessary change; a change as a team member in your family should be able to control such as policies. Being consistent in the fundamental structure of your family means that members don't have to stop working to get accustomed to the new regulations guarding it from fracture. Also, when all members are consistent, they are accountable because everyone knows

what's expected of them. I loved what Roger Staubach said: *"In any team sport, the best team has consistency and chemistry."*

Let me unveil something here before I forget. As some of us thought, you don't have to be great to succeed. You just need to be consistent. It's your consistent smart work that will lead to success. After this, greatness will come automatically. Please wait for inspiration from others as some may be too late and it is not a better option like Safaricom. However, working consistently towards a goal will not only help you achieve it in time but also reveal greatness in the process. It has come to my attention that many people want greatness but they don't want consistency. A very pathetic situation indeed.

My dear reader, whether you're rich or poor, small or great at the moment, it doesn't matter, just humble. There's only one approver in one's life, i.e., consistency in our area of specialization. Millard Drexler revealed it: *"People like consistency. Whether it's a store, office, market or a restaurant, they want to come and see what you're famous for."* Thus, its consistency that will you lay the groundwork that will attract stakeholders and clients to you because you've proved your competency from the first point of service.

The biggest problem as to why many people are not willing to sacrifice and spend time in working for the best is that we live in a culture that loves a flash in a span. We live in a generation that is accustomed to fast foods, instant information, microwave results, new relationships and friendships at the click of a button. Everybody everywhere wants soft and quick money. They want a place where they can

put fewer resources, energy and concentration and get much output, results or profits.

They had a lot of expectations, but their efforts were substandard and inadequate. The desire for instant growth, success, and gratification has ushered this generation to the point where it sacrifices excellent quality because of the difficulty and time it takes to produce it. They are very people who have facilitated the establishment and sponsorship of casinos and betting firms because they believe they can fetch the whole fish out of the lake with little cheap, substandard nets. At the end of the day, when the bad news of losing rings in their ears, they offer themselves a life sentence without a notice.

They have forgotten that success has a shelf life that lasts about as long as it takes to make the best clip in life. Don't be fooled, my dear reader, to have staying power means and demands consistency, which isn't based on gimmicks, lottery, good luck, or betting, but it's hard and smart work, my friend. It may not be easy since this virtue sometimes social distances you from your loved ones in a self-quarantine state, where you will be in a content-uploading state that needs no disturbance. However, by the time you're done, you will come out smelling like a rose flower.

Up to date, my dear reader, consistency is still the best virtue and policy you'll need to apply and hold it close to you. Many people have said it's of no importance and uncredited its impact but remember men of greatness we hear, see and admire wanted it. By realizing that you possess this virtue, many will mock you but don't allow their mockery to cause you to stop along your track. Never even pause, but rather increase your

focus and concentration. This custom will increase your value from very poor to average and from average to excellent. Your dreams will come true. However, this is the secret; it's realized through the magic of persistence, commitment, determination, and consistency. They happen a step at a time, manifested over the years, not weeks. It's not a matter of possessing financial freedom or quality pay slips, but it's about refusing to give up and being consistent. Do you want to get it? Be persistent and do you want to keep it? Then be consistent.

A few months ago, I received an email from one of my friends and when I opened it, it was all about persistent consistency, which can finally capture and clearly reveal the realities and mysteries hidden in this subject;

A persistent consistency...
With determination to excel,
Generates a motivation...
From inside one where it dwells.

Seeking an acceptance,
For that which one loves to create...
Will never satisfy an ego that tries,
To enforce upon others....
An appreciation that escalates.

One attempting to do this,
Is not connected mentally....
To the gifts they have.
Or feel blessed to nourish,

Many seek results and success,
Quickly delivered.
Without a discipline applied.
Or a sacrificing done of a social life.

A persistent consistency...
With determination to excel,
Generates a motivation...
From inside one where it dwells.

And one does not derive,
From an outside source for a thriving to arrive.
Some nights may be substituted,
For sleeplessness...
Ambitions seduce to produce.

***When you paint your
lips, eyelids, nails or
whatever to look
attractive, please don't
forget that its all about
your upstairs (heart and
mind) condition that
matters most***

Chapter Four

Stop Depreciating Yourself While You're Still Valid and Valuable

“I believe how you feel is very important to how you look, that health is better than beauty” (Anonymous).

Ever since from my childhood, I have had an instinctive urge and will to grow and expand my value. I struggled during my teenage years and adulthood to undergo self-growth in every department of my life. Nevertheless, I never permitted any matter to marginalize and label me as an uncivilized personality. I fought so much for a presentable outlook in terms of attire and composition.

I could wear the modern and unique fashions of the day, spraying myself with the most expensive perfumes that many of my peers couldn't afford. Many of them could gaze at me whenever I could pass by any gathering. After vanishing, the story about me could end there. My attitude towards once worth and validity was becoming very poor. I first thought that being smart in my appearance would declare my state of value to everyone. Little did I know that my health is better than my beauty. Nowadays, it's quite clear that a high number of people who attach their validity, value and durability to their so-called smart presentation is very alarming. The majority have linked their value

***Your real value is hidden
in your physical and
mental health***

with expensive looks, fittings and presentation. They forget that those outfits and paintings can't even contribute a fraction of their total value. The worth of a man is not in his dressing mode or style but in his address. Understand that what you have or wear is not what determines your value but it's who you're that calculates your net-worth.

Before I expound more on this chapter, let me advise ladies here. When you paint your lips, eye lids, nails or whatever to look attractive, please don't forget that it's all about your upstairs (mind and heart) condition that matters most. If you leave your upstairs behind, all other colors are considered invalid. Don't you know that we are past the era of showing breasts and buttocks.

This is an era of operation showing your brain. People want to see your brain at work and not your breasts at war. Please, don't brag about your beauty. There are very many young ladies who have organized their upstairs and now they are on fire for God. Young men! Listen to me carefully; we are past the era of sagging pants and boxers. Use your head properly unless it's empty.

There are several young men who have cleaned out the unnecessary trash from their heads and they are now causing a revolution in their communities. They are increasing their values by being real entrepreneurs and not entities. They have come out of social unrest, and now they are in a race for social reformation. They are rebranding and repackaging for global influence. The point is that your real value is hidden in your physical and mental health. If you're sound mind and healthy, that's an implication that you're still valuable, important and

influential. That's why those who are alive are more important and of great value than those who are dead. With the fact that there are great lessons we have learned from those who are gone, still our moral and general aid comes from those who are alive. If you think this is a theory not proven, try to share your problems with a lifeless corpse and wait for a response.

The reality is that the subject of one's value and validity has lost its freedom and is poorly misinterpreted and misrepresented by many. It's only a small fraction of a unit that has gotten it right and they are tirelessly working hard to grow their value daily. To others, the struggles they experience in internalizing and understanding this subject are a result of poor perception of the source of their worth. This has led to a good number of them diminishing their value, which denies them honor or even recognition from others.

As some thought that they have the capacity to attract the masses by their nice looks and presentations without considering their physical and mental health, frustrations and regrets become their custom after those factors fail to bear fruits. Let me tell you, however, how much an individual who is one week to the death point will wear the most expensive clothes, necklaces, shoes, etc., his value will not be estimated and considered until they have fought for his survival. Doctors surrounding the casualty will do their best to recover the individual back to the system of life. In their mind, they believe that life is more important than other material things since as soon as someone dies, his value diminishes. That's why, in many communities today, one's health and life is given priority over clothing's and other luxuries. Like for instance, you can

buy food every day for your stomach and health affairs but you can't buy clothes every day just because of your smart outlook. The reason behind this fact is that individual's health is a daily crucial and grooming issue that's achieved by observing healthy eating and a balanced diet and not in beauty make ups.

Furthermore, as some individuals are following necessary feeding patterns and habits, there's one thing that has always been surprising me. I have encountered some mentally upright men compromising their moral values by sleeping with any skirt-related being. At the end of the day, the bad news of contracting sexual infections disease finds them by surprise. This state completely lowers their value since they feel useless and of less importance to the environment.

You will discover that the moment that very victims appear in the presence of those who know their moral substandard mischiefs, they switch off. Even if the person is driving the most expensive car, with a classic high-class suit, the quality of recognition and appreciation from those around will be very low since in their mind, they know the person is a living dead vulnerable to substandard value.

Even if a well-renowned harlot, for instance, wears expensive apparel, that can't qualify her as an expensive and honorable woman. The term 'harlot' alone has already destroyed the glamour of her clothes.

Nevertheless, it's worth noting that even those ladies who parade half naked in the walls of streets of major cities send a simple signal that their value is depreciated. They always

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feel that they have nothing important to hide since things of great value are well-kept and covered. With such individuals, before they begin demoralizing themselves with miniskirts, ‘design my shape’ hipsters and ‘see me through’ blouses, they once risked their health. A good number of them have been found carrying incurable diseases that have caused them to completely lose hope in life.

Therefore, my precious reader, the moment you realize you’re healthy, alive and kicking, you should quickly print in the walls of your mind that you’re valid and valuable. Your value is not determined by the opinions of the masses, the integrity of your language or the supremacy of your accounts.

You can have all these but you’re mentally, spiritually and physically sick. So, for you to decode the details of your value, you must, of necessity, focus on the life and health that God has given you and not the mere intellectuality of men posted everywhere. It’s the knowledge of this focus and facts that puts you in a position to appreciate your value. After you have agreed with the fact that whoever has life has value, you will now dispose any thought of depreciation that drops in your upstairs.

You will not allow your financial or social status to intimidate or underrate your value. You will refuse to become a subject of discussion in your area of jurisdiction because of your disability, financial incompetency or lack. This will make you maintain a social distance with a clear knowledge of who you are rather than enjoy the rhythm of their mockeries.

Sometimes, it astonishes me so much when I discover that the reason behind most individuals’ failure is comments, gossip

and opinions produced by others. Later on, the victim amasses these limiting beliefs, which are not valid towards him, thus causing them to live a substandard and desperate life. In my gospel music explosions, I have been encountering and encouraging new talented gospel singers in various churches to grow and nurture their gifts. Every time I happen to call them to find out how they are doing, I feel disappointed when I realize that they quit the singing ministry a long time ago. After a lengthy conversation to diagnose the reason behind their giving up, the blame is always cast on their orchestra leaders.

With this fact, it has been clearly revealed that most leaders have been at the forefront of discouraging factors in the failure of their juniors in the areas of specialization. This has caused many to lower their value to negative and forget about their purpose. Please my dear reader, you need to call off that diminishing custom and believe that you've not yet expired. Someone once said if you know your value, then no one can make you feel worthless. Understand that the weight of your value is in your existence and not the resistance of people towards you due to your level financially. Kindly ignore the noise and follow your own voice that speaks self-worth.

My dear reader, if you dare think that you aren't valid and important for whatever cause or reason, then let your existence, life and the way God embraces you prove that you are valid. You, therefore, deserve to look, live, and walk 10cm above the ground however you see fit and not the way others see you. That's why for me, I found it extremely important to be so

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special, so out, so happy and so myself. Furthermore, everyone is valuable in his or her own way in this rhythm of life. I discovered this during my personal training for guitar, which I have been getting from YouTube posted by some professional guitarists. I came to know that everyone's got their own character and that's the thing that amazed me about guitar playing from the first day I picked it up. Everyone's approach to what can come out of the six strings is different from another person but it's all valid and valuable. Just always keep in mind that you are valuable and special in your own way, and we can still produce harmony when mingled with the values of others.

The matter of fact is that even God knows the treasures in you. He sees you with the eyes of a father. He clearly understands your defects, errors and blemishes but he still sees your worth and value. Did you know what Jesus affirmed himself with that enabled him to do the work of the cross? Here is the part of the answer: He knew the kind of treasure you are in his presence. If this is how much God values us, then we have no reason for devaluing ourselves. You know the problem most of us have is positioning ourselves with people who don't value us the way God values us. It is important to comprehend that a great mansion located in the wrong environment loses its real value. Therefore, as great and true genius as you are, if you don't get to the right stage, I assure you that your real value will be least seen.

Therefore, I advise you to understand your value and not give room to people to take advantage of you. Refuse to be in an environment where people treat you like an average. Also, remember that things of value require sacrifice. For instance, if

people are too hurt, too busy or too damn and stupid to see that you are a blessing they have been asking for, kindly just fall back. Never forget how rare you are. I tell you this for free: the day you will start seeing your value, then you will find it harder to stay around people who don't. You will never see yourself through the eyes of those who don't value you. You will never settle for a life that is less than you deserve.

One of the virtues that will maintain you in the course of your significance is discipline. As Jim Rohn states, *'Discipline is the only bridge between goals and accomplishments.'* Therefore, it is also the discipline that will increase your net worth. It will help you avoid things and people that decrease you and look for the best panel of people who will motivate and appreciate your value. The moment you crown yourself with the garment of discipline, you will be mature enough to walk away from people who threaten your peace of mind, self-respect, values and morals. It will also teach you how and who to spend time with and encourage you to move differently.

Nevertheless, in many circumstances, discipline will produce self-love whereby your energy and aura reject anyone who does not recognize your importance. With self-love, you will not force people to see your worth and value because you have already realized it. In addition to this, before you reach a point in life and rate yourself on the value scale, you need to ask yourself the purpose of your existence. As I have

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mentioned to you earlier, you exist with purpose; thus, your life and value was predetermined a long time ago. Once you awaken yourself to this reality, your life will change forever. You will pursue relationships with individuals who value your worth. You will never calculate your importance through the standards and formula of the others.

Nevertheless, people have always been thinking that one of the most painful things in life is losing the one you value, but I came to realize that that is not the case. The Reality is that the painful thing is losing yourself in the process of valuing someone too much and forgetting that you are special as well. Someone said that “you deserve what you settle for.” Therefore, go places, build relationships with as many as you can, increase your social circle and do things in a diverse manner. However, always know who you are, what you want, and what you deserve, and please never settle for less.

Chapter Five

Conspire To Inspire Others Before You Stop To Respire

“Pretend that every single person you meet has a sign around his or her neck that says make me feel important. Through that, you will succeed” (Mary Kay)

Recently, I realized a new philosophy in life called know-how physics. Through it, I discovered that the individual's function in life is to inform and be informed. This is to say your existence is revealed when you're in the field of sharing information, motivation and exchanging knowledge. Through it, you create the realities you inhabit. Therefore, if there is something that people need so that they gain hope and zeal in life, its revealed knowledge and motivation.

However, sharing this knowledge that keeps people going demands an individual who is not expensive in terms of availability and money-oriented. This individual who can easily graduate into a teacher and a motivator has the capacity to deposit quality information that can inspire and turn around the lives of the listeners. Just as hard times require hard people, desperate people require desperate information and inspiration to make them feel better and important.

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Since the rate of those who are giving up and feeling useless is high, this calls for some tough individuals who can stand in the gap and strengthen their feeble structures and mentality. This actually demands determined and optimistic volunteers and well-wishers who will always be there to encourage and inspire them with their dreams, hopes, visions, missions, attitudes and aptitudes.

A certain gospel minister once said, “*The fruit of ministry is men. Ministry exists to raise ministers who will in turn raise others*”. The reality is that you will never be known as a successful person if you never impact someone’s life by informing and motivating them. Your real success is not measured by the material wealth you possess. But it’s calculated through people you inspired, lives you changed and deposited quality information of hope when they were almost giving up.

If people can’t compose testimonies about how influential and valuable you’ve been in their lives, then you’ve not yet lived and succeeded. You will gather a lot of resources, raise beautiful families, and accommodate surplus wealth but immediately you deform (die), your story will end there. The only thing that will make people remember you is only your grave because nothing influential or inspiring you have ever printed in their minds.

People around us, like family members, workmates and friends, always desire knowledge and motivation to keep going. They always want to interact with the truth that can nullify their doubts regardless of who they are. Most of them believe that without motivational information, they can’t make informed

decisions in the wilderness they encounter in life. With the increased demand for motivation by individuals who always want to stay inspired, this calls for legacy oriented person who will enter into their field and become their associates. This position deserves an individual who doesn't always want to be allured by branded modern and fashioned clothes, holding a high designation or possessing cool visiting cards. However, it's for an individual of whom his/her joy is inspiring others to become a better version of themselves. The person will always desire to be the light that motivates others to dream big. His/her goal is always informing and motivating others by becoming a good example sharing his thoughts and actions. The individual is always proud of his incredibility and works tirelessly to become a rainbow on others' cloudy days. In such a person's heart, he believes that that's how legends are made. Therefore, this is the position you need to occupy if you desire to become influential in life.

My dear reader, you don't need to possess a high level of intellectuality or genius to inspire. You just need a little bit of creativity in everything you interact with. The method of inspiration can come to you at any time and source as long as it stirs up one's emotions and teaches him to stay on the course of life. For instance, you come out at night and gaze at the stars of the night that suddenly inspire you with their glittering and beauty.

Then, you compose a song, a speech, or a poem about the shining stars that inspire others. From there, those who read your article create new things with inspiration they get from you in the article. You can now imagine the thousands of

beauties created with simple inspiration and information. That's what we call the mystery of inspiration. Let me tell you, the moment you do some good work that inspires others, you create a ripple effect where conditions change in their lives in unexpected ways. Stephen Obason finally observed this: *"I eventually discovered that a rare combination of creativity in motivation was a perfect blend that had the capacity to affect people's life positively."*

Every now and then, I have been falling in love with a group of professionals called teachers. The kind of work they do in our institutions and society to motivate and impact the young generation with knowledge is quite commendable. Most of us today are the products of these teachers in all levels of education and you will agree with me that some of them have played a significant role in our growth and development.

They have surveyed the truth and injected raw and fresh wisdom into our heads. The best powers of our minds have been activated by them. They have functioned like fuel that has always ignited us with sparks that have kept us inspired. With humility, they have done everything possible to replace our hate with love, our ignorance with curiosity and our stupidity with knowledge.

With the fact that knowledge translates somebody from mental captivity to liberty, mental blindness to light, we are now able to discover ourselves through it. Brad Henry commended, *"A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination and instill the love of learning."* Through this, teachers have totally initiated a great shift and transformation

in our society for centuries. Most countries have depended on them for the production of qualified and competitive personnel.

The reality is that if a good number of us could be qualified and passionate trained teachers, then quality motivation could resonate with the highest percentage of individuals who could have been planning to give up. Do you know that we all serve as messengers for one another? This understanding can feed you with a responsibility of sharing the messages or information you're always inspired to speak in which you feel you're not too eloquent to deliver. Please, my dear reader, someone somewhere is waiting to hear your words to keep moving forward on the journey of life.

The chief want of people is someone who will inspire them to be what they know they could be. So, let your inspiration and encouragement revolve around refining and giving them hope in life. Don't worry about the decision they will make after those sessions of motivation because it will be a product of their own conclusions. Just as your teacher was inspired through the training he/she underwent to, in turn inspire you, you also owe someone a motivation because of the experiences you've had in life. This baton of motivation should be adequately and correctly passed on.

There are many individuals outside there who want to succeed in life but they have never mastered the art of building up. My dear reader, quality inspiration equals quality success. Remember, we have been inspired by those ahead of us, like

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teachers and leaders, in order to also give confidence to others and not depress them. Whenever we motivate those around us, then we help them position their ladder against the right wall, reach their dreams, and, in turn, cultivate our destiny. You can work hard in the area of your specialization, but the moment you pull others down in the name of space to go up, it will take centuries for you to succeed. Never discourage and intimidate others because the desert you disregard today may become your oasis tomorrow. Even if you're extremely rich, don't forget that life is full of fluctuations and life can throw you anywhere anytime. Your resources, however, no matter how much you own, don't forget that even poison has an expiration date. Material wealth has and will never last forever, but the one that lasts long is a wealth of intelligence, creativity and motivation.

This is because after motivation, your name stays in the hearts and mind of those you have motivated after your days on this planet have expired. Therefore, take away your fifty-cent pride and choose to become a mentor and inspiration to someone. Be generous, forgiving, and supportive, and set an example to others in all manner of life. For instance, if you're truly born again, don't hesitate to give a testimony to those you encounter in your daily schedules. Remember, your testimony can be a blessing and motivation to those who will hear it and can aid in belief in achieving salvation and repentance.

I have been in leadership circles for quite a number of years. And if there is a group of people who discourage their juniors and members in any team, company or organization, then there are leaders. It came to my attention that the moment a leader realizes a certain member knows something ill that he

did that can trigger his position, the leader will fight hard to pull that specific member down or sack him out of the job or group. Such leaders feel that they are alpha and omega and no one should outshine, correct or outrun them. They can't even welcome new ideas and opinions from members that can brighten the team or organization and improve its level of performance or production. Most of them are already charged with an inferiority complex, which totally threatens the growth of the team and finally leads to the disintegration and collapse of the team. On the other hand, those leaders with quality leadership skills motivate their members despite their background and level of education.

They always invite new creative ideas and feedback from members and encourage them to new levels of achievement. I like what Will Peter said about great leaders: *“Great leaders can inspire their people to unprecedented feats, convey grand visions of bright future that beckons rally the people to heroic efforts in defense of their country or beliefs.”* The reason why those members have entrusted you with that position is because they believed in you and knew that you could manufacture the best brand out of them. Therefore, don't distort them but rather encourage them to see their potential. Orrin Wood Ward discovered, *“Average leaders raise the bar on themselves, good leaders raise the bar for others, but great leaders inspire others to raise their own bar.”*

One of the ways a leader of any team or group can gratify and inspire hi/her subordinates is appreciating and rewarding them. Members always want to feel honored whenever they accelerate the gear or earn profits for the team. Leaders should

try their level best never to punish their juniors when they have performed contrary actions at any point because punishment, in most cases, motivates them negatively. Later on, this negative motivation presents itself as a pressure that makes them resent what they are doing, taking away success motivation. Therefore, instead of punishing them, it's advisable to keep reminding them of the universal team vision. This can quickly help them rectify their errors because vision reminder sometimes serves as the best motivator for members. If you're a genuine leader, then maximize your leadership potential well because you're surrounded by infinite amounts of opportunities to inspire your members and bring total joy into your life at the same time. The moment your actions will begin to motivate others to dream more, do more and become more, don't wait for another designation; you're already a leader.

My dear reader, the factuality of motivation and information induction needs to be approached with a clear mindset. You don't register in the school of motivation with a selfish mentality. You have to organize and reform your upstairs first if you don't want it to choke you out of the life system before your expiry date. This is to imply that the subject of motivation is well defined if you give those you're motivating a priority.

Your love for motivating others freely should be the force behind you and not what you're going to incur after the motivation session. If, for instance, you're a teacher, do teach not because your salary account is credited on time but because you love to spoil your students with knowledge of truth and wisdom. Remember that the focal point of success is doing

what you love and loving what you do. When you grasp this reality, you will never get bored and pause even if fruits from those that you're motivating are delayed.

Nevertheless, there's no specific place or institution where you can apply to learn how to motivate others. In addition, there are no specific people who are designed and have become experts in motivating others. For your information, there are individuals who motivate others without their knowledge. When some hear about what God has done in and with your life, they get inspired and this expands their hearts with greater faith, vision and purpose. Even with the so-called motivational speakers and authors we love to hear and read about, most of them have never studied motivational speaking in class. Some of them have studied different courses, but in the process, something just happened and here you're reading their articles.

For instance, I studied an electrical engineering course, and nobody taught me about book writing. To date, it's still a mystery which has been technical to unveil how I found myself in the motivational speaking industry. Therefore, with where you're and what you're doing, you can still motivate those around you. You may not arrange and call them for a sitting to hear from you, but as they watch you passionately doing what you love, they automatically get inspired.

This reminds me of a certain young man who approached me after I was through with leading a powerful worship service at our church. He greeted me with a smile and later told me that he has always been motivated every time he finds me in the church leading prayers and worship sessions. He later concluded that the unique style of my leadership and the

passion I have proved in what I do have kept him moving, and he always comes to church on time so that those sessions do not pass by him. In the period of one and half years, I had never interacted or socialized with him but I was always motivating him every time he attended the worship service I was always given to lead. Tamara Rasheed observed, *“Even though I didn’t feel like I had much to show yet, I was still an inspiration because my persistence in fighting for my dream was encouraging to others.”*

Therefore, sometimes you can make a difference in someone’s life indirectly by just being committed to what you do and say. I’m very sure there are people who have caused a tremendous change in your life, and yet those people have no account of your existence or details of your background and identity. They have done a lot to pull you forward towards your destiny. Although they are above you in social status, maybe in career, love life and overall goal achievement, you always cleave to them and call them your role models and mentors. After you fully believed in them, they showed you the ropes, inspired you to do more, dreamt bigger and believed in yourself.

My dear reader, I know you’re a gifted gospel singer with a nice vibrato and hydrated vocals. Please sing with all your heart because you never know through your ministration whom you’re drawing his/her feet from the miry clay and setting them on the rock to stay. For those who love preaching

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ministry, I am convinced that your love for preaching the gospel of truth is derived from the love of soul-winning.

Do it as if that's the only chance you have because as you unveil the mystery hidden in the bible, you never know the number of souls that will get inspired to attach themselves to the eternal kingdom. To the leaders, lead effectively because you never know amongst the team who will surface and pray "when I am fully persuaded in the leadership forum, I would like to imitate and lead like my manager" Instrumentalists, play those instruments until the echo of that softly played music keep ringing in the minds of your listeners when they are asleep. Professionals and skillful footballers you have a lot of fans around the world. Keep improving and encouraging them because most of them have continually developed their football skills through you. Scientists make as many inventions as possible. Step on the shoulders of science and build on the work that has emerged before you, aiming to inspire a new generation of young scientists to continue while you're gone. Ryan Help encouraged, *"Give 200% in everything you do and you will inspire others to do so as well. By working and doing your best, you will be proud of yourself and have no need to envy others"*. Just get committed to inspiring others to live a life that aligns with who they are and what they believe in by thoroughly furnishing what you love to do.

It's now high time you step in your position to help others gain a different perspective on the challenges they face in their lives by providing inspirational ideas and solutions. Don't despise yourself because you can't know how powerful and influential your simple words and actions can be when they ring

their ears. Choose to become a role model to others. Allow them to learn from your words, which can help them improve their existence and survival.

Every day and hour, I work hard to inform and encourage those who are not living their dreams to their full potential. Help them to understand that regardless of where they have come from or gone through, they can be successful and live up to their potential. Don't forget that someone needs your words to motivate his or her actions. Always understand that your little broken cake is someone's daily meal. Every time you complain that you lack money because your account is below your target, always remember that somebody somewhere has slept angry that night.

Remember that you are always a walking piece of art every day. Position your dreams and ambitions forward at all times in an effort to inspire others to lead their life in that way. My dear reader, live well and responsibly because your life is a message to others that keeps them inspired. Love yourself, be gentle enough and let kindness flow out of your heart. Be respectful and if you carry this out, you will become a great inspiration to many. Always give as much as you can. Let generosity be your anthem, not because you want to be famous but because you want to inspire people to give. In addition, stay inspired always because you can't inspire people if you are going to stay uninspired. The reality is that to be inspired is great, but the moment you inspire others in the way you live, it becomes incredible. Someone said, *'as you grow older, you realize that you have two hands; one for helping yourself and the other one for helping others.'* Please keep on inspiring

others by helping them because the moment you retire, you will lose the desire, become tired and finally expire.

With the reality that encouragement from a teacher can inspire a child, a word of encouragement from a spouse can encourage a spouse. A word of encouragement from a leader can inspire members to reach their potential.

I also believe that my writings can inspire the upcoming young authors, too. Every day of my life, I desire to meet the young generation, inspire them, make them proud and remind them how blessed they are to be alive. I want to motivate them not to be extravagant in order to save every coin to build their future; then they can relax and have tea. I desire to inspire little kids to know that they can be tall or short but their body size and type do not determine their net worth because they can do something. Inside me, I am burning with passion to keep all my special thoughts and memories in my diary for a lifetime to come. I want to share these words of compliments and motivation to others to inspire hope and build from the past that can bridge to the future. The reason why I have made up my mind to do this is because I believe that motivation is not necessarily everything but something that plays a big role in one's success and pursuing a vital course of one's entire life. Remember that motivation can align your priorities and spike you up to do the work of two people because the reality is that you can't be two people at the same time. That is why I am inspiring in this book so that you can pass the button of inspiration to your preceding generation.

I have come to learn that the world is becoming a place where younger people can do great things with audacity and in

a great way. However, for them to do it perfectly, they are counting on me and you. Therefore, let's stand out and inspire them. Remember that death is a very treacherous virus that strikes randomly. We are all living on probation, and our expiration and deformation date is indefinite. Your life itself is like a book borrowed from the library. It does not belong to you, and it has a deadline. One day, you will have to take it back or the owner come for it when it reaches its due date. Therefore, make a choice today to inspire others through informing and acting responsibly to them before you expire by being deformed. Inspiration is the only cure for expiry, my dear reader. It immunizes your clients against pessimistic and 'I can't' attitudes. In addition, don't forget that the moment you expire before you inspire anybody, you become like a door mat that is easily replaced after it has worn out and your story will end there. However, the moment you aspire to inspire before you expire, you conspire to inspire even after you pause to respire. Keep pushing it, my dear reader!!

Chapter Six

Please Shave Your Toes And Check Your Shoes; It Helps You Modify Your Character

Judging others is easy. Deciding for others is also easy. But what is tough is to mold yourself without any flaws and to apply your own decisions (Anonymous)

Have you ever reached a point in life where you find yourself imposing your ideas, beliefs, opinions and impressions about somebody or something you have ever encountered? Maybe your boss, friends, husband, wife etc.? Have you ever colored an ideology in the face of your mind about what is wrong or right, good or bad about them? Have you ever felt to be smarter, better, or more intelligent than others?

Of course, this has been a recurring theme and common practice in our society today. We look at people and feel that they have to do things in another way that seems best according to our knowledge and understanding. When we look at their mode of conduct, it sometimes annoys us to imagine how lack of education and civilization has deprived them of the audacity to compose themselves and face their very challenges. For instance, in a family set up, we look at some parents and conclude that their parenting skills are still at kindergarten level due to the image their children portray in every environment

they find themselves in. We wonder if these parents know what it means to be responsible parents who are ever responsible for molding the conduct and character of their children.

Let me narrate to you a short episode to elaborate on the above facts. One day, I went to a supermarket to do window shopping for certain stuff. As I was busy gazing at the fluctuating prices of the commodities, suddenly, I saw a young lady matching towards where I was standing and on her left-hand side holding a tinny boy around three years. When I looked at the boy, he was yelling and sobbing at the top of his lungs as the mother struggled to silence him in the midst of the people.

I saw people passing by, wondering what the hell was going on with this young boy. The lady was overwhelmed by the boy as she remained bemused, completely helpless and stuck, not knowing exactly what to do with the boy. The boy had completely caught the attention of everyone in the supermarket as they wondered what was wrong with the boy. Due to the perplexed state of this woman, I pitied her and decided to move near her to question about what transpired with the boy.

Then the woman told me that he had just bought some food stuff from another shelf, but the boy insisted that I give him to eat before it was paid for at the counter. Then I imagined the whole incident and wonder what kind of character this boy is portraying in this busy working premises. I began to imagine how this small boy with tinny brains could overpower this woman, sending her into a helpless mode. I was like, “suspend this boy out and discipline him properly instead of entertaining

his nonsense’’ What I was thinking came out as a voice, an advice I gave her. And guess what? She disobeyed my advice. She decided to begin pampering him, begging him to be silent, calling him sweet names as they matched out to the resting place outside the supermarket.

I wondered how this woman can reward bad behavior with sweet words and nagging. Does she really know that bad behavior deserves deliberate discipline? Those are the thoughts that kept on protruding in my mind. Then a still tender voice immediately popped into my mind: “‘don’t think that you’re the perfect parent; parenting is not a simple job’’ That thought was enough to wipe out every negative mindset I had concerning this woman. I later stopped thinking about her and proceeded with my window-shopping program.

Without a shadow of doubt, I am sure that just like me, you have also found yourself in the very situation, trying to impose a certain mindset on others. You find yourself weighing them down as you feel they haven’t done their best in their responsible areas of life. We feel they have terribly failed to carry out their duties effectively and aren’t fit to proceed with whatever they are doing. Actually, I understand that this is the nature of most of us as human beings and it doesn’t sound like alien culture to many of us. However, I discovered that this practice has more repercussions and negative effects than we ever thought. This is the core reason that has made people downplay their lives due to poor mindsets. Do you know that even at different levels of education and learning, the effect of this aspect has been proven right? Despite of our diverse backgrounds, judgment has still been evident and taken root

within our system. Because of a little light on our actions, we find ourselves casting our thoughts and imaginations to others as the best way to go. We later fight hard to navigate the very opinions, ensuring that everyone is settling with the very idea that has not yet been proven right. In our understanding, we see ourselves as an omniscient personality; thus, others don't deserve space and time to air their views and express themselves. Sometimes we feel better than others depending on their operating area. We fight to express our image in all circles of life as we force everyone around us to fit in our own shoes. We see ourselves as a perfect reflection of the perfect human being without spots or wrinkles. Thus, it becomes easy for us to be the first to cast stones at others.

The art of judging, my dear reader, has deeply taken root in the loins of our minds and is embraced by the majority of us. We have implemented it in our daily operations, forming an everlasting impression about the things and people surrounding us. However, we find ourselves in our own evils and break the cords of love that tie them together. We deny them entrance to the throne of grace and mercy that they are entitled and licensed to appear and cry out their faults.

We find ourselves destroying bridges of unity that could have helped others to bridge to another point of life. Our connections with others become weak just because of sticking to the surface-level assumptions we have made about others. Finally, we begin to figure out that no one can be of our standard and type due to the expectations we never attained from their life style.

However, my dear reader, before you think of judging somebody, have you ever considered what is causing them to behave in a way that looks boring to you? Have you ever asked yourself why he is living that kind of life that's so pathetic according to you? I know It's not really easy to take time to interrogate the reason behind their mode of conduct, but I think it is the only formula for harmonizing your thinking pattern with the events of once life.

You know things don't just happen; there's always a force behind them, either internal or external. These are the key factors behind someone's conduct and level of discipline. Thus, failure to recognize them can make you develop fake perceptions about your life. This can quickly push you into judging their faults and quick to point them out.

Nevertheless, don't forget that as long as you're human, you will sometimes find yourself in the wrong panel of life, either with or without your knowledge. That's why you don't have to question much when you find others drowning in the river of challenges or mischief. It may have happened to them and tomorrow you maybe the next victim however careful you're with every detail of your life. Therefore, when they are overwhelmed by the hiccups of life, don't be so quick to judge them. Rather, the thing you need to do is first to embrace them and later find out what really transpired in the course of their problems. This step will at least help you know the foundation of the storms they face. For you to understand someone fully, you require compassion, patience and willingness to believe that good hearts sometimes choose poor methods. When you

understand this, you easily grow in perception in life and others.

Judging others is a dangerous skill because you may create enemies for no cause. Mother Teresa said *“If you judge people, you have no time to love them”* There is no love where judgment has prevailed. Where sins and faults of others have been publicized and exposed instead of facing them to understand why enmity is the expression at hand. Therefore, your career on this planet is not to judge others how you want. Instead of judging, figure out if they deserve something.

Look at what they lack regarding material or spiritual needs and provide as long as they are willing to buy your wisdom. Your job is to lift the fallen, restore the broken and heal the hurting. This is exactly what our lord Jesus did when the woman who was caught in the real act of adultery was brought to him. Remember, this was not an accusation against her but an approved issue with evidence and the mob was ready and prepared to stone her to death. Stoning her was lawful according to the law given to them by their fore father, Moses.

They were now here before Jesus, the son of God, to give his final judgement and give them a go-ahead notice. However, how Jesus handled the matter embarrassed their efforts and determination to judge her. When he told them that if there was any man amongst them who had never committed sin to be the first to stone her, they all dropped their judgment and took off. They saw themselves as more righteous than the woman. They had what we call selective morality. They only saw the faults of this woman in the area they saw to be better in. Then Jesus, who came to save sinners, full of love and compassion, looked

at the woman and told her that no man has therefore condemned you. Later Jesus told her that neither could he also condemn her, therefore she should arise and go her way and sin no more since her sins had been forgiven. In this case, Jesus, our lord, who was God in the flesh had all the privileges and rights to judge her accordingly. Instead of doing that, he embraced her and understood that the initiator of the law of sin and death was at work in her life. He knew the story behind that kind of a lifestyle in that woman. He knew the reason why she was the way she was. He knew his mission was to save sinners and not condemn them.

I would like you to think about this case my dear reader, where by instead of judging others, you use that time to judge yourself. You spent your time evaluating your lifestyle, performance and relationship with God. Therefore, instead of wasting time thinking about what is wrong with others, use that time to analyze your spiritual and natural life. If you do this, you will love yourself and want to reflect it in the lives of others.

You will want to mold others without any flaw's despite of their weakness. You will not have time to gossip about others or talk evil about them, but you will be committed to love and be free in your authenticity. No matter what people do to you or others, you will dare not doubt their worth or beauty, but you will help them live their best lives. I tell you the truth, checking your shoes rather than struggling to fit in your friend's shoes is the best way to live because you may not be able to withstand the size and pressure the friend's shoe will exert on your leg. Please take time and shave your own toes instead of

commenting about the toes of others. This is how you will escape the trap of hurtful and spiteful impulses that protrude in your heart due to judging others. When we do this, we can modify our character, leading to a strong tie. This will make you the happiest person in your heart and face because you will be busy thinking about your own life and not others.

I understand that you have found yourself in this field of judgment, but you can't tell how you caught yourself in it. However, you can drop this habit and begin focusing on your very life now. If you want to come out of this trap, you can use or apply the below insights that I used and have totally transformed my perception towards people and what they do; -

- 1) ***I have realized that not everybody is immune-*** The first thing that has helped me to operate past the desire to judge is admitting that not everybody is immune to problems and challenges. As I had initially stated, we are all different; what you can overcome is a stumbling block to another person. So, you must be willing to measure the resisting ability before pointing fingers to them and disclosing their faults in public.
- 2) ***I settled on the reality that not everything I know and believe is applicable and paramount to everyone-*** I realized that depending on my beliefs and background, I will not assume that people know what I know and believe what I believe. Due to the diversity in culture, faith and knowledge about life, people can't be put in the same class of operation. That's why judging someone reading from different

pages of life compared to your own is very dangerous. Thus, it's good to check out the origin of the people before subjecting them to your views. Try to analyze that difference in terms of your faith before you arrive at the conclusion concerning the whole matter.

3) ***I socially distanced myself from judgmental friends.***

When it was revealed that the friends I hung around with were very judgmental, I began to tame them individually. I did this not because I hated them but to guard my heart from such motives. You know you become whoever you surround yourself with. My dear reader, kindly take your time and check with your friends; they might be the reason you're behaving that way.

4) ***I formulated a strong policy of casting down every judgmental thought-*** I implemented a policy in my life that when I found myself judging others, I switched off, changed the direction and began to think about the strengths and unique abilities I carry.

Don't be deceived my dear reader, life is broad and the desire to judge will always emerge. And if you don't create a higher knowledge or a counter-attacking system, you will fall victim to this lifestyle where you will always be bored by how people behave and do things. Remember, the more judgmental you are, your social life becomes weaker. This is because no one around you will qualify to become your friend because of the weakness you've spotted in them. You will live a self-dependent life with no need of friends to hang

around with. This is the foundation of social death that happens in people's lives. Therefore, in the wisdom that we are unique in our own way, just check your shoes and shave your toes to ensure you're becoming a better version of yourself. Judge the person you were yesterday with the person you are today. When you discover that there's no improvement, launch a campaign to vote for the kind of person you want to be today and tomorrow. By doing so, I guarantee you, my dear reader, you will overcome the passion to judge anything around you, no matter the quantity of pressure to do so

Chapter Seven

Your Curiosity, Mingled With Determination Inspires Genuine Results

*If you want to be an inventor in life, then feed your curiosity
(Anonymous)*

I have always wondered how some people do great things in a great way. When I look at their discoveries and inventions, they always surpass my ability to comprehend. Later on, I discovered that despite the uniqueness in their ministry, project or research, there is nothing more special than some of us. It's not about how much they are educated or the fitness of their financial muscles. I discovered that they are more curious about everything that surrounds them. They love to question anything at any time, even if it won't promise them instant results or answers. They will stick to the subject, unfold it inside out until it surrenders its hidden details to them.

Nevertheless, their curious mindset doesn't select its client. Whenever they discover that you are a potential source or customer willing to provide answers to fill in the blank spaces within their mind, they can hire you for the rest of the day. Despite the gender, color, age, or origin, they can approach you as soon as they discover that you are loaded with concepts and insights to fill in the emptiness inside them. You will even realize that whatever they are questioning is not even their area of specialization. Whatever they are after is to capture new

ideas and understanding that can advance their general perception of life. They believe the future belongs to them as long as they remain curious. So, they are never afraid to try something new. They poke it, question it and turn it inside out. They believe that once their mind is unlocked to the new idea, it will never return to its original size.

Sometimes, I love the way kids in this generation behave. The sense and the level of curiosity in them can sometimes surprise you. You look at their age and the class of the things they are inquiring about and you are like, “Does this kid deserve an answer for this question actually?” You are afraid to answer him because the question the kid is asking is beyond his scope of knowledge and ability to comprehend. You feel like the age and the question cannot rhyme.

You keep wondering if this kid wants to practice whatever he is asking or what is his main agenda. You imagine the repercussion and you decide to coil around the question. Later, you choose to formulate an unnecessary stories to ensure you divert his mindset from his inquiries. When you’ve managed to cool him down, after a couple of days, you will hear the same case arising again and you will still be responsible for it when you thought it was over.

You will wonder if they are turning into inventors in a specific field. Later on, you will discover that that’s not the case. You will realize it’s just a simple element of curiosity sparking and fueling their tinny, innocent brains into great learning and inquiry. You will find they are trying to upload content in their

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upstairs by questioning everything, including those you're unaware of. John Locke learnt that *“curiosity in children is but an appetite for knowledge. One great reason why children abandon themselves wholly to silly pursuits and trifle away their time insipidly is because they find their curiosity balked and their inquiries neglected.”* This is very true because they can allow their curiosity spirit to be offended. So, to cure their curiosity, they will end up doing something that annoys you to fill the vacuum in their medulla oblongata.

We live in a world where many people refer to silence and pride as a type of wisdom. They believe learning and questions ended the day they wore their graduation gown. They are very contented with what they know and where they are. They look at their age, class, profession and background and think they have arrived at the finishing line in the race of their life pursuit. At that point, questioning anything new to them is of the kindergarten level.

They feel they are very smart to ask for simple information or occurrences within their jurisdiction. They look at their pay slip and bank account balance and imagine what the individuals will comment when they are questioned about the process. My dear reader, this is where real tragedy in men's lives begins. Are you aware that what you assume that seem of no value to you, your children or friends assume that you know?

They have high expectations from you when it comes to solving the puzzles of their life. It's true that no man is paramount or acknowledges everything. However, don't forget that the effectiveness of

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one's life depends on the degree of acknowledgment of diverse subjects of life. I agree that you can't know everything because of the issue of specialization, but the reality is that you can at least know something. This is where the aspect of curiosity now comes into play. Remember that learning is the only way to replace the fear of the unknown. William Arthur Ward disclosed, "Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning".

You know my dear reader, life is like and you're a student in that class. You're ever learning but never graduating because graduation implies or predicts the end of the cause. Since life is full of multiple exams in different departments, you ought to be prepared to tackle them effectively and expect average performance.

These exams will vary as you grow from one stage to the other. For instance, the kind of the exams you are researching for the answers are quite different compared to those you were dealing with when you were still single. That's to say that life itself is full of questions that expect answers from you, a serial student. When I was in high school, I discovered that teachers loved those students who asked more questions in class compared to those who couldn't even attempt. The teachers loved those who asked more questions than those who answered the questions they asked.

Nevertheless, the students who were ever asking and learning were considered more intelligent than the others. They were always rewarded for their curiosity and always referred to the best performing and disciplined students in the school. Similarly, understand that life will ask you questions that expect an answer. When I talk about life, I refer to anything that

surrounds you, including your family, friends, business, professions, hobbies, etc. Therefore, you too should turn back and question life. Don't think you will be considered smart just by challenging the trials that life posts on your side; it's by how many questions you ask in life. Keep in mind that your curiosity can catapult you far and position you on top of the most educated and learned than your confidence and answers. Please don't stop questioning anything you want to know because curiosity has its own reason for existing within your system.

Of course, no one will take you seriously when you question certain occurrences in life. It's normal I have ever been in that scenario, where my friends and family expect to know the headline of the trending news in the community and the environment. Criticism and undermining, a thought pattern in people's mind can be evident when they discover that you are unaware of what is happening around your area of operation.

They can change their perception towards you and later damp you into the school of inferiority complex. You feel of low self-esteem and very uncivilized due to the negative feedback you're receiving from the very individuals you're trying to question. Your consistency towards knowledge acquisition becomes a past tense.

Suddenly, the curiosity button in your head becomes a no-go zone. You become never willing and activate the nerve that stirs you up and puts your heart for knowledge. This insults and opposition later become a concrete and genuine reason for your silent

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mode. These accusations become the very wall of defense as to why you're not willing to question anybody about anything.

However, let me tell you something. Nothing and nobody can stop a curious personality. An individual who is committed and determined to know a certain principle of operation can never be halted by anybody or anything. You know, the moment you stop being curious, that's when new things stop coming to you. You must actually go for new experiences. Whether it's your field or not, as soon as you discover the desire to know it better, then go for it. Remember, it will never occupy you; you must occupy it. I think you have encountered people doing great things and tend to think that they are wiser and intelligent than you, NO! and that is not the case.

The difference between you and them is that they are willing to subscribe to the school of curiosity while you've become the principal in the school of cynicism and ignorance. What you call intelligence and genius is actually what's boiling in their mind in terms of curiosity. This virtue is the number one essential for your progress my dear reader. The day you begin to cultivate it look in the world beyond your area of existence and specialization; it's when you will notice room for improvement. It's good to be consistent in your area of specialization to become a master in it. However, pursuing and gathering different information from different areas will help you master the art of living.

I came to discover that the difference between school and life is that schools, in most cases, teach you how to get the answers while life teaches you how to question the available answers. Most of the schools don't offer room for questioning

the process of arriving at the results. You will hear a teacher telling students “go ahead and memorize this. Don’t worry, we have already proven it’s the correct answer”. If it’s in a mathematics lesson, you will hear students being told, “Just master the formula and apply it to any related question, but how the formula was created doesn’t matter. Just do what is simple for you at the moment” You’re advised to stick to the answer or the formula and apply it in your exams if you don’t want to fail in life. It’s like they are training more on memory and theory than application.

They reward conformity rather than collaboration. They focus more on regurgitation than learning and exploring. So, if you’re not keen, your creativity, innovation and curiosity can be schooled out of your mind. Thus, creating a mystery upon which new knowledge is needed to unravel becomes a big deal. I am not actually advocating for you to join the company of the illiterate and hate schools. Go to school and know that it’s only a starting point towards your curiosity. By the way, are you aware that the great inventors we have today were not highly learned? Look at for instance Bill Gates, the inventor of software called Microsoft.

This guy never finished his college. When he stepped out of school, he was very curious to know much about computers. And that’s how he became one of the most influential and greatest men in the world. My dear reader, schools are only a stepping stone, giving you vocabulary, English and grammar. Beyond that, expect nothing. It’s now your curiosity that will push your name on the list of the most influential men or a woman on this planet.

Therefore, you must be in a position to feed and increase your level of curiosity. If you expect great, genuine and raw results in your life, you must be willing to expand your curiosity to avoid boredom and substandard outcomes. Thus, boosting your curiosity becomes fundamental in any subject you want to explore. The gap between what you know and what you what to know will be filled by your level of curiosity. Therefore, you must be willing to combine your intelligence, persistence and hunger for novelty to get outstanding results. Below, I have combined a few suggestions that can help you stimulate and expand your level of curiosity. These suggestions include; -

1) *Read always, inspired by your interests.*

Do you know that reading widens and provokes your thinking? And it's when we start to think that we jump-start our curiosity. Reading can easily instill interest in something that will direct you into a fruitful area of exhaustive inquiry. Remember that you can't ask for something that you don't know about. You must be willing to know more to ask more. When you get knowledge about something, it will stir up your curiosity to unlock it and study it in detail. You will find that those unanswered questions become raw materials for curiosity since it's not easy to be curious about something you lack questions about. Therefore, reading plays a major role in helping you develop your curiosity.

2) *Dumb your pride, stay humble and ask questions*

Sometimes, it is good to act like a fool who has no idea about anything and just ask questions. Don't be afraid to ask questions because of what people will say about you. The questions like why, how and when assembled together, can form a body of truth you want to discover. Furthermore, don't accept answers or outcomes the way they are. If you are a student and a teacher give you a mathematical formula, try to know how the formula was created, even if you won't get the answer at that point. Make sure you get specifics to some happenings. Don't just accept things easily. Avoid the habit of consuming the information, but try to question the source. When your child or your husband, for instance, brings you something new, don't just jump, grab and smile at it anyhow. Try to question where he has gotten and how. That one can help you get more information about it and even secure you from the danger that you would have found yourself in. Don't you know that learning is more of dialog than consumption? Don't just be a lover of results; try to question the process of arriving at the results.

Furthermore, don't forget that humility, despite your level of understanding, is still the key in this matter because there's no shame in not knowing something. Don't gather butterflies in your stomach and fail to admit that you don't know.

For instance, your child asks you a question you have no

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answer to, or you're even in an interview seeking a job and an interviewer asks an unfamiliar question. Instead of pretending to be knowledgeable, it won't hurt when you say "I don't know, but give me a few seconds I'll brainstorm some ways to figure out an answer" Kindly let curiosity be your guiding map as you chart and explore answers to those questions.

3) *Visit the library, browse its shelves and google.*

In this era of Google searches and open libraries, we can easily find an answer to whatever you are questioning. You can access information that can be clearer, more helpful, and useful to you. Always remember that in your research or innovation, you will encounter a collision of knowledge and ideas on the subject you're researching. This happens because people have different beliefs, cultures and backgrounds. However, don't forget that curiosity is also more of discrimination. It concerns the information you want to explore in the specified area. And if you're truly curious, you will have to go further and study each and everyone's information that contradicts and come up with your final thoughts. This is a point you will now get behind your computer or library and enter into a field of exploration.

4) *Be an expert interested in everything.*

Specialization in an area will make your talent or profession marketable, but having a breath of knowledge is increasingly valuable. I understand that

it's only hybrids, the kind of thinkers who are positioned to thrive today and in the future. It has never been easy to know more than two things in this highly competitive and highly informed world. However, to ignite your knowledge, you need to think about it from a variety of eclectic perspectives and be in a position to coordinate effectively with individuals from different fields.

My precious reader, being curious will add more value to your life apart from being creative and innovative. That's to say, curiosity can strengthen your relationships. By engaging in frequent conversations and naturally asking questions, you will converse more with others and strengthen the bond between you and them. Nevertheless, curiosity can improve your memory. When you're interested in a certain subject, you're more likely to dig deeper into it. And when you've invested your time in finding a solution, your memory will be in a position to access it in the future. Your health can also improve when you're curious. This includes the health of your brain and your body. The more you learn and engage your brain, the stronger it becomes. You become happier, which in turn plays a vital role in your physical health. Are you aware that happier people typically have low blood pressure and decreased risk for stroke and heart-related diseases? That's what curiosity can do to your overall mental and physical.

Let me project this reality to you: it's what you know that informs your conduct. Moreover, your conduct predicts your life. For sure, life is too short to begin saying you know much and you've no interest in whatever is happening around you.

Life is very fragile so keep bragging around with your level of your education. It's the questions you find in life, not the answers you memorized in class, that will determine your creativity. So, let your mind be open because that's how to make it inquisitive. The moment you start indulging your curiosity and retain learning as fun, then that learning will turn into a shock absorber for the bumpy road ahead of your life. Therefore, don't just consciously decide to waste this golden virtue, do something with it. Be skeptical and not cynical. You know when you are skeptical, then you're willing to be curious. It implies that you seek additional information and evidence before accepting someone's claim to be true. You're willing to challenge the status quo with open-minded, deep questions. It's like saying "I don't know if it's true, but I am willing to explore, learn and question. However, to be cynical is to believe people are full of their own interests and you are not ready to trust them with your question. It's like saying "what they are saying is not true because nothing is ever true." It's actually being closed in your mind and not ready to accept challenges and new ideas.

I know you have quality knowledge and knowledge is power. You have actually done well and excelled. But remember, curiosity is the muscle that will hold that knowledge. It's the motivator to provoke learning and discovering yourself, including what surrounds us. In fact, I have never seen a curious person who never thinks. Thus, thinking is the baseline of curiosity. Remember, the moment you stop thinking, you start stinking. Recent research shows that only 5% of us think, 15% think that they think and 80%

don't think. So you can imagine, for instance, 5% of those who are curious in the group of 50 people in our society. Therefore, you can flatten this curve by booking a new class of curiosity. Start this journey of lifelong learning and discovery of the unknown.

Optimists are pushed by passion to work while pessimists are pushed by their bosses and love of money

Chapter Eight

Who And What Pushes You To Work: Boss, Money Or Passion

“Working hard for something we don’t care about is called stressed; working hard for something we love is called passion” (Anonymous)

There has been a culture developed and implemented by the so-called ‘am busy’ generation. Most of them, whether self-employed or employed by others, ensure that they set an alarm on their watches so that it at least helps them wake up early in the morning towards their workplace. A good number of them, if they are employed, do this so as to avoid some threats from their bosses due to late arrival.

Those who are self-employed are always driven by the desire to catch the ‘morning dew’. If you happen to question them, they will always tell you that early bird catches the worm. Others will tell you that it’s the love culture they have developed towards what they do. Through this, it has come to my conclusion that a good number of individuals do wake up early in the morning, motivated in their minds with these three parameters: boss, money, or passion. One among these factors controls and causes some people to run wild and mad the whole day in the name of meeting their daily, weekly or monthly targets.

Furthermore, I have encountered some individuals struggling on the roads with traffic jams, trying to bypass and overtake others in the name of being late at their workplace. Some will begin to claim that their customers are waiting for them at the customer care desk. Some will tell you that their boss is too strict, harsh and can suck them any time in case they arrive at their workplace late. The final group of individuals will tell you that it's just being passionate in their daily routines that pick them up early to increase their performance and earn more joy.

Therefore, whether it's your harsh boss, love of money or passion towards your career and job, you now understand which category you fall under. You personally know from your heart what inspires you to do that particular job and earns you restless movements and tiresome days. As we proceed with this chapter, you will discover and unveil the truth behind every factor. From there, you will be able to know the most important factor that you can trust as a positive propelling force towards your work point and rank you as a priority in the midst of many activities the whole day.

Now, a simple question, my dear reader: every morning, you prepare to face the day with determination; what is that specific thing that gives you vitality? What rejuvenates you and gives you peace of mind after a busy day? What pressurizes you and makes you develop technics and methods to do your particular task or assignment easier and faster. Do you know what particularly causes your thoughts to be concentrated on how you will

You can choose your profession, but you can't choose your boss

perfect that job and make it admirable? That thing always makes you desire to meet your customers and clients and make them feel motivated to come back again when they think of your products and services. Therefore, whether it's money, your boss or passion, you now know what drives you in that direction. Both factors will generate a certain degree of pleasure at your workplace. However, there's that factor that will earn you a high amount of happiness and joy in case you will give it a priority, and that is called passion.

Remember, as I have quoted earlier, that the moment you work hard for something you don't like, you become stressed, but the moment you work hard for something you love, i.e., passion, happiness and satisfaction, will be your daily breakfast. It's quite important to note that optimists are pushed by passion to work while pessimists are pushed by their bosses and love of money. Passionate workers ask for overtime to accomplish their assignments, while those driven by pay slips and harsh bosses keep watching the office clock to see if the time to go home is not yet.

The passionate individuals can't cause chaos or riot when salary is delayed for a reasonable cause, but money or pay slip-oriented individuals will keep throwing their threats to the accounts office, threatening to quit the job in case the salary will not hit their accounts by evening. Before I explore much about passion as a motivator and steering wheel towards your job, I want us to draw some details from other factors and help us understand their impacts on individuals who are driven by them.

1) ***Boss factor***

Markus Zasad pointed out something about the boss factor: *“They say that war is death’s best friend, but I must offer you a different point of view on that one. To me, war is like the new boss who expects the impossible. He stands over your shoulders, repeating one thing incessantly; ‘get it done, get it done’. So you work harder. You get it done. The boss, however, doesn’t thank you. He asks for more:”* If at all you encounter a person who has quit his job and happen to ask him/her the reason behind his decision, he/she will simply summarize the whole story with one word: ‘stubborn boss’.

As some have composed genuine reasons, e.g., sickness, as to why they have surrendered their career, a good number of them have found themselves in such situations due to weak and poor relationships with their boss. Some are fired by their bosses due to substandard and low productivity in their respective departments.

It’s true that some people, due to wrong career choices, have landed on the wrong profession and jobs. The very people have gone ahead and applied for job vacancies that they don’t love. They end up securing those jobs and interacting with bosses who keep them on their feet. However, if their bosses would just be soft on them and try to motivate them to love what they do instead of instilling fear and pressure in them, then sacking and quitting language could hardly be heard in most companies and organizations today.

Therefore, if you wait for your boss to push you to work, I tell you the truth: you will experience the most

frustrating moments ever at your workplace. You know, most bosses nowadays develop from a weak leadership foundation and do not have leadership skills, so for them getting heavy on your shoulders is not a big deal. Understand that the work of a boss is to drive people to do their duties. Remember, you can choose your work, but you can't choose your boss and when driven by your boss you don't choose your destination. Bosses are always loaded with orders and assignments to give out to their subordinates. They easily control people and drive them in the direction they feel is best for them. They will never involve themselves in what you do, but they will expect a 100% output as they have been commanded. Russell H. Ewing gave a brief explanation of the difference between a boss and a leader. He said "*A boss creates fear; a leader creates confidence. A boss fixes blame; a leader corrects mistakes. A boss knows everything and a leader asks questions. A boss makes work drudgery, a leader makes it interesting.*" You can now imagine, in the hands of such a person, the force behind your early rise and late to bed and wrong career. Your head can blow before you hit your prime age.

If you want to know that a good percentage of bosses are not good driving forces at the workplace, examine the following common terrible habits I have seen in those that I have worked with. If you do not agree with me because someone has never employed you, ask those who have bosses and they will give you the testimony.

A) They are never wrong.

Most bosses will never admit that they are wrong. With the fact that they own the premises, organization, resources or company, they are not willing to come out of their comfort zone for their workers. This character sends a signal to workers that in an unprotected environment thus, taking smart risks for them isn't easy. This can easily sap or deplete the productivity and innovation among workers.

b) They are always overpromising

A boss can promise you a promotion or increase in salary but all you will receive is a 'be patient notice' or silence. This makes some of them untrustworthy in most issues they discuss with you. Therefore, it becomes difficult for you to extract valuable moral principles from them. At the end of the day, you go back home the way you came without incrementing your performance.

c) When you make mistakes, they are quick to blame, but when you succeed, they find it hard to express gratitude.

They can easily put you down or rebuke you in front of others whenever they realize that you've made a fault somewhere. Thus, you're forced to apologize for the mistakes that you never made so that you at least forge an intimate bond to get peace of mind at the workplace.

d) Most of them expect you to be like them.

Some bosses want to cast their image on everything you do constantly. They don't want you to remain true to your colors. Nevertheless, some of them don't believe that different personality can improve their team performance.

e) They are always micromanagers

If there are individuals who are so pushy and overbearing that you find yourself unable to accomplish some duties efficiently, then there are bosses. They always want a play-by-play of every meeting, e-mail, sales and call, demanding detailed notes of every business interaction. Because of their constant nature of checking on your work progress, you're always forced to over-communicate with them.

f) They can call you on your off day or leave day

Sometimes, you can take a leave, purposely to accomplish a certain project or check on your family at home, but they will not hesitate to call you whenever there is an emergency. They always believe that things are not under control in your absence. Therefore, with such a power-hungry boss, you can find yourself developing tension and separation anxiety when you have taken permission for some days off because you're sure you can be called upon anytime.

g) They always have their favorites

With this character, they easily cloud their ability to recognize your skills and the value you add to the organization. Furthermore, they are unable to see that they are treating you

unfairly. You realize that no matter how hard work or great results you achieve, they will still be dwarfed by the very bosses because they have their own taste.

h) In some cases, they will not hear your point of view or opinion.

This is one of the biggest weaknesses most bosses have. You will realize that however much you generate a productive opinion or point of view, they will always tell you that they are the flag or vision bearer of the group, company or organization. Thus, you find that whatever point you may share with them for the benefit of the organization won't alter their set principles.

Therefore, as we have seen from the above common habits, you will discover that depending on your boss for an early rise and better performance at the workplace is like waiting for the seventh wave of the ocean to toss you at the shore. There's nothing good you should expect from most of them except colossal productivity and morale drain. By the way, having a bad boss isn't your fault, but allowing them to be the reason behind your performance is. Always remember, even in a toxic environment, with a huge chunk of fellow employees and unsatisfied bosses, you can still control their attitude towards you. However, it's not easy to control your motive and what pushes you to work.

2) *Money Factor*

Actually, money can be a pretty sweet deal. It can provide you with an exciting lifestyle, glorious things and sometimes little happiness. Since no trees are growing free cash and no cash bills are raining from the sky into our purses and wallets, most of us live in a world of budget where wants and basic needs are growing at an alarming rate. With the high cost of living, everyone has endeavored to burn the midnight oil, devising means how they will get more cash to finance their projects and feed the family. Every day, they wake up heading to their workplace, and everything they interact with is calculated in monetary value. These are the people who can do anything at any time as long as it promises them instant cash in their pockets.

Nevertheless, you will agree with me that if there's something that develops divisions and conflicts between employees and employers, then it's money in terms of delayed salary or additional allowances. If there's anything that causes men and women to run mad at the streets of major towns in their location, then it's money. Evil and corruption in society have greatly increased due to individuals' pursuit of money. Parents have taught their children to put money ahead of their good name (reputation) and that's why many have destroyed their dignity and integrity while searching for money. Everybody is looking for money no matter how and when. Most people have fallen captive and turned into slaves by others in the name of increasing their daily

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wages. Nevertheless, I look at our politicians nowadays and I wonder. When they are vying for any government positions, they call for some special sittings at their homes or offices and even visit voters at their filthy homes at night. They soothe them with 50sh notes, requesting them to vote for them. When visiting any religious gathering, they humble and go down to their knees, giving people lip services and empty promises of what they are going to do when they are elected. Immediately, they declared a winner in their respective position; their homes that were once flooded with individuals seeking for help became a no-go zone. They simply forget all the promises they made to their poor voters. They begin to take advantage of their positions to enrich themselves. They begin to be so close to the finance departments, not to boost their accounts but to loot the little that's there. At the end of the day, they turn into smart thieves and very corrupt and ignorant. All of these negative changes, which prove their moral decline, is brought in daylight due to their love of money.

For sure, money, being an essential tool in one's life, has, on the other hand, reduced individuals to nothing. It has become a good enemy in our communities. Many who have developed excess love have been overpowered and controlled by it, thus ending up in misery. I discovered that you may be free from adultery, but excess love of money makes you a victim of idolatry because money is an idol on its own. On the other hand, those who have failed to gather enough muscles to search for it have died in abject poverty, leaving their generation with a weak and poor financial

foundation. Many financial institutions have formulated the dos and don'ts of money, but still, money has failed to add value to their customers and clients due to high rates of misuse and mismanagement. Those rules have highly cultivated a sense of lust in the majority of them, thus worsening their perception towards those who have fallen short of them. With the belief that little heaven is experienced with frozen accounts, most of them have criticized and concluded that those who are bankrupt are less fortunate individuals in society.

By the way, for me, I have never advocated for laziness in my life. The holy bible in Proverbs teaches us *that laziness attracts poverty*. You will realize that lazy people are the most troublesome individuals who turns our societies into begging Centre's. They can't do anything with their own hands to feed their stomach.

Furthermore, every day you happen to meet them on your way to work or attend a busy schedule, they will give you a long episode of how they have slept hungry for a couples of days. Some have prepared fake pro formats, requesting you to contribute to their fake programs. If you look at them keenly, they are mentally and physically sound but laziness has crippled and married them.

They believe they can't do something on their own and thus have taken advantage of the generosity of others. I highly recommend these kinds of people be eradicated from society and located in a rehabilitation Centre because they can easily spread the same virus to the young generation.

Remember, we don't offer anything to the immediate generation other than what we do and say.

Nevertheless, the problem here my dear reader is not in being a hardworking, independent person, but it's in the mindset. Remember that a correct mindset leads to a correct goal set, which gives birth to correct living. Therefore, if you have the right mindset and your hardworking attitude, you will live the happiest life ever. I want to let you know that if you're looking for joy, satisfaction and happiness in the money you're working for, then I am very sorry, you will never get it.

Do you know that individuals who are vulnerable to stress and emotional-related diseases are those who are busy looking for wealth? Money will give you a luxurious lifestyle and that's true, but it can't buy you love and joy. Those whose hope is in their wealth have never put a genuine smile on their face.

When you see a young man feel sad and devastated, he's actually not sick. The god of gold (money) is afflicting him. Too much pursuit for money is plaguing him with sorrows. Due to lack of satisfaction, the lover of money will always see what you don't have (Proverbs 30:15, 16). I tell you, no lover of money can be sorrow-free. Those who put their faith and focus on material wealth have turned out to be the most miserable individuals ever. If you don't count gold and silver as dung, the probability of that gold turning you into dung is very high.

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very expensive watch
and still waste your time
with it***

Thus, when you wake up early in the morning, check your bills, and think of your creditors, what automatically clicks in your mind? Automatically, it's those small pieces of paper. They will actually kick you hard out of your house even before your alarm rings as you talk to yourself on the way towards your workstations. Someone may look at you and think that you're overwhelmed by the tongues of heaven.

Little did they know that the demands in your family have overshadowed your supply, thus throwing you into a crazy mode. When you arrive at your work place, you don't care from whom, how and where you will get money, but your problem is getting it hard.

Some will fall into conflicts with their boss when they raise questions as to why they have earned a big deficit on the day's sales by evening. Little did the boss know that they had stolen some cash from the very sales to meet their stretching bills and loans. All these fracasas happen due to excess love of money, a cause for your early rise and sleepless nights.

Therefore, if you dare give money an opportunity to become a co-factor and a determinant at your workplace, then you are almost doomed. If you give it a space to exercise its authority and dominion over you, chances are that you may land in the wrong panel of life. You will find that giving finances, volunteering, and sacrificing your time for others become big deals to you. Money turns into your god because you passionately love it.

Whenever you get an opportunity to work somewhere, the first question is always, "How much are you willing to

pay after this job?” Please, my dear reader, never work for money, but let money work for you by setting a purpose in your pursuit of goals. Working for money is an old-school formula born in the day of cavemen. Look at our young generation today, for they seek work for what they will earn and not what they will learn from the work given. For your information, you were never created to pursue money, riches, honor and fame. When GOD created man, he ordered them to go and replenish, dominating over every living creature he created and those that man will procreate.

He didn't tell a man to go and seek money or material wealth. His instruction was very clear to us. In other words, money was not in God's original plan for a man. God never wanted us to pursue it (money) but him (the purpose for our existence). Money is only meant to be a byproduct after pursuing our higher calling. And this is the great news: when you're motivated and have cultivated your passion (area of your higher calling), you look up to Monday. You automatically begin to love your job or career.

Every day, therefore, your goal at work should not be more money. Remember that the poorest man is one whose goal and wealth is money. Parents, please allow me to tell you something. Don't educate your children because you want them to be rich. Educate and advise them to follow and love what they find to do so that, at the end of the day, they know the value of things and not the price.

Nevertheless, somebody said, *“Money is the worst discovery of human life. But it's the most trusted material to test human integrity and dignity.”* I totally agree with this

statement because if you want to discover the real character of a man, then wait until he gets the money. He can suddenly change as soon as his accounts are stormed with adequate cash. Yes, it's good to have money because with it you can buy a classic bed, but remember, with money, you will never buy some good sound nights. You can buy a nice clock to hang on the wall of your house but you will never trade your money with time. In fact, you can buy a very expensive watch with money but still waste your time with it.

You will get a book because of money, but knowledge and wisdom will never be deposited in your head with money. You will get all kinds of amusements but money will never guarantee you happiness. And the worst of it all, you will buy medicine and visit the most expensive hospitals, but you can never buy health with it. That's why a millionaire suffering from cancer goes to an expensive hospital but the doctor still tells him that the disease is beyond their control and there's nothing they can do about it.

With his millions, he dies miserably. In short, no amount of money can buy you adequate satisfaction if you're not happy with yourself and what you're doing. We should, therefore, give money only its due importance and not make it all-important, for if we do that, we are certainly going to sacrifice some other vital items of good life.

Let me ask you a quiz: have you ever heard or seen someone standing at a funeral saying, 'he had really an expensive car and great expensive leather shoes'. People are not interested in your accounts and wealth; they just want to see what you're doing with what you love and your story will

keep them busy and moving at your funeral. What will cause commotion at your funeral is what you've done with what you love most. I have discovered that there are people who get wealthy and perceive their neighbors as rubbish and useless. Please, don't despise others because of your big house and recent frozen bank accounts. Remember, we all have the same exodus and our graves will be of the same size. Always stay humble even if your leftovers can serve a two-night meal to your neighbor. I am not telling this to show that money is vanity, neither am I advocating for laziness and poverty due to what money can turn you into when you love it in excess. Get me clear, my dear reader, please, because, on the other hand, you were not created just to pay bills and die.

As I have stated earlier, everything here is all about mindset. George Horace captured the idea correctly when he said, *"It's good to have money and the things money can buy, but it's good too to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things money can't buy."* And do you know the things that money can't buy? It includes manners, morals, respect, character, common sense, trust, patience, love, and many more important virtues.

It's very unfortunate and shocking how many people have sacrificed the bliss of a happy and contented family in the guise of material luxuries that they have thought were all they deserve. They have totally lacked time to love, care, and serve each other in the family because each member of the family is busy struggling to make money. Imagine in this unit

of the family, where at one time they got love, which acted as an elixir for their tired nerves, is now a missing entity.

It's also a big irony how the majority have plush, expensive carpets, form on their beds and beautiful dining tables with no one at home to share their joy and worries. Just look at what money has done to our family's success, my dear reader. If you look at the parents, on the other hand, they are busy making money and have no even a fraction time for their children. The husband is too busy buying diamonds and expensive make-ups for the wife but has no time even to take a glance at her when she dons them. Similarly, the wife is busy preparing the work routine at the work station or office, but has no time for routine service for the family. Therefore, in this avenue of life, you can now see how money pursuit mentality has eroded the love and weakened the bonds that was once evident in the family.

Jim Carrey must have been very rich when he arrived to this conclusion *"I wish everyone could get rich and famous and have everything they dreamed of so they would know that's not the answer."* Let me tell you the reality before I retire from this subject, money will never bring you full satisfaction. In fact, it only gives proof that you're bound with greed and materialism.

It's the only acid test and a living proof that you've attached and coupled a universal success in life with its possession. Therefore, make a resolution today at your workplace never to fall in love with money for it will never fall in love with you in return. Never allow money to be your motivation or steering wheel at your workstation. Edmond

Mbiaka advises *“Never trade your soul with money because you would never be able to trade that money to get your soul back. Money is good but it’s definitely not everything.”*

Now, with the facts and limitations exposed from the above two factors; money and boss, it’s quite clear that they can earn you a stressful lifestyle if you turn them to be your master at your work place. It’s true that you will make your boss happy after fulfilling your assigned duties, but the boss will never give you joy and happiness in return. I agree with you that money will help you settle your bills, loans and other financial settlements but it will never help you settle your emotional frustrations and moral decline. The only factor that will be your savior here is being passionate at your workplace. When you love what you do, boss and money will never intersect your mind. Oprah Winfrey observed, *“Passion is energy. Feel the power that comes from focusing on what excites you.”* Be sure of this, if you don’t chase your passion, then money and your boss are determined to chase you hard.

Do you want to do great work with zero tolerance, just simply love what you do? If you realize that you’re not passionate in what you’re doing, kindly move out and look for something you can do with maximum joy and minimum supervision. It’s clear that the more passionate you become in your work, the more successful and happier you will be. However, understand that being passionate in life doesn’t come without challenges. Just as great

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achievements have been realized in the mist of difficulties, passion in anything you're doing is too created after incurring a lot of risks. This is what you need to know; -

a) *Passion building requires time*

Just by definition, passion creation is time-consuming. When we are passionate about something, it's often all-consuming i.e. filling one's mind and attention. It will take time for you to love what you do. Once you love what you do, you create an intimate relationship with it, which will in turn, yield a significant relationship with how you feel about yourself.

b) *Passion will always require you to suffer in a meaningful way.*

When you look at the origin of the term passion and where it stemmed from its represented as 'passio', which means suffering and submission. When Sometimes we hear people describe work that they are passionate about, we tend to think that it makes them happy all through. We fail to understand that for them to make that work meaningful, they struggle through it, which elevates them beyond their self-interest. They always submit to it and believe in it. It's true that developing passion at work opens doors to positive experiences that make us happy and enthusiastic, but we should be prepared to suffer challenges to our core.

Always remember that passion minus challenges will not be passion worth pursuing. Kate Jacob said, *"I'll let you know a little secret. We don't all love our jobs every day, and doing*

something we have passion for doesn't make the work part of it any easier. It just makes you less likely to quit"

Despite the above two challenges that come during the time you are cultivating your passion, the mature stage of this virtue can produce great results in your life. It positions you to achieve your career and goals quickly. I think that's why Nelson Mandela said, *"There's no passion to be found playing small in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living."* Remember that passion for work is the intense enthusiasm and excitement for what you do. It brings the difference between doing it and getting it done perfectly. Being excited about your Mondays the way many people are only thrilled about Fridays it can be the difference between enjoying your job and struggling with it due to the pressure from your boss and last month's pending bills. Therefore, whether you come to it by the love of what you do or currently doing what you love, the opportunities it presents to you, or just a decision you've made to be passionate, understand that passion for work makes a series of differences for your career and productivity.

If you become dedicated to what you love to do as an individual, then along the way, you're likely to incur the following benefits; -

- 1) Passion for work will set your attitude right and straight. It's clearly known that you automatically reap what you sow. Thus, your passion for work will set your attitude as well as your attitude at work. This can help you align

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creditors as the only bus
remaining on stage***

yourself with work and career goals regardless of the present pressing challenges. A right and straight attitude will make you see the wins and victories that lie beyond the challenges to be surmounted.

- 2) It sets you apart, distinguishes you, and defines your path.

Passion for work will set you apart and aflame with an intense pursuit of your goals. Struggling most of the time on your job can be linked to no definiteness of purpose. Passion sets you on a better path to building a career rather than being at a job. Your career moves and motivation in the short term can always be linked to your bigger picture for the long term. Every job you take is a strategic move towards that defined path.

- 3) It intensifies your personal skills development.

Are you aware that getting your work or job well done is mostly dependent on your skill set? This implies that the more developed and skillful you're, the easier and faster you do your job. Now, passion for work will spur you to seek personal development and training opportunities just to enhance your skills, which in turn impacts positive performance and results.

- 4) It feeds your upstairs with creativity and innovative spirit.

When you're passionate about the job you do, whether employed or self-employed, you're bound to have loads of happy and pleasing experiences. The more passionate you are about your job, the more creative and innovative it drives you to become. You will find

yourself building interesting ideas and ways to get your job done. Remember that nothing kills creativity and innovation faster than doing a job you consider dull and boring. Nothing drains the thinking muscles of one's job because the boss has demanded done on time or your pocket is suffering from lack.

5) It causes a spike in productivity.

A genuine passion for what you does at work will spur you to be more productive than when you're doing to get money and earn a living. Passion for work excites you to do more at all times. In addition, the more productive you are at work, the more it will impact your career development.

6) With passion, you easily and voluntarily put in extra hours.

Most people will only put in extra hours at their jobs for three reasons; the first is when they have been threatened with sanctions by their boss. Secondly, when have they been promised instant cash after the overtime hours? The third reason is that they have a natural passion for work. For the third category of workers, you find them putting in extra hours because they are passionate about something with their job.

Let me tell you the truth: Being passionate about your work doesn't make you see the extra hours you put in

However, without passion for work, every extra minute you spend at your work is something you secretly and

***Passion for your health
will inspire Passion for
your quality production***

silently consider a prolongation of your misery. This doesn't mean that you have to work extra hours all the time, but whenever duty calls, you find yourself attending to it with a smile on your face.

7) You find joy in what you're doing.

The importance of this can't be overstated. If you actually don't want to be in a job that constantly makes you feel that you're wasting yourself, then it's important and advisable that you have a passion for that job or look for another job. Don't lie to yourself, my dear reader; passion is either there or it isn't. I promise you if the passion is there, you will be happy and excited to do your job and experience true satisfaction.

Therefore, from the above body of facts, you can now collect details on what passion can make you be when you allow it to wake you up and push you to work. You will forget about your alarm clock, boss and money. Do you want to move beyond yourself, your shortcomings and your failures at work? It's simple: just be passionate. It's not about careers and money but about finding your authentic self, which you have buried beneath other people's needs.

Nevertheless, always remain in the middle of the road and never compromise or trade your passion for anything because of the underground conditions. Understand that with the fact that your life is changing, your deepest passions have to undergo the same positively. You need to chase your passion, not pensions, like it's the only flight of the day. It's better for people to accuse you of being passionate at work than being lazy. Remember that passion is your most prized possession as

you go through the channel of life that proceeds your entrance into your desired destiny.

Therefore, stay and stand strong, my dear reader. Get hold of that passion, please. Book that plane of passion with a zealous mindset as your ticket, and let it help you fly above the fears of life and suspend you in the horizons of possibilities in your career. That's your life! Do you know that those things that you're passionate about are not random? They are your calling, and it's always good to honor your calling. Invade your workstation with that calling, do all you can with it, and make it the life you want to live.

However, hold on first! I know with the sound exegesis above, you have now smooched that passion, embraced it tightly, ready to take off and lay it in the panel of your daily activities. And before you go further, allow me to strike a warning. Please do not confuse passion at work with a workaholic. These are two different virtues, and a borderline has to be drawn between them. You need to paint different images between them so that you may not be trapped and locked in the cells of a workaholic in the name of passion. You know it's one thing to love something and is another thing to be possessed by the very thing.

That's why I'm advising you in this manner so that you may not end up being a slave in your work in the name of passion. It's good to comprehend that in anything you give yourself in, you need to pay yourself first. You need to give yourself a priority so that you may not end up being swallowed by the chunk of the activities or schedules you claim to love and running to meet their deadlines. Thus, you have to give

yourself a break so that you get time to renew yourself and have a fresh start. Remember your body is not robotic and sometimes its tissues wear out.

Thus, if you don't give it the rest it deserves, then it won't manufacture for you the quality of the productivity you desire. In other words, you need to indulge yourself in refreshing moments at your workplace, regardless of how passionate you are about your work. The nature of your work doesn't matter. As long as your body calls for rest, then I assure you, the attention will shift automatically. That's why we must honor moments like break time, free time, and socializing moments at our workplace. Don't keep on concentrating on that work as if you're the engine of that company or business. Come on! Give yourself a break! and don't allow that job to wear you out in the name of passion.

Therefore, love your job, but love yourself first. Remember, without you, your job can't be done. The first job you have is to take care of your health first and then your job. Moreover, the rest that you give to your mind and body contributes to 90% of the success of your career, job, business, or profession. Thus, however, how enormous is your workload, always fight for fun moments, vacations moments and laughing moments.

Take a walk, call a friend or even take a long lunch. Just take a little time to recharge the batteries of determination, so as give you motivation to stir up your energy for that work. At any moment of your

Life is like a meeting ground or market field where for you succeed, your position or location will play a significant role

work, be the priority. Reorder your list and ensure you become number one on the list. That's to say, make sure you're getting enough sleep, water, and the right nutrition. Remember, you can never take care of your job effectively if you are not taking care of yourself. Passion for your health will inspire passion for quality production. Sometimes you will meet people, ask them why the production is low, you will hear excuses like, 'I was sick', 'I was feeling tired', 'I was stressed', and much more.

But if these employees had given him/herself a priority, then such an excuse would rarely be heard from them. If you are an employer and you are reading this, please make sure you create fun moments apart from leave days for your employees if you want to record quality production and services in your company and institutions. Don't inspire them to love their job and forget that they are human beings whose body needs refreshment and rest. Make sure you create something within the working premises that will refuel them for the task ahead of them. By doing so, they will not only record high performance, but they will also become motivation to their customers and clients.

This is the way to go, my dear reader, if you desire excellent results in everything you do. I do passionately love reading and writing articles. But it reaches a moment when my mind is so much exhausted, demanding a short break and rest. However, with how the creative thoughts are flowing and inspirations mounting upstairs, I always choose to give myself an excuse and move out of the reading table and scroll down at my phone as I match out.

What I actually do is to ensure that I shift my attention to what I was doing for the generation of fresh power to help me do it better and excellent. This has been one of my secret of creative writing and absorption of amazing inspirations. My dear reader, being a workaholic is a disease, and it can kill the quality of your results. You need to medicate it with a lot of free time and fun moments and experience best results ever.

Chapter Nine

Why Sit And Stay Outside While There's Still Room For You Inside

“How dare you settle for less when the world has made it easy for you to be remarkable” (Seth Godin)

Have you ever been to any official meeting or attended a function somewhere? If you have been observant there, you will realize that there are those individuals who have been late to the meeting or who always arrive late. On their arrival, after discovering that they are late, they choose to locate and stay outside so that the leader, boss or members may not discover their lateness.

They choose to cover the shame, especially if lateness is their habit, and proceed with the meeting or conference from outside rather than entering inside where all eyes will be converged on them. When unfortunately noticed by the one chairing the meeting and called upon to occupy the vacant seats inside or in front, they will excuse themselves and claim they are comfortable with their positions.

They will defend themselves and claim that nothing can alter or mess with their concentration during the proceedings in the meeting. Later, the chairperson or the leader chooses to ignore them and proceed with the meeting, hoping that they will keenly follow

The difference between fan and player is the setting

the discussion or the lessons underway. By the time the meeting or lesson is over, they discover that they have only scored 30% of the whole proceedings. They ended up disturbing those who had been in the meeting earlier and sat inside seeking clarifications concerning the key points they had missed. Because of their wrong position and location, their ability to catch the flow of the meeting and concentration fades away. This is also similar to students' and teachers setup whereby lack of concentration due to the above-related factors cost the student's overall performance in class.

From the above analogy, we can now unfold the hidden scenes and nuggets of reality that appear in the field of life. You know life is like a meeting ground or market field where, for you to succeed, your position or location will play a significant role. In this market field of life, everyone has equal opportunity and chance to enter into and benefit from business-related issues and activities circulating inside.

Everyone is offered a space to venture in, promote his sales and services. You can imagine, if you are a young entrepreneur, for instance, appearing at the marketplace late with no license that allows you to function with no restrictions put in place for young and upcoming entrepreneurs like you. Then, by noticing that there are so many people with similar products with the fear that no one will recognize the products and services you offer, you decide to step outside.

You choose to locate yourself at the market margin, where you behave like the only lion in that jungle rather than occupying the space inside. You fail to understand that customers love to buy products that are positioned in one place

after a series of window shopping. Most of them believe that quality and affordable products are acquired inside the market and those outside are treated ‘made from china’ products. Therefore, if they will want to do window shopping, they will begin with your products and later proceed to the market center to acquire what they want because they have first-hand information of price ranges and fluctuations.

You will discover that by the time the sun is setting, you will still be handling the same products, having sold nothing as customers give you lip service and fake promises of their return. Little did you know that products sell themselves faster in the midst of others. Similarly, if you stay outside the market field of life, not taking advantage of the available space and opportunity to market your gifts, talents, potentials, discoveries, and inventions, you will end up feeding from the same plate of losses and embarrassments.

You will keep disturbing your age mates, friends, former school and college mates, neighbors or workmates, inquiring to know what they did to capture such momentum and success in life. You will keep wondering what keeps them moving as you’re stumbling every moment you try to do something profitable and stuck at the same point in life. When you seem to question too much what it has taken them to be where they are, you will hear them asking you quiz like, ‘What happened when we parted ways after our graduations?’

If you answer it confidently and the answer seems satisfying, you will receive another quiz: ‘What has been holding you all those years after you got married? Who is your best friend at the moment? Have you ever tried to shoot emails

of job applications anywhere since then? All these quizzes will turn out to be an interview of hope for you as you patiently wait for word of comfort, financial backup, or a positive response from them. Unfortunately, at the end of the mind-draining interview, you hear them telling you, ‘Give us your contact will call you when we get back to the office’, ‘Where am I working? There’s no vacancy at the moment, I would have created one for you my brother’, ‘I am very broke at the moment I would have sorted you out.’

All these excuses and lack of support will arise from them because they believe that as they were working hard to venture and invest in the market field of life to produce virgin services and products, they chose to stay outside, hoping to hang on and benefit from their ideas and creativity.

Most of the victims decide to stay at one point after acquiring some steps in life and befriend old school mentality and Stone Age formulas, hoping for the best but doing nothing to materialize their hopes. This causes many to lose friends and mentors who can help them be original and devise an original model of life.

Understand that anybody who stays outside market circumference is limited in understanding the fluctuations in prices of goods and services. Those who sit outside the meeting or conference room don’t get first-hand information concerning the tabled matters or proceedings in the meeting. He/she depends on those who were inside to get clear details on the point he/she missed out. And guess what, the second-hand information is always diluted and lacks its real taste, thus causing you to lose customers for market setup or agenda for

the conference set up. Therefore, there is a tendency to lag behind in the market field of life. There is a probability of losing the sense of originality if you always ask others what is new in the market today. You will not understand what is happening if you are always used to asking others for the headline for the top news today because you will always be staggering behind in everything. You will be totally out of order if you lack basic knowledge of what is happening around you daily. You will be on a mission to design potholes in the defined path of your life if you think that you don't deserve special honor or respect and sit with others at a certain point and exchange notes concerning life.

Do you know that it's possible for a football fan to turn into a skillful and talented footballer? A backup in a worship team can turn into an eloquent and outstanding soloist. In the vocal training, we normally do in our church, I challenge worship team members by telling them that there is no professional backup, but you can get a professional lead voice or soloist. You know, the difference between football fun and players is the setting.

You will realize that a footballer is always inside the field (inside the marketplace of his talent), and the fun is always outside the field (on the margin part of the field). The difference between the soloist and backup voice in the worship team is the standing position. A lead voice or soloist is always standing ahead of them and a backup behind them.

The difference between a congregation and a preacher is the sitting position. My dear reader, it's better to be next online if you're a singer or on a technical bench if you're a footballer

for instance, rather than staying outside. Understand that skills, creativity and productivity are improved inside and not outside. Concentration and teamwork capacities are developed inside. The market field of life is the most constructive department of life that has the capacity to summon one's boldness and potential. If you want to prove this discovery, then try leadership school, and you will experience the results.

A genuine, selfless leader is always in a rush to burn the midnight oil reading and doing research for the sake of the team. With the reality that you can't lead if you can't read, the leader is forced to venture the extra mile so that he /she can deliver content and quality to the followers. This is the reason why powerful anointed preachers do extensive studies and research with fervent prayers before delivering their spirit-filled sermons. They do this to avoid boredom and embarrassment from the congregation, who lose concentration whenever they realize that their summons is shallow, powered by unnecessary stories, substandard content, and lack credibility.

Do you know when God created man what he did according to Genesis 2:7- 15? The Bible records that he planted a garden in the east in Eden, and there he put a man he had formed. God put a man there to purposely work in and take care of it. In it, there was everything in surplus that Adam could feed on when hungry and thirsty.

This place was to function as a home and a kingdom for his entire life and affairs. At that time, the whole earth was so big, and God had a capacity to position him anywhere on the face of the earth and still feed him because he was always

responsible for his creation. However, do you know why God positioned man in the Garden of Eden and not anywhere? Remember, in that garden, there was everything he wanted for a quality life. God did so because in that field, he had put everything that a man could desire. When Adam glanced and surveyed the entire garden, I believe he sounded like this: “Wow! This home looks like an empire, a self-sufficient, organized kingdom fit for me and my entire family. I’m going to feed on original stuff and first-hand products provided by God himself. I will grow and develop in this very environment.

I will reinvent and discover myself right away from this area of jurisdiction”. Just like Adam, God has ordered and desired us to function in such a realm of life. He wants us to enter and invest in the market field of life and enjoy all the supplies he has originally produced because time and chance happen to us all. If you allow inferiority complex and low self-esteem to overshadow you, then you will perceive yourself unfit, incompetent, unskilled and unworthy to tap into the dividends of the market field of life. If you dare function outside this unique zone of life, then you will never stumble on the positive circumference of life.

My reader, you were not created just to be celebrating others when they notify you about their achievements and profits. God never knitted you in your mother’s womb, engaged you into all metamorphosis in life, developed you into a reasonable being and delivered after nine months to just be a scarecrow on this planet. You’re not here to always to follow others as they lead. You’re not here to fall victim to news readers as others make news for you. Who told you are here to

always subscribe to and follow defined manuals of manufactured products and equipment, yet you can design your own products? How I wish you could know that the reason why God created you with a mouth organ is so that you can also air your views and gifted sentiments after paying clear attention to others. Why do you want to stay on the pay slip list formulated by the human resource manager in that company or organization, complaining about extreme deductions occurring on your slip while you, too, have the chance and ability to employ others? Why do you want to stay outside of the young employers list when there is room and space for you to be on the list?

Don't you know that you are able to change your status quo when you just shift your setting and position? I realized that opportunities come to all of us, but most of us have never known that they can stumble on them if they just step inside the market field of life. My dear reader, don't wait for the inspirational speaker to come and inspire or quick start you. You have what it takes to venture into that area and expose your ideas, creativity, talents and inventions to others. Give the masses an opportunity to know your unique composition. It's through here you will be able to unfold the meaning and purpose of your life. Remember, the meaning of life is discovered when you enter the market of life, while the purpose of life is achieved when people know your quality and worth in the very environment.

We were all created to function, perform and play defined responsibilities in the market field of life. That's why you will never see sellers or marketers selling similar products in the

marketplace. Every entrepreneur handles and deals with products he/she is well affirmed with. His understanding and detailed knowledge of these products is what makes him able to convince customers to buy them easily. Similarly, the understanding of your specialization, skills, potential, or responsibilities in the market field of life is what graduates one's mere dreams into reality. You know dreams are certain, but it takes a responsible individual to transform them into realities.

Let me inform you that you can never be a leader if you've never been a member, either in the same team or somewhere else. Let me say it again you can never be a coach of any team if you've never played any match. You can never rise to a worship leader position if you have never been a worship member. Show me an effective, powerful pastor or a preacher who has never been a member of any church or mentored by someone else. Who is that manager who has never tasted casual laborer wages?

This is to say there are no instant promotions and microwave graduations in life. That's why you have to deepen yourself in the marketplace of life to beautify and sanctify your mind. Remember you can't put on new clothes when you look dirty. Similarly, you can't be clothed with new power, understanding, revelation, insight, wisdom or mandate unless you've been physically, emotionally and mentally prepared. Unless your doubts are wiped away or erased and unlearned wrong doctrines about life, you can't be trusted with new leadership positions. That's why those who always desire to undertake any leadership role are taken through serious vetting

by a series of panels to confirm their credibility and integral value for the positions they are tirelessly chasing. This implies that there's no increment from one level to another in life in a flash of a span. You have to surrender to the market field so that it can generate you into a dignified and modified individual. This place will act as a rehabilitation, training and grooming center to produce the best out of you.

From there, you will be able to order something and it's done within a short period of time without compromise. Those you will be leading, mentoring, pastoring or teaching will exercise and sharpen their listening skills because you have what they lack and they won't afford to miss it or let it go. They will be married to your ideas and coupled with your instructions, tune in to your inspirations because they believe that's what they need so that they can think, act and behave like you.

Since worthy quality steps guarantee quality results, investing in the market field of life gives birth to profitable investments with minimum losses. The market field of life becomes a mother of quality and exemplary lifestyles perfumed with a pleasant reputation. When you have fully acquired your space and identity at the marketplace of life, you now get an opportunity for the following investments; -

- 1) Investing with and in God**
- 2) Investing in time**
- 3) Investing in yourself**
- 4) Investing in and with the right people**

1) Investing with and in God

If there's a point in life where individuals grow from faith to faith in God in whatever they are doing, handling or dealing with, it is at the marketplace. Imagine waking up early in the morning and heading to the market during the market day with your products and services. With them, you're not sure of who will come to even window shop your products, but you still trust God that customers will come and buy them.

This is where now genuine business individuals begin to build and organize their trust in God. They learn to depend fully on God and wait upon Him in all their endeavor at the market. They devise means of building and renovating their relationship with God since they believe He has the final authority concerning the future of their business or investments.

That's when the seller makes up his mind to invest in and with God for the better performance of his business. The person prays, studies and reads the word of God, hoping and trusting God to come down and rescue his collapsing efforts. He engages God fully in his affairs and business and develops strong intimacy with Him.

Similarly, appearing at the marketplace of life with your potential, gifts, talents and skills gives one an opportunity to begin trusting in God for the expansion. Since you have no idea when you will shine, surface, or become a champion in your area of gifting and talent, you completely rely on him for guidance as you keep perfecting yourself. With hope and determination, you form a memorandum of investing with

and in God with a guarantee that his promises concerning your edification and uplifting will one day come true. You now get in a position to understand him in depth and in different dimensions.

2) *Investing in quality time*

If you've been observant at the market, you'll agree with me that sellers love to spend their time at the working station. No one is willing to leave his business and move to the nearest neighbor to crack jokes or non-profit-making stories unless he's seeking a change or inquiring about something special.

By visiting a fellow seller, the individual feels and believes that he may lose customers or clients when they miss him at his working point. So, he decides to spend the whole day at his working station until the time of closure. The individual restricts himself from time-wasting factors and decides to build a concentration structure at his workplace, analyzing, programming and planning for the development and progress of his investments.

Therefore, my dear friend, you'll be in a good position to summon the ability to manage your time effectively when you're at the market point of life. Your mind will revolve around developing your skills, talents, anointed areas and gifts. Your time will be equally distributed to the series of programs, conferences and meetings to furnish and polish yourself. You'll create quality for your life, set goals and visions and try to avoid people and issues that seem to waste your time. Soon, you will find yourself developing time management skills.

3) Investing in yourself

It's at the marketplace that I have seen individuals who do genuine businesses grow financially with their entrepreneurial skills sharpened. You'll find that some ventured into it when they are feeble with financial deficiency syndrome. However, as time went on, with fervent determination they incurred in their business, they began to possess a new outlook, acquiring assets they couldn't afford to buy when they were roaming at home doing nothing. The individual's lifestyle changes and they enter a position of a new identity.

I realized that many people desire a turnaround and smart presentation in terms of their outlook, but they are not ready to venture into and feel the pressure of the market field of life. My dear reader, this is the only Centre where there's a high probability of bearing a series of manifestations and testimonies. When your innocent and hopeful face has been slapped with variable failures, looking helpless, painted with shrink-thick colors of financial constraints and troubles, it's the only market point of life that can correct that mess before you exit this planet. I have witnessed individuals who have covered the pages of whole newspapers and social media with sweet episodes of their uplifting and transformation through working on their inner capacity and potential at this specific point of life. All they did was take a step of faith towards this marketplace of life and as we are talking now, the tune of their song about life has automatically changed. They now attract the masses and dominate social media due to the quality packed in them. This is because they went ahead and invested

in themselves, discovered who and what they are what they can do and went ahead to do it. That's why you can watch them living their dreams. It's called the power of investing yourself in the market field of life.

My precious reader, don't feel useless, unworthy and unable to beat the odds of life. Stop claiming that everybody is doing what you want to do. Don't look and focus on the stiff competition occurring at that point and feel that you don't deserve to be there because of those who are doing it better than you in that field. Please understand that you're unique and you too can produce unique stories and products that will amaze those whom you think to be your competitors. The moment you stop focusing on how, for instance, the gospel music ministry is loaded with a variety of highly gifted worshippers and singers with great singing voices, that's when your singing gift will unfold and begin to shine. Therefore, I charge you to go and acquire space with the so-called potential you possess. Despite the overload condition at the field, squeeze yourself until a space is surrendered to you. Cast your nets deeply at that point, employing maximum patience and wait for a miraculous catch of your new, fresh and bold outlook.

4) Investing in and with the right people

Assigned grounds basically turn into common arenas that attract common people with a common agenda and mindset. For instance, if you want to meet teachers with students, you go to school and training institutions. Doctors and patients are likely to be found at the hospitals and health

centers. Pastors and believers gather in churches. Buyers and sellers meet in most cases at the market. Therefore, you'll discover that it's very difficult to encounter individuals with no buying, window shopping or selling agenda at the market. This is the only junction point that converges buyers and sellers in exchange for their resources. The mindset here is always buying and selling. That's why you will hear various voices as you pass by, enticing you to move closer and buy their products. They believe that you can turn into a potential customer the moment they figure you out.

My dear reader, how do you expect to meet the right people you desire if you are always focused on the marginalized point (outside the market point of life)? Do you want to behave like a patient who asks for a medical service in a hotel? It's true that the patient might be asking for the right services but directed to the wrong person at the wrong place. I wish to let you know that people who do what you love are only gathered at the center of their training or working station. In other words, you will only get them in their market field of life.

I sometimes wonder why some people want to be experts, mentees, trainees, trainers and mentors in certain fields but don't want to team up with the birds of the same feathers. Understand that you will only invest with and in the right people if you move and locate people of similar interests like you. That's when and where you will begin to deposit in others quality information as they do the same. Actually, the exchange of knowledge and wisdom among individuals happen here where individuals spiritually, emotionally and

mentally grow into maturity. This is the moment when genius is invented due to the trade of qualitative ideas with creative thinking among them. Therefore, why keep waiting, my dear reader? Take a step forward now. Stop interacting with chickens and look for the company of eagles. They are not everywhere because they are not common. I advise you to go get them in the market field of life.

You want to sing, but you can't afford to join a worship team or locate a singing band and team up with them. You want to nurture and grow your motivational skills but you hate seminars, conferences and important meetings. You're aspiring to become a great investor but you hate business-related topics and subjects. My dear reader, I tell you, when the horror of the late 60s hits and slaps you with low productivity and degenerated creativity syndrome with nothing effectively accomplished, that's when you'll realize that opportunities wasted equals mental decline evident in low production.

Therefore, be willing to couple with those who are ready and willing to be with you. And do you know where to get such individuals? It's in the marketplace of life where you're guaranteed to encounter them. You will impact, spray and perfume them with detailed programs, plans and channels of successful life as they give the same proportion to you as a sign of appreciation.

Just before I wind up this chapter, my dear reader, let's pause a little bit and think about this. If everybody were playing his/her cards or game in life appropriately in the right environment, how could the world be? I think everybody

would have been in a position to create his/her own Garden of Eden or paradise. Laws, rules and regulations governing humanity would have sounded meaningless and even withdrawn. Every person would be living in harmony with one another and his purpose in life. However, since very few have ventured into and operated in the market field of life and manifested symptoms of success, they have been branded most fortunate individuals by those who masquerade and parade within the margin of the market field of life.

These are the very individuals who look weary in their dream pursuit programs and are not always ready to pop in and discover themselves. They are the group of people who cry for the governments of their nations to have mercy and deploy taxes to the have-nots to at least help them bear their economic burdens and crises.

In fact, I realized that this margin created between the bold who step into the market field of life and the timid who hang and zero grace within the margin of the market is what introduces the haves and have-nots groups of people. This later resulted in the environment within which the so-called have-nots reside becoming a little hell for them, increasing the degree of hatred between the two parties.

Therefore, my dear friend, if you don't want to become a victim of the have-nots category with negative emotions circulating within your heart, then you must change your playground and tactics. Accept to feel the heat and the pressure of the new ground and eventually, congratulations messages will begin to hit and overload your inbox. Don't feel the odd one out my reader, there's always a space for you.

Stop minding about stiff competition and the dense population of the new ground. As long as you have discovered your products (potentials) and believe in yourself, then this a valid certificate to legalize your existence and operation at that particular Centre of life. Worry less concerning those who will appear like potential customers at their looks, but in reality, they are window shoppers and citizens of your products (capacity). That's the real nature of the marketplace. However, at the end of the day, real buyers (mentors, supporters, mentees, coaches, friends, etc.) will emerge, bargain with you on the very products, carry them away as you handle cash and appreciation that will post and maintain a smile on your face the whole day on the market.

What this means is that, for instance, if they approach you and question you if you're a professional speaker and seem not to be willing and satisfied with hiring you for the motivational speaking contract, don't feel downcast and depressed. The next person to ask you the same quiz may become your favorite client that God may use to open a wider door for major speaking conferences that will earn you a lot of exposure and tokens of appreciation.

Nevertheless, there's a great calamity I have realized, which maneuvers and spreads within the marketplace. This is where potential marketers and sellers accuse and insult customers whenever they realize that they haven't responded positively to their goods and services. They backbite them instead of appreciating them for

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making an attempt to check and test their products and services. I want to inform you that whenever a potential customer discovers such a character protruding from your desk, he/ she will shy away from accessing your operation point again. That buyer will ensure that he dodges you every time he appears on the market. My dear reader, you're likely to encounter diverse potential individuals in the market field of life who are likely able to help you grow and mature. If you realize that they are not ready and willing to stand and support you, your gift, talent, potential, profession, skills, or mentor you, please don't feel bitter and hate them. Some of them give you such replies not because they are not willing but because they just want to check your boiling point whenever you receive negative feedback. Have a clean and clear conscience with a pure heart towards such individuals and by doing so, you will increase your chances of interacting with the right people who will respond smoothly, handle you carefully and escort you into your paradise.

Summary And Conclusion

As I come to a conclusion of this entire work, I want to let you know that in life, unless you get a resource, you can't identify the source of your success. Until you acquire and be fed with nutritious, healthy and profitable resources of life, it won't be easy to get a link that will connect you to the source of your great destiny. Just like an internet content access or download needs you to copy and paste the specific link to get exactly what you want, similarly profitable resources of life that act as a link for a specific pursuit in life need to be copied and pasted into the walls your life to produce a tangible source of your success. What I mean is that you need to invest in resources to identify the vehicle (source) that will drive you to your future. And don't forget your future doesn't begin next month, year or decade. It begins now and at this particular second. Therefore, I believe that the subjects I have shared with you in the entire book can serve as quality resources that, when focused on and keenly attended to, can help you identify the source of your journey to success in life. Some of the things I have shared with you here may look familiar and common to you because of your professional background but don't forget the power of relearning and unlearning. Work on and with them and let those wishes of your life become horses to you. You will wake up every day in the morning and discover every new meaning of your life

wrapped in your golden glittering face with a pleasant fragrance and sweet aroma. Every morning will be a morning of handshake with your great success because you have chosen the path of investing in the resources I have unfolded and deposited in your upstairs here.

Thank you so much for taking your time and reading this book. I hope it has been a great inspiration to you. God bless you so much and I wish you great success as you continue to chart the course and purpose of your life.

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