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The language he uses throughout this book is lively, simple, and modern. It is computer language. The premise is that you need to “uninstall” negative thoughts, habits and beliefs that are holding you back and preventing you from attaining your goals. You then need to install a new set of programs that will launch you into your future of success. He adds a very special note: you need a special key to activate your new program.

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to my late uncle, **Reverend Gabriel Oluwafemi Adegbola**. May your soul continue to rest in perfect peace of God. I love you Uncle.

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INTRODUCTION



Ryan lives in New York with his family now. He was addicted to masturbation even as a married man and his wife did not know about it for ten years they had been together before my encounter with him. He told me how it all started.

Ryan's parents were both nurses, the father worked night shift while the mother worked day shift and they both worked almost 7 days a week. Ryan told me his parents hired a live-in nanny who lived with them. So, the lady would watch pornography all day and that is how he was programmed with that. He said, even as a child, he would find himself doing that whenever he was alone and that continued till he went to College and also after getting married.

Ryan told me he is a born again Christian, he loves the Lord, he goes to church but that addiction was just there. I met Ryan online during one of my online presentations and we began to work together. I introduced him to the concept of the blueprint you are holding in your hands, I worked with Ryan for 3 months and he was able to break the addiction. He reinvented himself.

At the time of writing this book, Ryan told me he has not masturbated for 18 months. Thanks to the proven steps you are about to discover. If it could work for Ryan to break an addiction of almost 25 years, I have no doubt that this would work for you.

Janet lives in Houston, Texas with her husband and two kids. Janet used to fight almost every day with her husband and she could not explain what caused the fights most of the times. She said she was just angry and every insignificant thing would cause a fight.

In fact, she told me one time they were about to travel for a vacation and a fight started in the morning of their trip and she had to cancel the flight. After some time with Janet, I discovered that Janet grew up seeing her parents always fighting and that programmed her for her cantankerous behavior. It wasn't an easy ride but thanks to the Blueprint you are about to discover, Janet is living happily with her husband now. Reinvention Blueprint worked for Janet, I believe in my heart that this blueprint would work for you.

Paul is a student at one of the private Universities here in Texas. He needed a car badly and he had no job because of his situation. Paul and I met on Facebook and became friends. One day, Paul told me of his predicament. I prayed with him and also introduced him to the concept of Reinvention Blueprint. He laughed just like Sarah in the Bible when an Angel told her that about this time next year she would carry her child. Anyway, fast track to 3 weeks after my chat with Paul, an uncle of his gave him a car.

Reinvention Blueprint works for different departments of your life. If you believe this works for you, it will.

It was exactly 1:45PM Central time on Monday the 15th of May 2017 that I received a call from the director of the Foster agency we were working in collaboration with, and she announced to me on the phone, "I'm afraid Emmanuel, we would have to shut down your home, we can no longer do business with you due to " I couldn't hear the rest of what she was saying on the phone. My heart was beating so fast, fight-or-flight response stepped in.

This was what I would call a panic attack, immediately my mind had gone to all these kids that we would miss greatly, the nurses that we would miss, the bills that would need to be paid, and so many other things.

Just for some weird reason, our foster home was shut down. I won't bore you with the story of what happened, but the summary of it was a nurse lied against us and instead of the agency doing their proper investigation before taking action, they did not. But you know what? All things work together for good and it surely did for us.

I remember the time and the date very well because I was actually entering the parking lot of another agency that we had wanted to change

to. Just because of that single decision, it took us more than one year before we could join another agency and got our foster home re-opened.

I would say what happened was one of the acts of God. Within that one year, I was able to re-invent myself following the 4 proven steps you are about to discover in this blueprint. I did not allow the ignorance and the decision of the director of the agency to define me or define our life. Instead, I re-invented myself.

The problem is not the problem but the way you see the problem is the problem. Issues like this will always arise; how you deal with it is what matters most. You don't pray that there will be no problem but that you will be bigger than the problem whenever it arises.

Today, by His grace, I am a nurse, a Forex Coach, and Mentor, a Life Coach, Certified Wealth Attraction Practitioner, Digital Consultant, Author, Blogger, Motivational Speaker, Gospel Drama Minister, and above it all I am a Minister of the Gospel.

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Re-invention Blueprint works.

The steps discussed in this guide are proven to work for anyone who cares to work it. Nothing works until someone works it. Re-invention Blueprint has worked for me, it has worked for tens and thousands of people that I've been privileged to share the concept with, and I have no doubt in my heart that this would work for you if you dare to work it.

Now is the time to stop crying over spilled milk and lamenting over what would have been. What happened has happened. It is time to take your eyes off what was not possible to what is possible. Many people might have written you off including family members, close friends and even you, but it is not too late, and all is not lost.

Get excited because you cannot only start again, you can reinvent yourself, and all that you think you have lost will be restored more than a hundred-fold beyond your wildest imagination. The new you will be up to date, and you will experience geometric growth and increase in every area of your life.

Growing up as a child was tough. I did not grow up under the care of any man. My dad was doing his own thing, my mum was trying her best to raise me, I had to survive as a child. My mum and dad separated when I was 4 years old. Growing up under the care of my Grandma, she tried her best for me, but my childhood was a struggle. Thanks be to God my Keeper and my Sustainer, it was also a period of exploration and discovery.

There were lots of different voices telling me I would not amount to anything in life. Many people tried to define me by the circumstances around me then. I remember laboring in different farms while my classmates would be in the classroom learning; I had to do what I had to do to survive. But today I never let my background drag me back or down; I never let my situation “situationize” or define me, I never let people’s opinion define who I am today. Thank God for these proven steps you are about to discover in this life guide manual called “The Re-invention Blueprint.”

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You are invited on a journey of self-discovery that will open all possibilities to you and transform you to become more than you have ever imagined or dreamed. The possibility of uninstalling your current operating system and receiving an updated version of you is not a dream or wishful thinking and has nothing to do with where you were born, what you have been through and where you are right now.

The possibility of reinventing yourself has no racial, ethnic and geographic limitation. I rejoice with you because you are no longer going to remain in the predicament in which you find yourself.

You may be wondering why some seem to have figured out how to become wealthy and can afford to take vacations, travel and see the whole wide world. There is a secret they have that you don't have and now you can access those secrets. Now is the time to stop wondering why your lot in life is poverty and being broke.

No matter how hard you work, it seems everything is stacked against you. It seems there is an invisible barrier that has been placed on you that has capped your growth. No matter how much you try, others seem to be succeeding, while everything is an uphill battle for you. You are in the right place, and the secret is going to be given to you. Where you are right now is a direct result of your programming and not your external environment.

Therefore, for you to step into abundance, increase and success something must change. That something that needs to change is your internal programming. It is impossible to keep doing what you are doing right now and expect a different result. It will be insanity on your part to think that desire alone will get you the things you want. How long have you been wishing, desiring and praying and the outcome you want is not manifesting?

There is no need to wait any longer, the solution to your dilemma is closer to you than you have ever imagined. It is closer than your breath and will set you on the trajectory to be all you were created to be and achieve whatever you set your mind to do.

This is not a silver bullet that will solve all your problems or one of those how-to fads. You are being called to embark on a journey like no other and experience a fundamental transformation that will involve every area of your life.

This is not one of those get rich quick scheme books or programs out there, and it is not a success pill that you take, and everything works out overnight. There are fundamental laws that govern our lives and the way we live, ignorance is not an excuse. And the funniest thing is it does not matter which religion you belong to, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, etc., once you apply the principle that governs the Universe, you reap the harvest.

The principle and the steps discussed in this program are one such principle that governs the universe, once you apply it to any area of your life, it simply works.

That is why you are being invited to walk within the confines of the laws of success, increase, exponential and accelerated growth and take ownership of your life. Your past is not an excuse for what you have, be or do tomorrow.

Think for a moment about a computer; it is made up of two parts; the software and the hardware. The software is the programs that make the computers do what they do. When you get rid of an old computer program and install an upgraded version, you are starting with a clean slate, and there are no traces of the old program. This is the beauty of removing an old, dysfunctional, unproductive system and replacing with a more powerful, up-to-date operating system that will deliver the results that you want.

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This is a metaphor for the journey you are about to embark on. It is an opportunity of a lifetime for you not only to hit that reset button but to get a new program from which you will operate. You do not only get a new operating program; you will learn how to keep upgrading as time passes so that you can remain on the cutting edge perpetually. Many give you quick fixes that give you momentary results, but these results do not last because of the fundamentals don't change. It is like building a skyscraper on a faulty foundation and expecting it to stand just because you used excellent materials.

Architects would advise that the taller the building, the deeper the foundation. Unfortunately, many people think the building above the ground is more important than the foundation; after all, it is the part of the building that is seen and utilized. This thinking is flawed because without a solid and reliable foundation you have no building no matter how hard you try.

Could it be you are working hard yet having no results because your foundation needs to be replaced or repaired? How many times have you made a new year's resolution to lose weight only to give up after a

few weeks? What about the exercise equipment in your house that you bought and was excited about working out regularly? You convinced yourself that if only you can get that piece of equipment, all your exercise woes will be resolved. This prompted you to sacrifice much money to purchase the equipment, and after using it a few times, you stopped because the motivation to continue was not there.

All of a sudden, another reason came up to explain why it was not such a good idea to buy the equipment in the first place. You started looking for a way to get rid of the equipment and buy something else. At the same time, you are wondering why others seems to be succeeding where you were failing. By the time you are done with this blueprint, you will stop wondering and will start delivering on a consistent basis.

There are too many gurus with great how-to solutions for everything imaginable under the sun. Many have tried and are frustrated because solving a problem by attacking the symptoms offers only temporary relief.

To obtain lasting results, you **MUST** get to the root of the problem and deal with it accordingly. This book is not going to be like anything you have seen or experienced before. It is an opportunity to harness the secrets of one of the shortest yet most powerful prayers in the entire Bible.

The prayer of Jabez is a powerful illustration of how you can reinvent yourself and position yourself for greatness. This blueprint will be expounding on the secrets that are hidden in Jabez's prayer.

This secret will not only help you hit the reset button to a fresh start but will enable you to get a powerful and complete transformation from the inside out. This transformation process is not a one-time event, but involves getting rid of your old programming, installing a better internal program, activating the program and unleashing the unstoppable potential for increase and expansion.

Lastly, you will be empowered on how to not only maintain the new program but to continually upgrade and maintain a cutting-edge perpetually.

Permit me to be the first person to welcome the new you. With this blueprint, you can now be, do, or have anything you want in life without any limitation.

CHAPTER 1



Why Reinvention?

It Is Expensive To Remain The Way You Are

The cost of remaining where you are is astronomically high and you cannot afford to keep living the way you have been living. The desire for more that is springing up in you cannot be replaced by anything else. If you allow that fire in you that is burning and yearning for more to be put out, it is going to cost you more than you have had time to access.

Imagine the millions, billions and even trillions you could make, the vacations and cruises around the world. Picture the Fortune 500 Company that you would be running. Imagine the beautiful wife and successful children you could have. Think about the political influence you could have and the influence on world history. Reflect on all the poor that you have the potential to get out of poverty and all the solutions you can provide to some of the problems facing humanity right now.

Have you thought about the Olympic gold medal and the super bowl ring? What about that New York Times' bestseller that you could have written? Think about the invention that could usher in another multi-billion-dollar industry. Even if you have achieved some amount of success in any or all these areas mentioned, there is still room for more

growth and expansion. You still have the capacity to experience growth in a dimension that you have not imagined yet.

What life would you rather have? Being broke, barely scraping by and not able to travel the world and live your life to full potential or a life of influence, exponential growth, and limitless potential? If you choose the later, then you are in the right place. You are holding in your hands a resource that will propel you to the top in any area of life you need growth in. You are reading this book because you are looking for something different and want to be successful. There is no way you are going to get different results if you keep doing what you have always done. Something must change because if you continue the trajectory you are on right now, you will end up in a destination you do not like or want. Now is the time for a new outcome. It is time for a new you because the old you suck and has not delivered the results you want and have been desiring so badly.

It is often said that the graveyard is the richest place on earth because buried in those graves are medical breakthroughs that never saw the light of day, because somebody failed to do what he or she were sent here on earth to do. You will find would-be business moguls that died poor and broke. In some graves, you'll discover inventors that would have ushered in products that will generate trillion-dollar business for others to benefit from. There is a possibility of finding in some unmarked graves individuals that were supposed to be presidents, senators, lawyers, judges who died without having the impact on human affairs that was programmed for them. In some graves lie, husband, mothers, fathers, ministers, etc. that never saw the light of day because they chose not to reinvent themselves when things got difficult. They decided to take the road of less resistance and in so doing sacrificed all the potential that was in them and took everything to the grave with them. Some of these people started well and experienced some amount of success and growth but allow that limited success to choke them and prevent them from continuous expansion. In other words, the world passed them by because they did not know how to stay updated with the changing times.

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Sason invented the first digital camera in 1975, and when he showed it to the leaders of the company instead of catching up with the future, they focused on perfecting the film. A few decades later the digital camera knocked Kodak out of business.

Meanwhile, Steven Sason was awarded the National Medal of Technology by President Obama in 2009. This is the same Steven Sason who was asked by Kodak when he was 24 years old to hide his invention because the largest film company at the time was so much focused on the film that tunnel vision robbed them of a prosperous future. There are too many of these examples in the business world, and the price individuals and corporations paid for not reinventing themselves is astronomical.

If you want to access the cost of not reinventing yourself all you need is to visit a prison and see all the human potential that is locked up behind bars, most of which will never get anywhere close to who they were created to be. There are more than 2 million people incarcerated in the United States prisons, this is an unfortunate situation that could have been avoided if the individuals involved could have learned how to reinvent themselves.

You do not only have to visit the prison to come face to face with the price people and the society pay when people fail to reinvent themselves. All you need to do is turn on the evening news, read the morning paper or surf the internet for news headlines. You will hear and read about terrible things that are happening to people because they have become prisoners of their habits and not so desirable choices. Mass shootings in schools, churches, and other public places have become a common occurrence.

Any individual who thinks it is a good idea to buy an automatic weapon, hide in a hotel room and shoot round after round of bullets into a crowd of unsuspecting country music fans having fun at a concert needs some serious reprogramming. The fathers or mothers that murder their own children to inflict pain are sick and need to hit the reset button, that would have prevented them from pulling the trigger that brought so much destruction and pain.

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The list of innocent people that are hurt and some killed by the actions of people who needed to reinvent themselves is endless. A few years ago, a young lady who had just completed her bachelor of nursing degree program and was a few months pregnant had a flat tire on Interstate 635 (I-635) in Dallas TX early in the morning on her way to work.

She sat in the car and was trying to make a few calls for a tow truck, and a drunk driver ramed her car, killed her and the baby on the spot. This tragedy would have been avoided if this driver who is under the bondage of alcohol had reinvented himself before then. There are countless marriages that have been ruined and many avoided deaths ultimately to could have been redeemed if those involved had figured how to hit the reset button before it became too late.

A friend posted a sad story on Facebook about one of her friends who is a medical doctor that lost his job because he made the bad choice of having a sexual relationship with one of his patients. The friend who posted this story was lamenting over the fact that her doctor friend was still owing a lot of student loans and now because of misjudgment on his part he had ruined his career.

The #ME TOO movement that came to life as a result of the wanton sexual abuses and excesses in Hollywood and American corporate world cost a lot of people their jobs and cut their careers short.

You were created to work in freedom, and if any habits, substances or circumstances are holding you hostage and have placed you under bondage, you cannot be truly successful. True success is holistic, and it

involves your health, your mind, and your spirit. Therefore, reinventing yourself must encompass all these dimensions. There is no need for food, sex, alcohol, drugs, racism, hatred, depression, anxiety, worry, fear, hopelessness to hold you hostage.

You cannot afford to be a slave to any of these things. Because all they will do in your life is to wreak havoc, ruin and eventually destroy you. That is why learning how to reinvent yourself and actually doing it and maintain updates will set you free and keep you free now and throughout eternity.

The prayer of Jabez is one of the most powerful prayers in the Bible, and this prayer left a lasting mark on his life and set up a precedent for many other people to follow. Before we look at the prayer of Jabez, it is crucial that we dig a little deeper into his background to establish the context of the prayer. This is a crucial piece of information that we cannot afford to overlook.

Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, but his mother named him Jabez saying, “Because I bore him with pain.”¹ 1 Chronicles 4:9 (NIV)

Wow! What a description of a man. If you read the verse above in isolation, you will conclude that Jabez was doing fine because he was more honorable than his brothers.

Each time you compare yourself to others, you will realize that you are more better than some people and there will be people that are more better than you as well. Therefore, it is not a good idea to compare yourself to other people. The competition is not against others it is you against you.

Therefore, you should be comparing you to you. You have to compare your yesterday to your today and evaluate how much progress you are making. You should be looking out if you are expanding or contracting, growing or dying. There is no neutral ground, you are either getting better or deteriorating, growing or dying, moving up or going down. Nothing is constant.

¹ 1 Chron. 4:9 (New International Version).

The fact that Jabez was more honorable than his brothers means that he enjoyed some success and was greater than them in status, wealth and honor. Maybe whenever Jabez and his brothers went to the city square, a seat would be given to him before his brothers. We are not told if Jabez was younger or older than his brothers. All we know is that he was relatively more accomplished than them. But there was something in his past that was haunting him. It was written that his mother suffered tremendous childbirth/ labor pains. Childbirth is not a painless experience, but for a woman to say she had pain to the extent that she name her child pain speaks volumes. This woman must have suffered untold pain, and she vowed never to forget her pain, that is why she commemorated that event by naming her son Jabez.

The meaning of the Hebrew name Jabez is Pain. Can you imagine growing up as a kid with such a name? The taunting from friends and the consistent explanation you have to give to curious strangers who want to know why your parents gave you such a painful name.

As Jabez grew older, his mother must have told him time and time again how much she suffered having him and the excruciating, unbearable pain she was subjected to during that process. This information must have left an impression in the mind of the young Jabez who must have decided that one day he was going to erase this painful memory with unmatched success. Jabez must have done all within his power to excel and erase this painful past in the mind of his mother. It is not uncommon for children that are born under painful circumstances to suffer some amount of trauma as well. These days cesarean sections are done when deliveries become complicated to ease both the pain of the mother and the child. Jabez started with a struggle, and that must have placed some limitations on him. But Jabez understood how to reinvent himself for exponential growth and unlimited expansion.

According to the passage we read above, even though Jabez was more honorable than his brother he realized that he was more and that he could be much more. He did not allow his relative success to prevent him from launching into the deep for more. Why do people stop growing because they have experienced some amount of success? It doesn't matter where you are right now and how much success you have enjoyed, there is still more if you are willing to reach out. You might have had a painful

past or have suffered many failures, and right now all you feel like doing is to cut and run, not too fast. As long as you are still alive and kicking everything is possible.

You can become all you were created to be and even more. Therefore, do not let anything stop or discourage you from desiring and asking for more. Did you know that there are more stars than humans, but each star has its place in the universe and is not hampered or prevented by the other stars from shining? The desire for me should not make you feel bad because there is infinite potential inside you if you know how to unleash it.

Jabez understood how the law of increase and exponential growth operated. He did not allow his past to stop him and his success did not blind him from the untapped potential in him. In addition to this Jabez refused to compare himself to his brothers and was not afraid to keep growing even though he was already ahead of them. How many times have you sabotaged your growth and placed a cap on your life because you are afraid to leave others behind and lunch into the deep? You were born alone and should not allow where others are in life to determine how far you want to go. You have to learn to be comfortable with success to be successful. Here is the crazy prayer that a man who was already more honorable than all his brothers prayed.

Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.²

You may not be a faith or spiritual person, but there is no successful person who does not appreciate the power of prayer and meditation. I am a person of faith and pray to the same God that Jabez prayed to. Do not let the fact that we are talking about prayer distract you from the profound impact this short prayer had on Jabez and all the secrets of success and unlimited growth that are hidden in it. If the impact of prayer was determined by its length, this prayer would not make the cut. It is one of the shortest prayers in the Bible, but one of the most powerful because the answer to the prayer produced dramatic results. These results can be yours as well, and the rest of this book will be focusing on how

² 1 Chron. 4:10 (New International Version).

you too can position yourself for such an unprecedented increase and expansion.

Based on the prayer, Jabez was suffering from pain even though he was more honorable than his brothers and he cried out to God for help. There was apparently something that was not right although Jabez seemed to have everything under control. From the look of things, he was doing better than his brothers. It has always been said that good is the enemy to great. Many people convinced themselves that they are doing better than others, and this prevents them from becoming the greatest they were created and destined to be. Do not let what you have achieved so far to prevent you from achieving even more because the potential you have is limitless. This is not a call for you to work harder and put in longer hours as many are trying to do. This type of mindset focuses on what you can do, to the exclusion of the success and exponential growth catalysts that can move you from good to great and from great to greatest.

Jabez understood this principle of tapping into the supernatural catalyst that brings about exponential growth and ushers in a life of unparalleled increase and abundance. He did not ask for strength to work harder or to do more. Jabez recognized something that all the great ones have a firm grip on and that the supernatural is real and anybody can tap into it. That is why Jabez did not cry out in self-pity, dejection, and depression. He understood that obstacles are opportunities for geometric growth and pain should not be wasted. Instead of focusing on the pain, the focus is on the possibilities hidden in pain. That is why Jabez cried out in hope and in faith to God for help, for a different experience, and for a second chance and God granted his request. Notice the sequence of his prayer. First, he cried, then asked for his territory to be enlarged, then asked for protection. This was followed by the removal of his pain. When you experience exponential growth and success, your pain from failure, defeat, poverty, and rejection will evaporate and you will remember it no more because the increase will more than compensate for the pain. Jabez understood this and was bold enough to ask for unlimited expansion. We are going to be developing this more in the following chapters.

The take away from the life of Jabez is that he understood that if nothing changed his life was going to remain the same, but the cost for

him remaining like that was too much for him. The painful history and the pain he was going through was uncomfortable enough that he cried out for help. He understood the high price he was paying for maintaining the status quo and made up his mind that enough is enough. Have you evaluated your present situation? Do you know how much the past undesirable experiences you have gone through are costing you? Are you going to allow your past to rob you of the excellent future that you were created for? How long will you keep talking about your past victories instead of rising and conquering more territories? There is more, and you can become more and do more if you make up your mind to identify where the pain is and do something about it.

This is not a call for you to work harder to use your own strength to try and change your circumstances. There are too many how-tos and self-help books on the market, and this book is offering a new way forward for you because as the life of Jabez clearly demonstrates he did not achieve exponential growth by working harder. He opened his mouth and asked for what he wanted and was humble enough to acknowledge his need for more. The opportunity for you to grow beyond your wildest imagination is being presented here, and all you need to do is seize it. The cost of not doing anything is too high and now is the time to stop the bleeding.

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In addition to the high cost of not reinventing yourself, it is important to note that other reasons must be taken into consideration because they may help to explain why you are where you are right now. The following areas may explain the pain in your life or why you are being held back and prevented from exponential growth. The areas to be discussed have to do with your background, past experiences, old beliefs, old habits, old associations, ways of life, etc. In short where you have and what you have been may be holding you back and now is the time for you to break free

and move forward. We are focusing on these foundational issues because what drives us comes from the inside and it is based on what we believe, how we think and how we view ourselves. It is impossible to believe in a way and act differently. Therefore our beliefs determine the outcome of our lives because what we get is based on our actions and these actions are directly influenced by our beliefs.

Now let us take a walk down memory lane and see what could be in our past that is holding us back and preventing us from living up to our full potential.

Our Background

Background, in this case, is referring to the type of family we were born into and the type of programming that we received growing up. When each one of us is born, we have the capacity for endless growth and increase because it is ingrained in us. We were born because at one point the womb became too small for us and it leads to discomfort, and since growth is already programmed in us, we had to get out of the womb when we reached full term.

This solid foundation for growth and expansion is ingrained in our DNA, and it is who we are. But it gets complicated because we are born into a family and are forced to interact with other humans. These humans while trying to help us start building on this formation with materials that are not compatible with whom we were initially designed to be. The motherboard is good but the software packages that are being installed in us are faulty and at times completely incompatible with the operating system that we have in us. That is why it becomes crucial to uninstall this bad software and install software that will deliver the desired results. Can you imagine how powerful the ability to expand, grown and win big is ingrained in us?

Consider the fact that we won our first race when we had no arms, no feet, no legs and nobody was cheering us, while we ran our first race covering a distance of more than 4,000 miles and overcoming all chemicals and obstacles on the way to reach our destination. In addition to all that we had to overcome we were competing against more than three to five million other potential individuals, and we won. This was your first epic race, and you did great that is why you are reading this

book. Why then do you allow others to tell you that it cannot be done and that you are not good enough or have what it takes to accomplish what you have been called to do?

Unfortunately, after we are born those around us start programming us with wrong information. This can be compared to installing a faulty software on a computer and expecting it to deliver. This is never going to work. Those closest to us try to protect us by telling us that we cannot do certain things that we set out to do because they are afraid that we will go through the pain of failure. Even strangers that we meet will try to protect us by telling us that we cannot do something because maybe they tried and failed and are trying to save us from the embarrassment of failing. Teachers that you sit under may tell you that you are not smart enough.

It is reported that when Albert Einstein's was just eight years old, his math teacher said he was never going to be good at math. Thank God that Einstein rejected this bad programming and went on to be a genius. This negative programming in our background comes through many different channels, and it is not only restricted to our family background but includes our spiritual upbringing as well. What you believe yourself determines if you will fail or succeed. The degree of your success is also directly related to mentors and role models in your life. If all you grew up hearing is that poverty and being broke is a sign of spirituality the probability that you will be poor and broke is extremely high. On the other hand, if you heard that you have the unlimited possibility for growth and increase the chances are that you are living a life of increase and exceptional growth.

It does not matter what your programming has been; you are going to be given the opportunity to start all over and do more than you have ever imagined. There is no need for you to allow your background to steal your future from you. You are not at the mercy of your background for it is possible for you to break free from any negative, self-limiting and self-defeating programming. It is possible to reinvent yourself and now is the time to do it.

Our Experiences

You must have heard that “experience is the best teacher.” There is some truth to this, and many of us are conditioned by our past experiences, especially the negative ones. If you spent enough time around a hot stove as a child, you must have been burned a couple of times. The first times were perplexing because you were naïve enough as a child to think that touching a hot surface was something fun. But how you felt after you touched the stove was not what you expected. Instead of pleasure, it brought you sudden pain and discomfort. You quickly learned that touching a hot surface is not a smart thing to do because it causes you pain. Right now, you cannot touch a hot surface because experience has taught you that it hurts.

Pain is not evil, and it is not meant to destroy us, but to guide us to safety. Unfortunately, many people have a faulty understanding of what pain is and how to use it. Most people focus so much on the negative side effects of a painful situation to the point where instead of using the pain to grow the pain destroys them. Therefore, negative past experiences leave a negative impact on our minds. We vow never to repeat the mistakes again and do everything in our power to avoid anything like what we had experience in the past. Right we live our lives doing all to avoid getting hurt and suffering the pain we experienced in the past. Living like this is stressful and limits how much you can grow.

Numerous studies have established that negative childhood experiences can profoundly impact our adult lives. Consider the following study conducted in 1985 by Vincent Felitti, who oversaw a revolutionary preventive care initiative at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care program in San Diego, California. He noticed a startling pattern in adult patients at an obesity clinic. A significant number with the support of Felitti and his nurses were successfully losing hundreds of pounds a year. This was a remarkable feat, but it was short-lived because despite their weight-loss success they withdrew from the program. Felitti, determined to get to the bottom of the attrition rate, conducted face-to-face interviews with 286 patients. It turned out there was a common denominator. Many confided that they had suffered some sort of trauma, often sexual abuse, in their childhood. To these patients, eating was a solution, not a problem: it soothed the anxiety and

depression they had harbored for decades; their weight served as a shield against undesired attention, and they didn't want to let it go.”³ Many studies have established a relationship between how our past shapes our future if not addressed properly. The good news is that you are no longer to be at the mercy of whatever must have happened in your past. This book is going to give you the opportunity to get rid of all the past junk and move into newness of life. You do not need to wait any longer for the solution to your past traumas in your hands.

Our Old Beliefs

Another area that needs to be addressed is our belief system. This is one of the most crucial areas of our lives and how far we are going to go in life will be determined by our belief system. In fact, how high we rise and how fast we fly will depend on what we believe especially about who we are. Do you know who you are? Have you taken the time and invested the resources necessary to figure out what you are made up of? There is none other that addresses this issue of our belief system than King Solomon. Let us learn from one of the wisest men that ever lived for he made the following profound statement that has stood the test of time and is still true today at it was more than 3000 years ago when the statement was made. King Solomon said, “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he”.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.⁴

There is nothing that has more power and control over you than your belief system. In short, you are what you think! If you think that you cannot do something you will not do it. If you think that you cannot be something, then it will be unto you according to your faith. It has been stated clearly that we become the thoughts that we have and these thoughts form our beliefs, and our beliefs, in turn, form our actions, and we become what we act upon. Therefore, it is impossible

³ Donna Jackson Nakazawa, “Childhood, disrupted: diversity in childhood can create long-lasting scars, damaging our cells and our DNA, and making us sick as adults,” Aeon, accessed February 10, 2018, <https://aeon.co/essays/how-bad-experiences-in-childhood-lead-to-adult-illness>.

⁴ Prov. 23:7 (King James Version).

to decouple ourselves from our beliefs because our minds are not neutral, they are always occupied by something which can either be good or bad. Most people after winning their first major victory in life rely on their parents, ministers, teachers, mentors, siblings, mentors and significant other to influence and shape what they believe about themselves. Unfortunately, many people receive the wrong information from these influences in their lives, and the consequence is that they develop a negative belief system and a limitation mindset. They have heard so many times about lack, poverty, and scarcity to the point where they believe that all that is in life is poverty and lack. This scarcity mentality is the number one reason many people are trapped in a vicious circle of lack and misery.

Another area that is of great importance is that of purpose and this greatly influenced by our belief system, but it is sad that many have no desire to live and have an impact because they have no sense of purpose. Their lives are meaningless and full of anxiety, fear, and uncertainty. These people have been taught to believe that they were not created by God but are a result of random genetic mutations and enhanced by random selection and survival of the fittest. If we are just a bunch of molecules without a soul, and all we are here to do is to pass our genes to the next generation, there is no point in all this. No wonder many with such a belief system feel hopeless and helpless in the face of calamities and other unexpected turns and twists of life.

You are fearfully and wonderfully made, and your life has meaning and purpose. To believe anything other than this will land you into emotional, psychological and spiritual trouble. You know by now that out of even more than 7 billion people on earth nobody has fingerprints that are like yours. The fact that your fingerprints are unique just confirms the fact that you are special and different from all other people. This knowledge should get you excited about your life and the mission you were sent here on earth to accomplish. Since you are reading this book, it is an indication that you desire to reach your full potential and achieve greatness. You are not going to be disappointed for you are holding the right resource that will make this to happen.

Whatever limiting beliefs that are holding you back are going to be replaced with new beliefs that will propel you to the top. You are not a

cousin to any monkeys, not an uncle to chimpanzees; you are a human wonderfully and fearfully made, so get excited with your life for you are here for a time such as this for the increase and exponential growth.

Old habits

Another area that needs to be reinvented is our old habits. Nothing has more influence and impact our lives than the habits we have formed over the years. A habit is an act that is routine, regularly unconsciously performed. These are repetitive, automatic behaviors that we perform without thinking about them. Take for example most of us put on our pants starting with either left leg or right leg. This has become our predicted manner of doing that, and we do not think about it, we just do it. We form habits out of the necessity to have some order, predictability, efficiency, and comfort. Humans like things to be predictable and most do not like change and will do all in their power to maintain the status quo. This explains why many people drive on the same route to and from work day in day out and seldom think of using a different route.

Not everything about habits is bad, for example forming a habit of putting on your seat belt is a life-saving habit. To illustrate the power of a habit, I will recount an experience I had a few years ago. Before moving to the United States of America, I was not used to driving with my seat belt on, because in my country of birth the laws governing the use of seatbelts by motorists are seldom enforced. Therefore, it is not a big deal to drive without your seatbelt on. So, over the years I formed the bad habit of driving without my seatbelt on. Then it happened that I moved to the United States of America and started driving. While I was studying to take the driving test, I found out that it was a crime to drive without your seat belt on and that you will be pulled over and fined if you are driving without your seatbelt. Many of my friends also recounted stories of paying fines because they were caught driving without their seatbelts.

After I got my license I struggled to the drive with my seatbelt on and on many occasions, I drove without it because I just forgot. There was no deliberate decision on my part not to put on my seatbelt until the day the law caught up with me. I was driving within the speed limit for an important appointment with a business partner when I

heard the police siren and saw the flashing lights. A quick glance at my dashboard assured me that I was driving within the speed limit and there was nothing to be afraid of. In my mind, the police must be behind somebody else. I was wrong; the police car moved closer to me, and it then dawned on me that I was being pulled over.

When I stopped the car, the police officer came over and asked for my driver's license and the usual documentation that is required. When he returned to my car, he told me that I had a faulty brake light that needed to be fixed, but he noticed that I was not wearing my seat belt. I tried to explain to him that I had been struggling to put on the seatbelt to no avail. The police officer issued a ticket for me to go to the court in my city and pay a fine. After I paid the fine, I made it a point of duty never to drive without my seatbelt on. I quickly formed the habit over the next couple of months. Now when I get into the car, I unconsciously reach out for the seatbelt and slide it on.

This habit is so ingrained in me that I went back to my country of birth after some years and my actions made others to laugh at me. As I earlier mentioned, seatbelts are not worn regularly over there, and most cars do not even have them or if they do the seatbelts are not working at all. It happened that each time I got into the car, I will immediately and unconsciously reach out for the seatbelt only to realize that there was none for me to put on. Others in the car thought I was out of my mind because they had explained to me a couple of times that the car's seat belt was not working, but this explanation did nothing to prevent me from reaching for the seatbelt each time I got into the car.

As you can see, the habit to put on my seatbelt regularly is a lifesaving habit, like other good habits such as reading daily, exercising, controlling your portion size and making healthy food choices, etc. But some habits are so destructive that reinvention is needed to break them. They are those bad habits that have some momentary pleasure associated with them but are destructive in the long run, for example, smoking, masturbation, drug, and alcohol abuse.

Some other not so desirable habits are our eating habits which can cut both ways resulting in desirable or undesirable outcomes. Initially, our eating habits may seem to be no big deal because we are so busy we grab fast foods and eat on the go. With time we form a habit and develop

a craving for these unhealthy foods, which will eventually lead to us becoming overweight and obese before we know it. In the workplace, we also have these idiosyncrasies that we carry every day. But on the other hand, instead of drinking sugary drinks and eating fatty, greasy foods, you train yourself to drink water and eat vegetables and lean meats you will be healthier and fit, and your productivity will skyrocket.

Forming bad habits comes naturally to us because we do not like change because change is associated with pain and some degree of comfort-ability. Therefore, many people would rather sit in front of the TV watch it for hours, than go out and exercise for 30 minutes. The Mayo clinic has made the following recommendations concerning the amount of exercise that each adult needs for optimal health.

Their recommendation stipulates that an adult needs 150 minutes of moderate exercise per week and if you want to work out vigorously you need 75 minutes.⁵ If you do that math you are looking at exercising for 30 minutes five days a week if you choose to do it at a regular pace, it even gets better if you are a little more aggressive you will need just 15 minutes five days a week to be in optimal health. Unfortunately, many people have formed the bad habit of sedentary life, and it is slowly killing them and their dreams.

You are not chained to your bad habits, and it is possible to break them, no matter how long these bad habits have taken you captive. Even if you have been told that there is no way out for you and that you are doomed, never to regain your freedom, now is the time to say no to all the bad habits that have prevented you from growing. You are blessed to be holding this blueprint for it is going to equip you with the tools and know how to reinvent yourself and break any bad habit that has stolen the great life that is meant for you. Your time of mourning and feeling dejected and helpless is over. Now is the time to rise up and get ready for a new you.

⁵ Edward R. Laskowski M.D., "MAYO CLINIC Healthy Lifestyle: How much should the average adult exercise every day?," NUTRISTATEGY, August 20, 2016, accessed February 14, 2018, <https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/fitness/expert-answers/exercise/faq-20057916>.

Old Associations

Over the years you have developed friendships with different people, some of them were born in the same city as you, and you have done all you could to stay in touch with one other. These associations have had a profound impact and are still influencing you in ways unimaginable. You must have heard about these ancient saying, “Tell me who your friends are and I will tell you who you are”, in other words, “show me your friend and I would predict your future”.

This saying is as important in the 21st century as it was thousands of years ago. Who you keep company with does not only say much about who you are but determines how fast and how far you will go. Eagles fly high with other eagles and chickens scramble for grubs on the ground with other chickens. It is impossible to hang around negative, scarcity mentality individuals and expect abundance and increase in your life. On the other hand, when you surround yourself with positive and increase thinkers your life will be filled with unlimited growth and increase as well.

When it comes to associations, your family members and the people in your inner circle that you confine in have the greatest influence over you, and you must pay attention to how much they have and continue to influence you. I hope you know that you are the average of your five. Yes! You are the average of five people that you hangout with.

Birds of the same feather flock together and the sheep that walk with a dog will definitely eat poop (maybe not American dogs). When you surround yourself with mediocre people, they influence your choices negatively.

Each time you come up with a new idea that maybe the “next big thing” those mediocre around you will talk you out of pursuing it. They would remind you of how they had tried it and it never worked out for them.

These individuals are able to discourage you because they remind you of how much they “know you”. At times because they have spent so much time with you, they can easily point out your strengths and weaknesses. But these so-called experts who claim to know you better than you know yourself may be your nemesis. Therefore, you have to

follow what your gut instincts and move on with the plan instead of listening to them. This book is going to show you how to do it.

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The power of associations over your life cannot be overstated. The other day a friend of mine told me about a discussion he had with one of his daughters while driving her back from school. He engaged her about her studies in order for him to know any challenges the girl might be facing. She told him that most of her friends were taking pre Advanced Placement courses (Pre-AP) because they wanted to be together with their friends. Upon further inquiry, it was revealed by my friend’s daughter that most of these students were struggling and some were failing these courses badly, because in her words, “They took this course just to be in the same class with their friends not because they were ready or capable of taking such vigorous pre-college courses while in middle school.” Can you imagine the influence those you hang around with can have over you? Look at these students signing up for a class they have no business taking in the first place because they want to hang around with their friends.

Group thinking is another serious draw of having old associations, especially those that have not grown and matured over time. Each time you come up with a new idea they shut it down because they tried and failed. When you insist on moving ahead without them, they accuse you of selling out and trying to show off. Because you do not want to make them look bad, you yield to their demands to be like them, and all of you remain trapped in whatever circumstances that are holding you back.

This happens because humans like to be part of something. They like to belong, to be loved, accepted and validated. There is nothing wrong

in belonging and being part of something or a group, but champions are those that at one point figure out that they have to venture out alone and carefully select those that they confide in. You are going to be handed the tools on how to select those that you hang around with.

Are your friends and old associates holding you back? Have they been telling you, it is impossible to do what you have been created and anointed to be? Is the need to fit in robbing you of your future? If you answered yes to any of these questions listed above. It is time to get a new set of friends and form new associations that are commensurate with where you want to go and who you want to be. There is no substitute for this, and you must do it if you want to experience unlimited exponential growth. The good news is that Reinvention Blueprint is going to show you how to do this and do it effectively and efficiently.

Bible says in Proverbs 13 verse 20 that “He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.(KJV Version). Who is your friend? Who are your friends?

Your worldview

Many people are not even aware that they have a worldview. The Merriam Webster dictionary defines worldview as **a comprehensive conception or apprehension of the world especially from a specific standpoint** — also called weltanschauung⁶

How you view the world determines how you process the information that you come across daily. When you watch a movie, read a book, listen to the news, attend a lecture on what you get out of these different sources of information is determined by your worldview. It is crucial to take a close look at the worldview because it acts as a giant filter or gatekeeper that determines which pieces of information get through to you. The other important function is that your worldview determines how you process the information that successfully passes through to you. Therefore, your worldview has the potential to make or break you, because it can prevent you from getting the right information that you need to make life-changing decisions. If you have a worldview

⁶ “Merriam Webster Dictionary,” <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/worldview> (accessed February 14, 2018).

that is based on scarcity and survival only, you will not be able to see opportunities for the increase and exponential growth when they are presented to you. The people that have the worldview that it is more profitable to receive than give is always complaining of lack and looking to take from others, instead of giving. They must reinvent themselves to adopt the worldview of it is more blessed to give than to receive, for this will unlock the great potential for growth and increase in their lives.

There is nothing more limiting when it comes to the eternal dimension than a naturalistic worldview because everything is determined by the five senses and the supernatural is inaccessible because those who hold a naturalistic worldview filter out anything that deals with the supernatural. Humans are more than flesh and blood, they are spirit beings as well, and it is important to factor this in when you are thinking about reinventing yourself.

Do you know people who each time you share an idea with them, no matter how innovative, exciting and rewarding that idea could look or appear, all they would tell you is how it is not going to work? No matter how much you try to convince them, all they see is how impossible the idea is and how it will not work. Such people have a negative worldview, and no amount of convincing will cause them to change their minds.

Two people could be looking at a mountain, one would see an obstacle and one would see an opportunity, a goldmine. What you see is what you become. If you can't see it then you can't achieve it or hold it.

You should avoid such individuals especially when you have ideas that have not yet taken root. Protecting your ideas that are incubating should be your top priority. You may be one of those who have a negative worldview and never sees any possibilities even if you are taken to a gold mine you will complain about who will carry the gold home and the possibility of the market becoming flooded by gold and the process dropping to the point where you cannot make any money.

Before I migrated to the United States of America, I was naïve enough and thought that all the people in America were rich and prosperous, because I heard stories of great wealth in the country and how many good paying jobs were available. I could not believe my ears when somebody who was visiting told me how much they paid to valet their cars and how much taxi men earned in New York City. I came to

the United States expecting to see dollars everywhere and was not in the country for long before I saw the first beggar at a street intersection. The impact this had on me was profound.

It left me with many more questions. How could somebody in the United States of America be on the streets begging when they are supposed to be working and making so much money? What happened to them that they ended up like this? I soon discovered that some of these people have mental issues. Some had made some bad choices along the line that set them on the downward spiral. Some of these individuals have degenerated to the point where all they see is the next meal, and all they desire are a few dollars to get a meal, smoke or drink.

Their worldview has completely turned upside down, and their American dream is a meal and space to sleep under an overpass. This is a tragedy of epic proportions and something should and must be done to deliver these individuals from this distorted worldview.

You may be protesting right now that you are not homeless and that you have bought a house have a good paying job. But you forget something. What have you done with all those ideas that you had about starting that business and growing it to a fortune 500 company?

At one point in your life, you felt that you could invent the next gadget that would launch a multi-billion dollar industry, but your worldview changed because you allowed circumstances and other influences to distort and rob you of what is rightly yours. Why are you settling for less? What has happened to the dream you had about raising a successful child in a loving and caring relationship? Now all you have are hookups. The dream has been traded for monetary fixes, just like the homeless person whose ambition is just for a few dollars for a meal.

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Worldviews evolve over time, and this explains why some people start well and end badly, while others who started badly end up well.

You must pay attention to your worldview because it is the gatekeeper to what goes in your heart and what comes out. Nothing has influence over your life more than your worldview. Therefore, it is an area that needs reinvention if you want to move from where you are right now to where you desire or are supposed to be.

By now you may be wondering when we are going to get into the exciting stuff. The foundation of a house is the most important part of a house even though it is hidden and never seen by the general public.

If the contractor of a building project cuts corners when laying down the foundation, the entire house will be compromised and no matter the durability of the materials used and how well the house is constructed, it is liable to collapse. To the untrained eye, the house will be magnificent and infallible but time will be acting against that house because sooner or later the day of reckoning will come when the foundation will be tested.

This example is hypothetical, but the consequences are lethal in the real world. For example, on September 19, 2017 a magnitude 7.1 earthquake hit Mexico, and 19 children met an untimely death because their school buildings fell and crushed them. According to an article by Jean Luis Arce, the principal of the school and two other former officials of the school received a bribe from the constructors and allowed them to cut corners and failed to follow the building code that would have made the buildings more resistant to earthquakes. In another locality a seven-story office collapsed killing about 60 people and speaking to the Agence France Presse (AFP), she said,

“Looking at it, it didn’t seem like a building that would collapse the next day. It was beautiful and well-maintained,”

“But the (defect) wasn’t visible. That’s how corruption works.”⁷

⁷ Jean Luis ARCE, “Signs of corruption emerge from rubble of Mexico quake,” DIGITAL JOURNAL, September 29, 2017, <http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/signs-of-corruption-emerge-from-rubble-of-mexico-quake/article/503824#ixzz57L7yUsIS> (accessed February 16, 2018).

This journalist evaluated the situation and summed it up succinctly. There was no way an onlooker would have known the beautiful building would collapse without warning. It looked so strong and well put together.

How many people are looking well put together and neatly dressed, but are under the bondage of their habits, held hostage by their old associations and caged by their worldview? Their foundation is faulty, and it is time to dig up that faulty foundation and establish a new one. Life has a way of testing us through trials, hardship and diverse difficulties and those with faulty foundations will not make the cut, they will collapse under their own weight.

It is with this mind that you should start focusing on those critical areas of your life that are foundational and must be reinvented for you to experience increase and eventually reach your full potential and be all you were created to be. It will be unwise to move ahead without dealing with the root cause of your stagnation and limited growth. You have the desire and longing to grow, but something seems to be holding you back. The things that are holding you back have been exposed. Therefore, you are more than 50% close to your deliverance.

Many people are looking for quick fixes and are impatient when any process is mentioned to them. No wonder they fall prey to any new fad that comes to town. Any leader that shows up and offers them gain without pain they flock only to be disappointed because fads don't work. You are not going to be disappointed by the process offered in this book. You will be guided on how to get rid of the old and usher in the new. If you have been looking for shortcuts and quick fixes, you do not have to keep doing that, because this blueprint will deliver to you. Your past has been x-rayed, and some of the trouble spots revealed. Do not let discomfort and the frustration that accompanies it to distract you from the wonderful journey that is ahead of you. Change is always uncomfortable and painful, but the benefits outweigh all the discomfort. Taking the risk to change is good because if you make a mistake, you can learn from it and perfect your next move, but it is riskier not to do anything because you are never going to know if you would have succeeded or not. You are not the risk-averse individual, because if you were, you would not be reading this book.

The fact that you have read this far speaks volumes about your ability to get out of your comfort zone and experience change. You are already doing it, and all I'm doing now is encouraging you to keep moving. The reward for allowing your worldview to change is going to make any discomfort associated with it pale in comparison to the increase and growth that will be ushered into your life. It is time to let go of the past and get going.

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Depending on your situation, areas that need to be re-invented in your life could be financial, relationship, career, physical (fitness), health, and spiritual.

Maybe you are a Christian, and you have gone cold spiritually now; you might want to re-invent yourself to get hot because. There is danger in being lukewarm. Revelation 3: 15-17 says

15 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! 16 So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. 17 You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

It's dangerous to be lukewarm as a Christian. Many Christians have settled. Now as you are reading this book you remember when you used to be on fire for God, but something happened along the line and you settled. Now, what we hear from you is talking about when you used to be Prayer Leader, Usher, Choir member, Pastor and so on, and now you have retired to fate. It is time you re-invented yourself.

It's not too late for that marriage to be re-invented. You can still renew the wine of your marriage. You remember how it used to be. You remember that sweet lady / brother you married. You remember how everyday used to be honeymoon in this marriage. So, what happened? Something happened along the line. I don't care about what happened but one thing I know is you can still re-invent the marriage. **There is always a marriage inside every wedding.** It's time to fix your relationship.

Okay, I got it. You wanted to be a medical Doctor but it never worked out. Or maybe you were once a Nurse and something happened that got your license to be revoked. You can still re-invent your career. All you need to do is be still, look inside of you; there's something God has blessed you with that millions of people out there are ready to pay you for it.

You started a business and failed. Maybe many of them. It's alright. Show me a man that has never failed and I would show you a man that has never tried. You are not a failure until you have quitted. Remember, **no Winners Don't Quit.**

Now that we have established the need for reinventing yourself and the areas that must be examined and dealt with, the next chapter will focus on where this reinvention must take place. In other words, the areas of your life where you can reinvent yourself is going to be discussed in greater detail. Remember this, 'No pain, No Gain'.

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CHAPTER 2



What You Can Re-Invent

Let's look into areas of your life that need re-invention.

By now you have counted the cost of where you are and have realized that it is unbearable, and you are wondering where to start to address this issue. You do not have to look further because you are holding the solution in your hands. Let us start by shedding light on where some of your issues may be emanating from.

My approach is holistic as was already stated at the beginning of this book. Therefore, the areas that we will be discussing that need reinvention includes but are not limited to spiritual, financial, health, relationships, career, etc.

The holistic approach is not just the best approach, it is the most efficient and will deliver both temporal and eternal rewards. Your life on earth pales in comparison to the length of an eternity in the presence of God. This is why it is crucial for you to keep your eyes not just on what you want in this life, but also the life to come. Nobody captures the essence of a holistic approach than John the apostle. He penned the following words that have resonated with

many over the years and should shed some much-needed light to you as well;

*Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things
and be in health, just as your soul prospers.⁸*

The author is emphatic about the need not only for the soul to prosper but for all areas of life to prosper as well. Let this be a spiritual foundation and impetus for you to understand that the desire to prosper in all areas is divinely sanctioned. Therefore, if the Divine sanctions something you should pursue it boldly and confidently because it is already yours to achieve. You are not reinventing the wheel or working against the tide, everything has been divinely orchestrated and lined up for you to walk in.

It is important to know that your soul will never die and you will be spending eternity with God or without Him. By now you are aware of what you can do to guarantee living forever in the presence of God. While you are waiting for the eternal to be made manifest, you are still on earth and have physical needs that must be catered to. Thus the need for you to prosper in all things. The provision is already there, and all you need to do is to receive.

Some people are of the opinion that wealth, success and riches are inherently evil and it is impossible to be a spiritual and upright individual and amass wealth at the same time. They believe you can only serve one master. Therefore, those that are wealthy have succeeded in doing so because they are serving money.

This is an unfortunate belief system and has kept thousands if not millions or billions in poverty with no hope for them ever escaping as long as they keep equating poverty with righteous living. Because **you cannot receive what you do not have a desire for**. No wonder many keep going around in circles and have never experienced that abundance that has already been made available to them. Part of the reasons is that their distorted view of money, wealth, success and riches has made them become resentful to those that are doing well, and this has led to envy and jealousy.

⁸ 3 John. 1:2 (New King James Version).

The only thing that envy and jealousy do is to keep you stuck and prevent you from stepping into a life of abundance and limitless potential. This is a toxin that everybody has to do all within their power to eradicate from their system at all cost. We cannot end this without pointing out the fact that both the rich and the poor, the success and not so successful all have the propensity to worship money. Because it is an attitude of the heart. If you allow money to drive your actions, especially getting involved in actions and activities that violate the rights of others and take advantage and exploit people you are worshipping money, no matter if you are poor or rich. When you are willing to do “EVERY and ANYTHING” under the sun to make money no matter the consequences on you and those around you, money has become your god and it is time to back off. Nobody should live like this because no amount of money will bring you true lasting joy and satisfaction.

We have already discussed the futility of having a worldview that stipulates that we are just flesh blood and all that we are is what we can access with our five senses. While this worldview makes some sense in the physical realm, it is deadly in the spiritual realm. Humans are spirit beings, and the internal is what drives the external. Therefore it is crucial that the best place to start any meaningful reinvention should be spiritual. One of the main reasons is that our spirits drive everything and will live forever as well. The benefits of living a spirit lead life are immense and have eternal ramification. This implies that when you are spiritual in life, you will benefit now and eternally. The first area of your life that needs to be re-invented in your spiritual life and that is going to be discussed below.

Spiritual Life Reinvention

In the beginning, I mentioned that I am a faith person and that has played a major role in my understanding of who I am and how to be a champion and a successful person. Therefore it is imperative that this aspect of my life is mentioned because it has played a pivotal role in my success and understanding of the secrets I will be sharing with you in this book. It is possible for you to reinvent yourself without necessarily being a faith person, but that will only secure you earthly and temporal wealth, success and fame. There is a better way, a more profitable way,

that will not only guarantee earthly success, but it will also secure you eternal wealth that nothing on earth can compare to. I will be sharing this with you with the hope that you will consider allowing your own spiritual life to be quickened.

If you choose not to do the spiritual reinvention of your spirit being, you can still reinvent the other areas of your life. But remember that the **“Spiritual Controls the Physical”**

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All I am doing here is presenting you with the best option that has ever been made available to mankind. That is the opportunity to be reconciled with the creator of all things and the source of all knowledge, wisdom, riches, and glory. Once you get reconciled and connected to God who is the source of all things, you will be having unrestricted access to all the resources that you will ever need, both now and throughout eternity.

You may be wondering why this subject is important. God made a vacuum in all of us and most of the time we sense it and try to fill it with many different things. We are relational beings and were created to have a relationship with God and other people. Unfortunately, the relationship between God and us was broken, and right now the brokenness has been extended to our relationship with other people as well. Therefore, it is crucial for us to get reconciled with God so that this brokenness can be mended and we will be able to heal the broken relationships we have with other people. You must have heard that, “Hurt people, hurt others.” In the same light people in a broken relationship with God have the tendency to break other relationships because they do not know any better.

The good news is that you are already feeling the gentle prompting of God to come back home and be healed and once in a while you have wrestled with the question of where are you from, why are you here and where are you going to? Some attempts have been made in the past to answer these questions, but the answers have not been satisfactory, to say the least. Some might have told you that all you need is to follow your heart desires and let your feeling lead you. You have been told that, if it feels good, do it, if others are doing it, go with the crowd. The mantra is to eat drink, and do not deny yourself anything that will bring you pleasure and satisfy your cravings. You have followed this prescription, and over the years you have indulged in anything that your heart has longed for, but the more you drink, the thirstier you get, the more you satisfy your sensual desire, the more unsatisfied it gets, the more drugs you take, the stronger the dose you need to get high. All the hangovers, disappointments, guilt, loneliness, and brokenness gets overwhelming, and you have promised to look for a better way, but there seems to be none available.

The more you have struggled to get out of what seems to be a bottomless pit, the deeper you sink. What you thought initially was going to make you happy and free turned out to be a trap, and you feel the weight of being in bondage. All your efforts to break free are making the chains that are binding you stronger, and tightness of the grip of these chains is eating into the core of your soul, and you feel the darkness, loneliness, and desperation in there. If any of these resonates with you, I want to let you know that help is here and these chains that are holding you will be broken. The darkness that seems to have enveloped you will be displaced and the hopelessness will be uplifted.

God's desire for us is that we will be whole and complete and have fellowship with Him now and throughout eternity. If you are currently struggling, you are not alone, so do not be discouraged. There are many stories of people just like you; who have found peace by being reconciled with their creator.

Take the case of Norman Brown who was the 11th child in his family and growing up had a lot of rivalry with his older siblings. At a young age, he knew what he wanted to become and set these three concrete goals; To be the best athlete in their family, richest among his

family, and marry a girl who is prettier than any in his family. He knew very well that for him to attain his goals, he had to get an education. He worked so hard for the first goal, and he thought that attaining a high level of competence, could gain him the respect of people, but instead of winning them, his actions made the people shun him. Nobody wanted to become his friend. He was selfish and lonely.

Many of the events in his community revolved around their church. He attended Sunday school all his life, but as he grew older, he went to church just as a habit and not based on any desire for spiritual things. One night, his mother invited him to the church to listen to a new speaker. He liked what he heard, and continued attending the one week crusade to the end. The odd thing was, he wished that he had that relationship with God the new preacher described so eloquently and with conviction. But he was afraid that he would be called “a religious fanatic.” His pride stood in his way and was preventing him from getting it right with his creator. After wrestling with this all night at dawn, he gave up and surrendered to God.

Here is what he said, “God if what this man has been saying all week is true, then I invite you to come into my life and make me into the kind of person you want me to be. I’ve tried so many times to change myself and failed.”

After saying this prayer he experienced, satisfying peace and felt clean inside and out. But he kept his secret for three years because of his fear that he will be called a fanatic. But after three years, he finally revealed his “secret” and changes began to take place in his life. He could now see people as his team players and not as competitors. He could now encourage people and build friendships, drive his goal into positive influences rather than using people only for his own good. And he did marry a beautiful woman as dreamt when he was younger. His spirituality was tested, but he always found peace and wisdom in God.⁹

Have you found personal peace with God? Are you 100% confident that if you were to die today, you will go to heaven and spend eternity with God? Do you still feel the void and emptiness in the inside of

⁹ Norman Brown, “A Change of Direction Results in a Change of Attitude,” Thoughts about God, http://www.thoughts-about-god.com/stories/brown_n.htm (accessed February 19, 2018).

you that all the booze, earthly pleasures, success, material possessions, academic accolades, and other stuff have not been able to fill? Are you afraid of the future and the thought of death keeps you awake at night? Is constant fear of the unknown crippling you? Do you feel lonely even when you are surrounded by many people? Are you faking the smile on your face. Meanwhile you feel horrible on the inside? Is the guilt from some of your actions weighing down on you? Are you depressed and anxious about what the future holds?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you are holding the right book. Your solution is here, and you are going to experience your deliverance and will be set free from anything that holding you down and weighing on you. First God's love for you is unconditional, and He has already taken the first step towards you, by sending His one and only Son Jesus Christ to come and die on the cross for your sins. Jesus suffered, was humiliated, tortured and eventually crucified on a Roman cross so that you can have life and life in abundance. All you need to do is to admit that you need help and come to terms with the fact that you are a sinner and that you cannot help yourself. The next thing is to sincerely call on God to forgive you of your sins and make you become his child. If you will do this and invite Jesus Christ to become your Lord and savior, you will be saved and delivered from all oppression, depression, condemnation, and guilt. Above all your name will be written in the Lamb's book of life and you will be guaranteed to spend eternity in heaven with God.

You are going to be amazed by what God is going to do in your life if you surrender to him. Take the example of Tony, a man who was a nuisance to people in his community. He was an ordinary man that was semiliterate because he had not finished elementary school, but one day his life had a miraculous turnaround when he realized his need for God, came to terms with it and asked for God's forgiveness. Shortly after this encounter with God, he got married to a count and set up a fishery business which took off immediately and eventually made Tony a millionaire. This story may sound like something out of a movie script, but it is true.

It does not matter where you have been, what you have done and where you are right now, the love of God is strong enough to cut

through everything that may be blocking you and will bring healing and restoration to you. The only thing you have to do for your spiritual life to be re-invented is by getting right with God. There is a powerful transformation that takes place when you get re-invented spiritually. This experience is so powerful that, Jesus Christ referred to it as being born again and Paul the apostle in the letter to the Corinthians put it as follows,

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
2 Corinthians 5:17(NIV)

Can you imagine becoming a new creature and the old gone completely? This is the dynamic power that you get in contact with when your spirit man is re-invented. It is more than hitting the reset button or getting an update. It is getting an entirely new spiritual operating system and getting rid of the old system completely.

There is a lot that has been written and said about how powerful the human spirit is because what happens on the outside of us is driven by what is on the inside. This implies that the first place to start your reinvention should be spiritual. Once you do this and become a new creature all other things will follow because your new you is different from your old you that was burdened by fear, sin, anxiety, depression, hopelessness, shame guilt and no purpose in life.

You will be invigorated with hope, peace, purpose, and meaning and will start to experience the flow of abundance out of your life because you are now connected to God the source of all life and all good things. Failure is no longer going to be wasted in your life and setbacks are going to become moments that you are retooled and repositioned to be launched to greater heights. Your life will become a life filled with supernatural and the miraculous because you are a new creature and connected to the God of all impossibilities.

The old is indeed gone, and now you can boldly and confidently position yourself for reinvention in many others. Nothing is going to stop you, because that very power that raised Jesus Christ from the grave is now on the inside of you and will propel you to the top. It is time to

stop looking at where you have been and how far you have come but to instead focus on what you have become a new creature with limitless possibilities.

In the last chapter of the book, we are going to focus precisely on how you go about the process of removing the old programming and replacing with new programming that can be continuously updated. When you get this replacement, it is a one-time deal, and you will never have a need to re-event yourself because you will be equipped with the tools and skills to continuously get an upgrade for the rest of your life.

Now that we have seen that it is possible to be re-invented spiritually, the next area that can be re-invented is your finances.

Financial Reinvention

Are you broke and cash-strapped? Were your parent's poor and raised you hating money and believing that those that have a lot of money have defrauded others to acquire such wealth? Do you believe that money just come to some people are other people are destined to be poor and broke and no matter how hard they work they will never be rich? Do you have dreams that one day you will have enough money to buy all the things that you cannot afford right now? Are you in despair because the older you get and the more the years are passing by, your dreams are growing dimmer and dimmer, and it seems you are destined to remain poor till you die? Do you feel trapped in a circle of never-ending poverty, lack, and desperation? Then this book is for you and by the time you are done reading this book and executing the strategies that will be presented to you, this circle of poverty will be broken, and you will be set free.

Some of you may already be well off but your financial growth is stunted, and your desire for more is not being satisfied. It seems you are stuck in the six figures club but would rather be in the millionaire club. No matter how hard you work, there is an invisible cap on you that seems to be preventing you from moving up to the next level. You may be thinking that only an exclusive few are destined to be in the millionaire club and that you are not one of the lucky few. At the beginning of each year, you set up goals that you believe will take you closer to the place you want to be, but it is not working. When you look around it seems others have figured out how these things work and are moving faster

and more efficient than you can ever imagine. You are no longer going to be kept in the dark any longer; this resource is going to give you the blueprint of how to move from where you are to where you want to be.

Many people are under the misconception that money is bad and those that have money must be evil. How can they afford to amass so much meanwhile many other people are poor and needy? These rich people must be doing something “evil” to attract riches. This type of mindset is part of the reason many are poor and broke. They ask the wrong questions and end up with the wrong answers.

Before you talk of reinventing your finances you must accept that money is good and necessary and that there is nothing wrong or inherently evil in having a lot of money. Failure to have this type of mindset will keep you trapped in your present circumstances. This is not going to be the case because if you are reading this book, there is a hunger in your heart for change and for more, especially in the area of your finances. One of the most difficult things to overcome is a poverty and scarcity mindset because for some people there is some sort of comfort that accompanies self-pity. The only good thing that self-pity does is to keep you where you are and ensuring that your condition is guaranteed never to change for the better.

At the beginning of each year, you set up goals that you believe will take you closer to the place you want to be, but it is not working. When you look around it seems others have figured out how these things work and are moving faster and more efficient than you can ever imagine. You are no longer going to be kept in the dark any longer, this resource is going to give you the blueprint of how to move from where you are to where you want to be.

The shocking thing is that there is no neutral ground; you are either expanding or contracting. You are either increasing or decreasing and growing rich or poor. There is no middle ground no unoccupied space. This is why it is crucial to have the right mindset, for it will make or break you. This is what separates winners from losers and those that

leave their mark on history and those that drift with the flow. The good thing is that you can choose to keep grounding and making waves. The fact that you are reading this book is an indication that there are a great hunger and desire in your heart to win. You want to grow and expand beyond your wildest imagination, and we are going to come with you and make that happen.

When the temptation to think about lack, poverty, and misery hits you, fill your mind with what the wisest and richest person that ever lived said. This person is none other than King Solomon who had so much wealth without parallel and people came from far and near to seek his wisdom and admire his wealth. King Solomon said, *“A feast is made for laughter, wine makes life merry, and money is the answer for everything.”*¹⁰

Wow! “Money is the answer to all things.” This is a profound statement and must not be taken lightly by anybody who is considering reinventing their finances. Do not get confused with the often misquote injunction against the love of money by Paul of Tarsus. You will often hear people say that “money is the root of all evil.” It is important to note that all those who make this statement are poor and broke. Since they do not know how money actually works, they wrongly conclude that all who have a lot of money have accumulated the money at the expense of others.

They do not believe that there is enough for everybody and winners are losers make wealth accumulation possible. The truth is that we do not necessary need winners and losers, all can win is the mindset of abundance thinkers and those that keep growing.

Here is the often misquoted injunction when money is mentioned. Paul writing to Timothy his protege said,

*“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”*¹¹

¹⁰ Eccl.10:9

¹¹ 1Tim 6:10

Those who say money is the root of all evil are reading something into this verse that is not there. The verse clearly states that “the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil” not money itself. To love money means that you are willing to do anything to get money, even if this means breaking the law, harming others and destroying your family and health for the sake of money you will do it without hesitation. There is a lot of evil things people are doing all in the name of making a “buck,” this type of attitude may bring you a fortune, but in the long run, the money will leave a bad taste in your mouth. You may even have amassed great wealth, but in the light of eternity, all this money will not do you any good. That said, there is every reason to desire to increase financially and position yourself for unprecedented growth.

You may be wondering if it is possible for you to experience a financial turnaround and unprecedented growth and expansion. We are not talking about getting lucky and winning millions by playing the lottery. There is an example of somebody that moved from the prison to become the second in command in Egypt the greatest country on earth at that time. This is the story of Joseph who had dreams to one day become a leader that his brothers and parents will bow to.

As you can imagine his brothers did not like the idea that one day Joseph was going to rule over them. First Joseph was second to the youngest and always brought a bad report about them to their father. This did not sit well with his brothers, and they started scheming to get rid of him, even if it meant killing him. The brothers did not have long to wait, because they had their opportunity handed to them on a golden platter.

One day the father of Joseph sent him to go and give supplies to his brothers who were out in the field taking care of their flocks. When his brothers saw him moving towards them. They immediately hatched a plan to get rid of him when he got to them. Poor Joseph was excited to see his brothers, not knowing that he was walking into a trap. Immediately he got to his brothers they caught him and threw him in a pit, held a quick meeting and decided his fate. The unanimous decision was to kill him. But one of the brothers came up with a better plan and suggested that Joseph is sold because they could make some money. The brother convinced the others that Joseph was as good as dead if sold into slavery,

and the will make some money at the same time. This arrangement was a win, win for them because as a slave there was no way the dreams of Joseph were ever going to come to pass.

Joseph was sold to slave traders who took him down to Egypt and sold him to another person, who then put him to work for him. Joseph did a good job, but his circumstances were nothing to talk of because they did not reflect the dream of becoming a leader. As time went on, Joseph did such an excellent job of running his master's business that, he was placed in charge of the business. There was something about this young man that draws the attention of his mistress. He was handsome, and his master's wife solicited sex from him. Joseph refused, but she kept pestering him day in day out, until one day when she realized that Joseph was in the house alone with her she grabbed him and tried to force him to have sex with her. Joseph was not going to have anything to do with it, and he fled, leaving behind his coat.

When his master came back from wherever he had gone, his wife accused Joseph of rape, and he was sent to prison. Again, the prison was not taking Joseph closer to his dream if one looked at it superficially. In prison Joseph still did well and was able to interpret the dreams of two officials of Pharaoh, King of Egypt. Then the tide changed in his favor. Pharaoh had his own dream, and nobody in the whole of Egypt was able to interpret the dreams, that was when one of Pharaoh's officials that Joseph had interpreted his own dream remembered him. Immediately Pharaoh ordered Joseph to be released from prison and brought to him. Joseph was released and presented before Pharaoh and proceeded to interpret Pharaoh's dreams. This pleased Pharaoh, and he made Joseph second in command in Egypt and placed him in charge of reorganizing the economy of Egypt and preparing them for the economic hardship that the country was going to face after seven years of economic boom and abundance.

In other words, after an economic boom, Egypt was going to go through a recession, and this was going to usher in a recession in the entire land of Egypt and the whole world. Joseph proposed a simple solution to preparing the country to enable them to face and survive the recession that was coming. His proposal was simple, during the seven years of abundance Egypt was going to store the excess that would be

used during the years of famine. This commonsense solution may be too simplistic, but it earned Joseph a place with the royalty in Egypt and elevated him to the position of prime minister. This meant that all his dreams came to reality. For his brothers came down to Egypt to buy grain during the seven years of famine and bowed to him since they could not recognize him. They were not expecting him to be in such a position and thought he was dead. By the way, people could do whatever they wanted with their slaves; including killing them.

This lengthy story was told to highlight a few things.

First, you must have a dream to do well financially, if you want to reinvent your finances. Secondly, there is no shortcut, you are going to go through a process, and this may involve some ups and downs. Thirdly, do not be surprised when those that are close to you feel threatened when they hear that you are about to break free from your present condition. You will have realized that instead of cheering you on, they will be looking for ways to slow you down, or even stop you. Fourth, you are not going to let your circumstances to determine your character, it is imperative that you maintain integrity and righteousness always. There are no shortcuts to wealth. Fifth, all that you do must boil down to helping others and being a blessing. And sixth, you do not need a complicated solution for it to bring great rewards. There are too many problems that are plaguing the world today and solutions are needed, you should be thinking of bringing solutions to the market.

It is extremely tempting to think that all the solutions that we need have already been provided and there is nothing new that can be done. The truth is that opportunities to come up with multibillion-dollar companies are all around us. The other hampering factor is the thought that to do anything that is going to generate millions or billions you need a complicated and sophisticated idea. You do not have an idea from outer space for it to generate millions or billions. This list of companies is an example of what is possible. Google, Facebook, Uber, Amazon, they are all less than 20 years old and are worth billions of dollars. In fact, the market caps for Google, Facebook, and Amazon are all above one Trillion US dollars and growing. All these companies started with very simple solutions and have grown up to become household names and multi-billion-dollar companies.

I'm going to take away the guessing work from how you are going to re-invent your finances and provide you with proven tools and a blueprint on how to do it. You will be shown how to uninstall the old programming that has hampered and can continue to hamper you from the financial explosion that you desire and deserve. This will be followed by how to install a new program, in other words, a mindset that can attract wealth, keep it and multiply it. Money is not only important, but it is also necessary for you to do and be all you were created to be. The British Prime minister Margaret Thatcher once said, **“No-one would remember the Good Samaritan if he'd only had good intentions; he had money as well.”**¹²

Good intentions are not enough. You need money to do good, and you better have a lot of it if you want to do a lot of good. The story Margaret Thatcher is referring to is about a man who was going down from Samaria to Jerusalem and was attacked by armed robbers. These robbers beat him up and left him almost dead. Then the good Samaritan showed up and not only rescued the man but took him to an inn where he paid for the cost of treating him. It is a powerful reminder that **money in good hands can do a lot of good**. The other actors in the story were a priest and a Levite. These were religious men who were on their way to the temple and saw this man beaten and left to die but did nothing to help. Is it that they had no money or lacked the empathy to help? The bottom line is that they did not help and till this day, the person that is remembered is the good Samaritan. Because he cared enough, and had enough resources to do something for his fellow man. You may be desiring to do a lot of good but have not because you are not financially viable. The benefit of reinventing your finances is that you will be blessed to be a blessing. You are going to experience an unprecedented increase, and this will position you to do greater good for others. Just amassing money for the sake of it is not why I'm going to give you the tools and the know how to change your financial fortunes. The ultimate goal is for you to help others and make a difference in their lives.

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Health Reinvention

You are a tripartite being; this implies that you are made up of body, soul, and spirit. The body is inhabited by your spirit and your soul. Therefore, death simply is the separation of the spirit and soul from the body. This implies that your body is essential for you to be useful on this earth. Without a healthy functional body, you are out! Your health is one area you cannot neglect and not reap disastrous consequences. Taking care of your health should not be an afterthought but has to be prioritized above many other things because you cannot afford to not be healthy. The price of not being healthy is death and when you die all other things will not matter. Many people do not care about their health, although when pressed they say they do. But we all know that action speaks louder than words. Show me what you eat, and I will tell you what you think about the most precious resource that you have. Treating your body as a junkyard by eating unhealthy foods and drinking junk drinks is not smart, to say the least.

Health is wealth is a common idiom, but most of us do not believe it, because we think that good health is only the absence of illness, but each day what we eat may be slowly digging our graves with our teeth. The fact that you are not sick now and have no health-related issues does not mean that all is well. You may be setting yourself up for a catastrophic future if you continue on the course you are on right now. The human body is an amazing machine and does some extraordinary things to compensate and accommodate some of the destructive actions

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that we may be knowingly or unknowingly doing against it, but the day of reckoning is coming and the body will get tired and give up on you. That is why now is the time to become proactive and set yourself up for a future that is full of vibrancy and good health. There is no magic pill and no shortcuts, you have to re-invent yourself in this area if you want lasting and sustainable success. It is a bad idea to wait for illness to hit you before you change your ways. If the thought of dying young without accomplishing your dreams does not motivate you enough to do something about your health, what else will?

It does not matter what the doctors have said about your health or where you are or what you have been through. There is hope for you, and it is possible for you to start all over and enjoy perfect health. Just as it did not take you one day to get to where you are right now, it is going to take you going through a process, but you should be excited because that process exists, and it works. Many people take their health for granted and think that the day of reckoning will not catch up with them. You cannot continue to treat your body as a junkyard and expect to have a vibrant life. This is not trying to make you feel uncomfortable or blame you for anything. The fact of the matter is that your health is the most important resource that you have and you must look at it from that perspective. Of what use is all the wealth and success in the world if you are unhealthy and cannot enjoy it? While it is commendable and desirable to be wealthy and successful, it is important to bear in mind that the foundation of all wealth and success is good health. Fortunately for you, there is a blueprint here for you to reinvent your health and get the health that you deserve.

We cannot talk about reinventing your health without mentioning the present obesity epidemic that is impacting the world. According to the World Health Organization, in 2016 about 1.9 billion adults who are 18 years old and above are overweight and out of this number 650 million are obese.¹⁴ Many health ailments are directly related to being overweight and obese, and according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the cost of treating these obesity-related illness in the

¹⁴ World Health Organization, "Obesity and overweight Fact sheet Reviewed February 2018," World Health Organization, <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs311/en/> (accessed April 3, 2018).

United States of America alone in 2006 was about \$147 billion. This is a figure reported by a 2010 CNN health article by Diana Holden who was trying to fact check the then First Lady of the United States of America Michelle Obama's effort to fight obesity among children.¹⁵

You are going to be given the same opportunity that was given to Mike to choose between maintaining his diabetic life or making changes that will improve his health. At 75, Mike has a lean body and is seen jogging each morning and has completely eliminated junk from his diet. When you ask Mike how he feels, he tells you that "although age is a number he feels like a fifty-something year old." Mike's story is not unique, but the decision he told us was worth mentioning here and emulated by others. One morning he was not feeling too good because he was fat and sluggish, so he decided to go see his doctor after his wife had been bugging him for days. After a battery of tests, his doctor told him that he had diabetes and early signs of heart disease. Mike was faced with an important discussion to make, either to continue his present lifestyle of eating deep fried fatty foods, little or no vegetables and drinking sugary drinks and a sedentary lifestyle. He was comfortable living like that but that his lifestyle was about to take away everything from him and now he had to act. Mike made a conscious choice to give up fried foods and sugary drinks and fell in love with eating vegetables. He got out of his comfort zone and started with exercising. Initially, every fiber of his body was against the new direction he was going because it was making him so uncomfortable. But Mike pushed himself hard, and within a few months he started seeing some exciting results and as time went on his health took a complete turn around, and his condition began to reverse, and eventually he regained his health and vitality. Mike always says that "If I can do it everybody else can."

¹⁵ Diana Holden, "Fact Check: The cost of obesity," CNN Health, February 9, 2010, <http://www.cnn.com/2010/HEALTH/02/09/fact.check.obesity/index.html> (accessed April 3, 2018).

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Maybe you have had many false starts, and now you have given up altogether, don't give up yet because there is hope and a way out. Many people are in your shoes and are going through the same thing. This does not mean that you stay put and do nothing. The fact that you are holding this book and have read this far attest to desire and the willingness for you to do something different. You are holding the solution in your hands, and by the time you are done reading this book, you will know how to reinvent yourself and not only reclaim all that has been stolen from you by faulty programming. It will be possible to install a completely new operating system that will bring you optimal health and a firm foundation on which to truly be successful and prosperous. It is not going to be automatic, but it will be worth all the energy and effort that you will put into it.

I do not want your case to be like that of a colleague of Mike, who during the same time that Mike was diagnosed with diabetes and heart disease he too had the same diagnosis. Mike's cubicle was close to that of Andy, and the day Mike took ill and did not show up at work, Andy called him to check on him. Mike explained to him what had happened and encouraged him to go in for a preventive checkup because both of them were good friends and always went out for happy hour after work to share a few bottles of beer. Mike was suggesting that Andy goes in for a checkup because he was chubby. Andy accepted and went for a checkup the following week, and the diagnosis was not good. He was diagnosed with heart disease. At first, the news was devastating, but

¹⁶ World Health Organization, "Obesity and overweight Fact sheet Reviewed February 2018," World Health Organization, <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs311/en/> (accessed April 3, 2018).

Andy decided to “enjoy” his last days. According to him, heart disease runs in his family. His father died of heart disease and two of his uncles as well. Andy reasoned that he too was going to die and there was no point doing anything about it. Within two years of his diagnosis, Andy went to an end of year Christmas party organized by his company and had a cardiac arrest. All was done to save his life, but he did not make it.

Because a certain illness has happened in your family, does not mean that you too have to suffer the same. You can choose to be different. Don't allow your present circumstances to dictate how your tomorrow is going to look like, you have the option to make some choices that will place you on a different trajectory. The desire to live and for all areas of your life to prosper must be stronger than the lure of momentary pleasures that are driven by your taste buds. While we are prone to desire comfort, it is not always the best thing to do. Must people unconsciously filter out life-saving information when they receive it because they want to stay in their comfort zone? There is nothing inherently evil about the desire for comfort or being comfortable. After all, most of the technological innovation and our civilization is driven in part by the desire to be more efficient and reduce the pain and discomforts in our lives. When you fly first class and compare it to the economy class, you can tell that there is a big difference between being comfortable and uncomfortable. That said, most of the time growth and change and any lasting advances are associated with pain and discomfort.

The purpose of the pain and discomfort is to push you to keep growing and advance. We are already pre-programmed for growth and expansion. Therefore, a baby in the womb after nine months of comfort suddenly wants to get out there and will do all to come out, dead or alive. Nothing can stop the baby from coming out because it has what it takes to move to the next stage., You were once that baby, and now you have been talked into believing that you do not have what I take to conquer the next mountain and move to the next stage. This is not true, stop believing the lies and start looking at the potential for greatness that is already in you. Choose to be a Mike today, choose life over death and take your health back.

You have a choice, and you have what it takes to make the right decision, and we are going to support you as you make up your mind

to give your health a second chance. Do not let past failures determine what the future holds for you. It is possible to reinvent your health and now is the time to do so.

Lastly, you may be saying that there is no need to do anything regarding your health because you are already doing everything right and in great shape. Remember that there is always room for improvement and constantly pushing the envelope will keep you growing. This is a principle that Jabez understood and utilized to his advantage. As you already know, he was doing better than his brothers, but that did not stop him from desiring more and asking for it. Your health could be better than it is right now, so do not get complacent. Let the desire for more keep driving you to optimal health.

Relationships Reinvention

I used to have a friend that was going through a storm in her marriage and when I tried to talk to her about it, she did not care. Her response was that hers would not be the first in her family. Her mom went through divorce, her grandma went through divorce, and I guess her great grandma went through the same.

You can choose to be different. You can re-invent your relationship. There is a saying in the Mundani language that clearly speaks to the importance of relationships; it goes as follows **“A king that has people is more important than a king with money.”** In other words, money alone is not enough, but you cannot have money without having people. This implies that as you desire to be successful, you must prioritize the relationships in your life because you are not going to go far without them. The importance of relationships cannot be underscored, but the good news is that you are going to be given the opportunity to reinvent all the relationships in your life that might have suffered because in your quest for success you neglected and did not provide the nurturing that would have made these relationships thrive.

You must have heard that you cannot have both worlds at the same time or you cannot eat your cake and have it. Maybe you were told by some guru that something must suffer and in your case, your relationships were placed on the chopping board. You kept thinking that when you “arrive” you will take care of the important relationships in

your life, but as time has gone on, you have dug the hole of separation deeper and deeper and right now there seems to be no way out for you. Don't despair because there is hope for your relationships as well and it is going to experience the power of reinvention beyond your wildest imagination. You are going to be presented with a blueprint of making every relationship in your life to work, blossom and prosper.

You know those relationships in your life that have suffered because they have been neglected by your busy schedule. Somebody said, "Show me your schedule and I will tell you those that are important in your life." It is not easy to think about those that you care and love, but the true test is the amount of time that you set aside on your schedule to nurture and take care of these relationships. Wishing, desiring and thinking about our loved ones is not enough, this only is not going to cut it. The rubber meets the ground when you set time and engage with your loved ones. Stop waiting for the perfect time for you to spend quality time with them. You have already lost so much time and time is not waiting for you. Fortunately for you, we are going to be giving the tools and the know-how of having quality time with your loved ones.

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There are many different relationships that you need if you truly want to be successful and experience exponential and unlimited growth. The paramount relationship is the one that you have to establish with the Divine. We are talking about your Heavenly father, who is the source of all things. When you cultivate and maintain this relationship, nothing will be impossible for you because nothing is impossible with Him as well.

Remember that we have already started that success that does not continue into eternity is incomplete, and our hope for you is that by

the time you are done with this book you will have an excellent grasp of the eternal truth. We are not talking about religiosity or joining some church, cult, denomination or religious order. This is a call for an intimate relationship with your creator and the one who knew you before you were conceived in your mother's womb and knows the outcome of your life and holds your future. It is a smart idea to get to know Him and learn what he has in mind for you. Do not panic that you are clueless about how to proceed, I am going to walk you through that. And you will learn how to reinvent this most crucial and vital relationship that you need if you truly want to thrive and live in abundance and experience supernatural growth and increase.

Remember that Jabez did not turn to his parents, uncles, or government when he realized that it was time for him to move to a different level. It is reported that he cried out to the Divine and asked for more and his simple yet powerful prayer was answered, and he was propelled into unprecedented growth and increase. This same power is available to you, and it is not going to cost you anything. All you need to do is to receive because the price has already been paid. If the brothers of Jabez had done what he did, they too would have had the same results, but for some apparent reason they did not open their mouths and ask. Here is a promise that is better than money in the bank.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”¹⁷

Print this **blank check** and post it on your bathroom mirror and memorize it until you can say it without thinking about it. This is not

¹⁷ Matthew 7:7-11

wishful thinking, it is the key to unlocking all that you need, and it is yours for free, and all you need is to pick it up and use it. Your heavenly father knows what you need and is interested in providing it. You may not be a father, but if you are a parent, you understand how much you love your children and how you go the extra mile to ensure that their needs are met no matter how expensive it is.

At times you forget about your own needs and focus solely on theirs. If you as a human are capable of doing this how much more your heavenly father who is the creator of everything? It is worth noting that you do not do things for your children because they are good or deserve it. You meet their needs because you are their father or mother and it is what is expected, and you know it is a responsible thing to do. But you are limited as a human being in what you can do because your resources are limited. The exciting news is that your heavenly father is not limited by time space and matter and will do anything and everything for you. Therefore, no matter what it takes, it is in your best interest to learn how to re-invent this relationship if you have not yet done that and the benefits will blow your mind.

In addition to the divine, there are other relationships that you may want to re-invent as well, and I'm going to be providing you with the tools and resources to do that. There is a need to work in collaboration with other people because each and every one of us has strength and weaknesses. Therefore, we need other people who are not like us to compliment us in the areas that we are deficient in. This is part of the reason King Solomon who is one of the wisest people who ever lived said, that **"Two are better than one."** You are going to do more and achieve greater things if you build relationships with other people and work with them. The notion of a "self-made" man or woman is outdated. This is a myth that has no scientific backing too. No truly successful and prosperous person can say that they made it on their own.

Take for example if you are the owner of a business you will need people to work for you to generate wealth and make your company grow. Therefore it is in your best interest to nurture and support this relationship with those that are working under you. If you fail at this your business will fail as well. At the core of all what we do is to need to

meet diverse human needs. Every business is designed to meet a human need, and all inventions and innovations by humans are for humans and to meet our needs. This implies that relationships with other humans have to be priced above all else. Those that understand this learn how to do it will not only thrive in what they do, they will succeed and outlive all their competitors. Therefore, it is imperative for anybody who wants to be truly successful to learn how to build human relationships. If you fail at this, you will not go far. Because whatever product, idea or innovation or even invention that you come up with must be consumed by a human being. If this exchange does not take place, you are going to remain poor and broke.

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Career Reinvention

We spend more time at work than anywhere else, and it should be time well spent and enjoyable as well. Unfortunately, this is far from the truth. According to Beth Stebner a reporter with the Daily News quoting a Gallup study, 70% of Americans are negative about their

jobs¹⁸. Unhappy workers are so many. Work is already hard and for it to be dreaded and hated makes a bad situation worse.

This type of attitude towards work is unhealthy and has hampered many people from reaching their full potential. Work should be meaningful, engaging. Unfortunately, many people are doing the job just for the paycheck because they want to make ends meet. Superficially this makes sense because many people have debt, bills, and mortgages to pay. But in the long run, many people are sacrificing their future productivity, earning potential, happiness, and fulfillment for momentary gain. This is a tragedy that can be avoided because money is not a good motivator and will not bring you lasting joy and fulfillment. Sooner or later the lure of money will fade, and these individuals will either move to the next high paying job or stay where they are drag themselves to work each day because they lack the courage and the will to move on. This will cost the owner of the company money in lost production, and the moral and psychological health of the employees will be negatively impacted as well. All this confusion, loss and pain can be avoided; in fact, we must do all within our power to resolve this issue.

Do not let anyone deceive you that you can do anything as long as you are paid to do it and the love for it will come later on. This is a myth that many different studies have busted and it is time for you to focus on what you love because it is the thing that you were created to do. Pay close attention to that fact that we are not talking about what is easy to do, but what you love. When you love you do, and this doing is going to require tremendous sacrifices, endurance, long-suffering, and perseverance. There is no shortcut, you will be required to go through the grind. Take for example if you were created to sing you will love to sing, but you will spend hours on end practicing and honing your craft if you want to be exceptional. If you love to run and become a world-class athlete that will command top dollar you will have to put in the time and go through the grueling training drills that are needed to condition you to win. You must have heard about the gruesome death of Jesus Christ on a Roman cross. He was tried in a kangaroo court after he was falsely

¹⁸ Beth Stebner, "Workplace morale heads down: 70% of Americans negative about their jobs, Gallup study shows," Daily News, June 24, 2013, www.nydailynews.com/news/national/70-u-s-workers-hate-job-poll-article-1.1381297.

charged with a crime he did not commit and tried without any lawyer to represent him. After his accusers condemned and flogged him, they placed a crown of thorns on his head and forced him to carry the cross on which he was going to be crucified to the place of his death. When he got there, they stripped him naked and nailed him to the cross, lifted him up and allowed him to bleed to death. When he died, his side was pierced with a spear by one of the Roman guards to ensure that he was truly dead. When the spear went through his side, blood and water flowed out, and this confirmed that he was dead, and they took him down and buried him.

Are you wondering what caused this young man who was just a little above 33 years to die as a public criminal although he had not committed a crime? If you consider opening the eyes of the blind, healing the sick, feeding the hungry and casting out evil spirits from the demon-possessed a crime, then you have a point. But any normal person will know that all these acts are good acts, and the reward should be praise and not death. But the case of Jesus Christ of Nazareth was different. The religious leaders in his day were so jealous of him because of all the good works Jesus was doing were drawing so many people to hear Jesus teach and watch him perform miracles that these leaders felt threatened. They were afraid that their position of influence was going to be lost with all the other privileges that came with it. They had to act quickly, and the only option was to solve the problem from the root; kill Jesus Christ and that would silence him forever. They did not know that Jesus was born to die, because it was God's love for all humans that sent Jesus Christ on earth in the first place. Jesus loved the father enough to obey to come and when he was on earth his love and compassion for all humans motivated him to allow himself to be crucified. He loved us so much that he did not consider his life worthy to be preserved. Before I end, it is important to consider the following power statement that Jesus made concerning our attitude towards how we conduct our lives. He said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain." Dying is something that most humans dread because it involves loss, discomfort, and uncertainty. But if you do not die you will not be productive. No matter the career path you choose, if you want to excel,

you must die, that is giving up comfort, predictability and put in the work that is required for you to be successful. I hope this has clarified the misconception that some have when they hear about doing what they love to do. That said let us get back on the issue at hand.

Do you dread Mondays and cannot wait for Friday to come? Does the thought of going to work make you feel to stay in bed and cover your head in your sheets? Do you hate talking about what you do to other people? Have you caught yourself at work daydreaming of being somewhere else? Are you always complaining about your job is demanding and stressful and that you do not enjoy doing it? Do you feel trapped and there seems to be no way out of your current job? Have you felt that you made the wrong career choice and will rather be doing something else instead of what you are doing right now? Is money the only thing that is keeping you in your current job?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then it is time for you to consider re-inventing your career. There is no need to feel stuck in a job or any career that is not fulfilling, and you do not enjoy it. Life is too short for you to waste it doing something you do not love. The possibilities of what you can do with your life are endless, and we hope that you will be able to explore some of these possibilities and find what your gifts and talents were designed for you to accomplish. It is only when you find what you were made for and do it that you will truly be satisfied and fulfilled. There is no price tag for working in a job that you have the skills for and have a love for the job. Some have coined it, "finding your sweet spot." This is a place where, talent, ability, expertise and love for what you do converge. This is where you want to be. Because when you take a close look at the lives of the most successful people, they have found their sweet spot. In short, they do not only enjoy what they do, but they are also extremely good at it and love it. A majority of them will tell you that they are in not for the money, but for the joy of it. They will still do the job even if they were not paid. No wonder they actual command top dollar, because they had to let go the money to keep it. You will not be truly wealthy and successful if money is your main motivator and driver. Many people have made this mistake and are trapped in professions that they had no business getting into in the first place. What will you do with your life if money was not a problem? This

is a question that is at the heart of discovering what you were created to do and all those that have a holistic success profile have answered this crucial question.

You are going to be given the opportunity to answer this question if you have not already done so, because how far you go in life is directly related to the answer you give to this crucial question. The focus is on you and what you were born with and where you are right now.

Resist the temptation to compare yourself to others because you will always find those that you think you are more than them and those you think are more than you as well. The sad thing is that we become proud and arrogant when we think that we are more than others, and this is a bad attitude.

On the other hand, when we feel that others have more than us, we develop resentment, envy and eventually jealousy. This is a bad attitude and will hamper us from reaching our full potential because it is a fundamental distraction from us and prevents us from developing and maximizing our God-given potential. The race is not against others, it is against yourself so focus on that and do not get distracted by where others are and what they have or do not have and what they are doing or not doing.

Now that we have established the need for reinventing yourself the next chapter will focus on the way forward. In other words, what you must do to reinvent yourself is going to be discussed in greater detail.

CHAPTER 3



How You Can Re-Invent Yourself

Now is the time to become all you were created to be. You always hear people talk of having a second chance at doing or becoming something and recovering something that was lost. As you have already seen, reinventing yourself is more than having a second chance, because it is focused on you moving into an entirely different dimension.

This new dimension is completely different from the former one. The dimension comes with new and greater possibilities than the old. Do not forget that Jabez was already prospering more than all his brothers, yet he still asked to be blessed. Many people struggle when it comes to walking in abundance because they think that wealth, affluence and luxury are evil. This type of thinking is rooted in a faulty understanding that acquiring amazing wealth must come at the expense of others. Therefore, there is no need to ask, desire or work for more because it will make other people worse off.

Nothing is far from the truth in that an increase mindset understands that when the tide moves into the harbor every ship, boat or vessel in the harbor is lifted. Those with an abundance mindset know that limitation is in mind, for the reality is that we are all surrounded by limitless possibilities. In addition to having limitless possibilities, we have limitless potential as well. It has been reported that most of the people at the

top use only 20% of their brain potential. Can you imagine what will happen if humans were able to use just 50% of their brain potential?

It is not surprising that each generation is surprised and thrilled by innovations and inventions that many thoughts did not only exist but were totally impossible to create. Take for example at the turn of the last century flight was something that was restricted at the level of science fiction, but the Wright brothers with no formal training in flying and no-pilot licenses, built and flew the first plane. Not too long after that Henry Ford built the first Model T (automobile), in a generation where the horse was king. Many people had thought we were stuck with horses forever and the best thing to do was to focus on breeding bigger, stronger and faster horses. These individuals were wrong and completely taken unawares by the ushering in of the automobile which eventually knocked the horse out of business and has profoundly impacted the lives of billions of people all over the world.

When you fast forward to our days, there are so many companies that nobody had any idea would even exist when the internet started to become mainstream.

Take the likes of Facebook, Google, Amazon, Uber, etc. These are giant companies that have taken advantage of the internet to completely redefine how we shop, move from one place to another and connect with one another. Many people laughed at the idea of doing commerce online, but it is becoming mainstream and billions if not Trillions change hands online each year. ***There will always be skeptics and those who do not see beyond today, but we cannot allow a limiting mindset to set the agenda.***

To re-invent yourself you have to believe in abundance, and limitless potential and possibilities for that is a fact. Belief is so powerful that it underpins everything that we do. Your actions are directly tied to your beliefs. In the same light your fears, inaction, and indecisions are tied to your belief. That is why it is impossible to do anything, go anywhere, become anything if you believe that you do not have what it takes, and it is impossible to do it. If you say you cannot do something, it is because you believe that you cannot. Therefore, you will not be able to do it no matter how much you try.

Take the likes of Facebook, Google, Amazon, Uber, etc. These are giant companies that have taken advantage of the internet to completely redefine how we shop, move from one place to another and connect with one another. Many people laughed at the idea of doing commerce online, but it is becoming mainstream and billions if not Trillions are exchanged change hands online each year.

Therefore, the path to re-inventing ourselves is wide open to those who believe that that they have what it takes to reinvent themselves and can do it. As much as this sounds simplistic and easy, most people do not hold this view. This is why the top 5% of the population controls the 95% of all the wealth. To join this top 5% club, you have to develop the mindset of a champion and a top performer. I say develop a mindset because what we read, hear, and watch is what we meditate on. When we meditate on something, we give life to it, because our belief system is driven by what we meditate on. When you form a strong belief system, it will determine your actions. The fact is that what you act on is what you get. It does not make how much you say you know or believe something, it is when you act on it that results are evident.

No wonder Brother James, one of the Apostles states emphatically,

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”¹⁹ James 2:14

This is not a suggestion; if you do not take action nothing will happen. If it is planting season, any farmer that fails to plant their seed

¹⁹ James. 2:14 (New International Version).

will not have any harvest when harvest time comes. It does not matter the good intentions the farmer has. He may even believe that it is an excellent idea to plan his fields. If the farmer does not actually plant the seeds, there will be zero harvest; period! There are no shortcuts, you must do something if you want any results.

What is Re-Invention?

I do not want you to be second guessing where we are headed to, because if you do not see clearly where we are going, you may not even know when you get there. Before we get into the proven steps that you need to take to reinvent yourself, it is imperative that we take a close look at what reinvention entails.

Throughout this journey, Jabez and the prayer he prayed has been at center, and it is important to keep drawing much-needed inspiration from him. We have successfully established that Jabez was already more successful than his brothers, yet he desired to have more and did something about it.

Jabez understood where the true source of exponential growth is and how to go about it. It is important to note that Jabez did not complain about his past or present circumstances like many people do. He understood the power of confession and using the right words. Here is the prayer that Jabez prayed,

“Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh that You would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.”

We know that the circumstances under which Jabez was born were not desirable because his birth caused his mother pain and Jabez must have grown up hearing about the pain and misery he caused his mother, but he somehow saw beyond this pain and pressed on towards the potential that he was carrying. Later on, in life, Jabez became more successful than all his brothers, but he had a desire for more and was wise enough to go to the source and ask for more. If you want to reinvent yourself, you have to;

1. Desire

Desire is your strongest ally: Without a strong desire, you will remain where you are no matter how many inspirational and motivational books, tapes, CDs, videos and messages you listen to and watch. How hungry are you for success? Many people complain about their circumstances, background and the lack of connections or one thing or the other. These complaints and excuses may make all the sense in the world, but what they just complain and excuses because they keep you where you are. Those that win big have refused to let excuses no matter how justified they are to hold them back. Nobody says it better than George Gilder

“You cannot keep a committed person from success. Place stumbling blocks in his way, and he takes them for stepping-stones, and on them, he will climb to greatness. Take away his money, and he makes spurs of his poverty to urge him on. The person who succeeds has a program; he fixes his course and adheres to it, he lays his plans and executes them; he goes straight to his goal. He has not pushed this side and that every time a difficulty is thrust in his way. If he can’t get over it, he goes through it.”

When you have a strong desire for anything, it will lead to commitment and those that are committed cannot be stopped. Obstacles, distractions opposition, you name it, will come up against you, and instead of running away from what you want, you will face all this opposition squarely and keep marching on.

A story is told of a young man who went to Socrates and asked him that he wanted to be wise like him. Instead of sitting the young man down and sharing all the secrets of how to gain wisdom, Socrates did the unthinkable by asking the young man to go down to the beach with him.

The young man was wondering what in the world Socrates was up to, and it got weirder when they arrived the beach and Socrates

walked into the ocean and asked the young man to come to join him. Startled and perplexed the young man obliged and when he got close to Socrates, he suddenly and unexpectedly grabbed him and plugged him under the water and held tight. The young man was taken completely unawares and thought this was some type of cruel joke only to realize that Socrates was up to something serious because he held him under the water intensely and refused to let him come out. After the young man thought he was about to pass out, to his greatest relief, Socrates suddenly pulled him out of the water. Immediately he came out, he took a deep breath, and air has had never felt so good. After he was able to recollect himself, he asked Socrates why he had almost killed him. That is when Socrates asked him what was the most important thing that occupied his mind while he was under the water. The young man responded that the air was all he wanted. When he was under the water everything else paled in comparison to his need for air. Socrates made him understand that when his desire for wisdom will reach the intensity with which he desired air when he was under the water, he will become wise.

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The question for you is how much do you desire to be truly successful?

Is this a second thought or something that you truly want to happen? If the answer is that you truly want to truly be successful, then you must heighten your desire and hunger for success. Without a strong desire, it will be impossible for you to reinvent yourself.

Jabez did not allow what he was already having to prevent him from desiring to have more. He understood that there was more and he reached out for it, because God has abundance and when he blesses you, others can still be blessed as well. Do not allow where or what other people have or do not have to prevent you from reaching beyond the stars. Talking about the stars. Do you know that we have billions and trillions of stars and all of them have their place in the universe? All the stars shine. You too have your place and should not let anybody to intimidate you.

2. Admit your need.

Nothing is going to move towards you if you are proud, arrogant and lack humility. For you not to become a dumping ground, you have to keep that inflow and outflow of information and resources through you. For osmosis to take place, there has to be a weak and a strong solution, and this applies to convection currents and the redistribution of heat and cold. Many people do not grow because they think they have arrived. They are too proud to admit that they have a need and in most cases the need to grow. Those who reinvent themselves are humble and not afraid to say that their skills need to be updated and that where they are right now is not enough to take them where they want to go.

Jabez was already successful and richer than his brothers, but that did not get into his head. He remained humble, and that prompted him to cry out for more. Do you know your strengths and weaknesses, or you think you are superman? Do you know what you are lacking and how to get it? Do not be like those who want to take credit for everything that happens in their lives and because of that never allow others who are more gifted in their areas that they are needy in to compliment them.

3. Go to the real source.

God is the source of all things, and as a faith person who has experienced God's supernatural involvement in my life, I will be disingenuous if I do not point you to the true source of all things. With God all things are possible, and there is nothing that God cannot do. This is something that Jabez did not only recognize, but he believed and acted upon it.

Who are you crying to? Jabez did not cry to his parents, siblings or the government. He cried to God because he understood that God is faithful and never fails. Instead of complaining and wishing things were different he went to God with his need.

Who are you looking up to? Are your parents your source or other people? To re-invent yourself you will have to go to God for He is the source of all things.

4. Be specific about what you need.

There is no need to beat around the bush if you do you will not get anything.

*Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss,
that ye may consume it upon your lusts. James 4:3*

You have to figure out what you need, admit that you need it and be as specific as possible. Some people suffer from false humility, by not being specific about what they need. If you want to become a millionaire do not be afraid to say that is who you want to become, no matter how big the desire is, you should not be afraid to articulate it. This is why it is crucial to write down what you need and be specific and detailed as possible. Let us look again at the prayer of Jabez again.

“Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh that You would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.”

There is no need for a lot of commentaries because as you can see, Jabez was specific and stated clearly what he needed. He was not afraid to be specific and bold in stating what he needed. To reinvent yourself you will have to figure out what you need precisely and be specific in stating it. All of us have different needs and areas that need growth, and that is why our specificity will be different.

5. You must ask before you receive.

If you do not ask there is no way for you to receive. Pride prevents many people from asking because they are afraid others will think they are weak and ignorant, and they do the same to God.

Stop deceiving yourself, there is nobody that has it all and none that knows it all either. We need others to compensate for the areas of our weakness, and it is OK to ask others for help. No wonder Jesus Christ said,

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”²⁰ Matthew 7:7-12 (NIV)

You must open your mouth and ask what you need specifically if you want any results. If you do not ask you will get nothing. One way of asking is looking for resources that have the solution that you are looking for. That is why another crucial part of asking is reading books, listening to tapes and watching videos put forward by those you know

²⁰ Matt. 7:7-12 (New International Version).

more than you. Unfortunately, many people allow pride to prevent them from learning from others. Some are even too proud to ask God for His blessings. What are you going to lose if you ask God the creator of Heaven and earth to bless and increase you? You must be ready to do all is going to take for you to increase and I am suggesting that asking God is something that you must consider.

Jabez asked God and got an answer. If you ask you are going to get a response as well. There is nothing wrong or shameful in asking because givers know that they are not supposed to break the cycle of giving and receiving. Pride is an enemy to asking and receiving. Some people would rather die than open their mouth and ask for help from others. Do not allow pride to rob you of the benefits of asking. Reinventing your mind demands and requires that you ask and ask from the right source.

Ask and you shall receive. You receive not because you did not ask. There's no crime in asking. Even if the response is "No", at least you asked. Some people are poor and proud. What a terrible combination. It's a recipe for disaster.

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6. Anticipate and expect an answer.

At the core of asking and receiving is the expectation of an answer. If you do not believe that you will receive an answer you are not going to ask. You are reading this book because you want to grow and here is how to do that. To reinvent yourself will require you to anticipate and expect that things can and will be different when you do the necessary changes that are required of you.

Many people allow their past experiences, failures, mistakes, and disappointments to rob them of their present and future opportunities. You must rise above what has happened to you and may be happening to you right now to step into all the great possibilities that are available

to you. For this to become your reality, you must anticipate and expect it to happen.

7. You may have to go alone.

It is amazing that Jabez prayed alone. There is no record that he was in a prayer meeting or went and asked somebody to pray for him or with him. All we read is that Jabez cried out to God. Nobody cried out on his behalf or with him. He said the prayer on his own and got the result that he desired. You will be surprised that many of those around you may not be interested in changing their circumstances and may mock and discourage you from reinventing yourself. They will ridicule and doubt your attempt to become a new you and will tell you of all that is not going to be possible.

This is when you will have to go alone. You do not need the crowd when it comes to you stepping into a life of increase and abundance. There is no need for you to seek the approval of other people for you to reinvent yourself. Always remember that those who are telling you it is impossible to change, to grow and to walk in the supernatural will laugh at you if you remain where you are right now. I take this opportunity to permit you to move on and become all you were created to be. You can do it alone, and it is OK!

8. The cornerstone of the reinventing process

Before we wrap up this chapter and move on to how to reinvent yourself, it is crucial to take a close look at what actually transpires in the reinventing process. We would be building castles in the air and bound to fail if we do not understand what transpires in the reinventing process. It is a process of transformation and change that must come from within. You are not just going to whitewash or do some external cleaning and patches. No, you will be doing more than a total makeover. You are about to completely take out your old programming and replace it with a brand new one, and this is the basis of that and why it is going to work.

First, you are transformed by the renewal of your mind.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, given God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”²¹ Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Scripture is very clear about this. If there was another way by which your life can be changed, the scripture would have stated that. It’s very SPECIFIC: By the renewal of your mind. PERIOD!

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The battle is lost or won in the mind and you must understand this if you want to succeed in reinventing yourself. You are not waiting for something to happen to you on the outside, but it is an internal work that only you and you alone must do. There is no other way to experience supernatural growth, increase, and transformation without the renewal of your mind. You cannot be like everybody else and expect to achieve different results. The starting place is that of accepting that you are different and there is nothing wrong with that.

Second, you must guard your mind

When you reprogram your mind with the right information, you will be operating from a place of victory, abundance, and success. Therefore

²¹ Rom. 12:1-2 (New International Version).

you must do all within your power to guard your mind because out of it is going to flow all that you need.

*“My son, pay attention to what I say;
turn your ear to my words.
Do not let them out of your sight,
keep them within your heart;
for they are life to those who find them
and health to one’s whole body.
Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.
Keep your mouth free of perversity;
keep corrupt talk far from your lips.
²² Proverbs 4:20-24 (NIV)*

Pay attention to what you allow to come out of your mind because the actions that you take are completely dependent on what you think and meditate upon. It is crucial for you to guard your heart and by ensuring that what you read, listen, and watch is in line with the direction you want to go. Do not allow any information that is contrary to the direction you want to go because you cannot be meditating on the wrong information and expect to achieve greatness. It is high time you cut out all negative information and all sources of influences that are contrary to the directions you want to go. Remember that Jabez prayed alone and did not allow the opinion of others to influence how he prayed. It may be time to move away from certain friends and places. Anything in your life that does not help you to achieve your goals is an unnecessary load, and you should drop it fast.

²² Prov 4:20-24

CHAPTER 4



Proven Steps To Re-Invent Yourself

This is the chapter you have been waiting for and looking forward to. If you have skipped other chapters to get here I would suggest that you go back and read from the start to here. Many people say they know and what they are actually saying is that they have heard knowledge about a certain subject. While head knowledge is the first step to knowing, it is not an end in itself.

In the previous chapter, we emphasized the need to be transformed by the renewal of your mind and this involves paying attention to what you read, watch and listen to. All this information that you gather has the potential of determining your belief system and what you believe in determines your actions and what you act upon is what you will achieve. Here is a quote from my good friend Dr. Eric Tangumonkem.

“If you say you know something, but it has not changed your actions, you only have head knowledge, and meta knowledge is not enough. Therefore, if you say you know but do not do you are deceiving yourself. Show me what you know by what you do.”

It is easy for people to say they know, yet they are not changing and are stuck in their ways. If head knowledge was enough everybody would be healthy, rich and successful and even going to heaven. But we know

that this is far from happening because we have a lot of poor, sick and broken people all around us. In addition, to being poor, sick and broke, some of these people are still separated from God because they have heard but have not believed and acted upon the word.

Permit me to add the following warning found in the Holy Bible

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”²³ James 1:22-25 (NKJV)

It is unacceptable to watch your face in the mirror and refuse to remove the dirt that is found on your face. Can you say that you looked at the mirror? The proof that you looked at the mirror is in the removal of the dirt on your face or clothes. Let me put it this way. If you say you know how to read, but never read, what difference is there between you and somebody who does not know how to read? The only way to be different is to read regularly. Therefore, it is not enough to know, you **MUST** act on what you say you know. If no action is taken, then you will not have any results period! Stop deceiving yourself by saying you know, yet not acting on the knowledge that you have gathered.

I learnt in nursing that if you did not document it, it means you didn't do it. So, from this point forward, there would be some exercises you would be required to do. Please do yourself a huge favor to do them. You will be glad you did.

The following action steps **MUST** be followed by you religiously if you want to reinvent yourself. There is no shortcut and I'm not going to tell you what is impossible to do. The steps you are about to discovered has worked for me and many others, so I have no doubt that this would work for you.

²³ James 1:22-25 New King James Version (NKJV)

Many others have already done it, and you should be able to do likewise. This is not going to be an easy process, but you should not allow the challenges involved to stop you. Many people are going to misunderstand you, and some will ridicule and insult you. Do not allow your detractors to have the final say. It is your life and your decision to make the most of it and do not need the permission or approval of other people to do what is in your best interest. Never forget that you are not the first to ridiculed, misunderstood and insulted. All successful people in history and even those living right now had to deal with similar circumstances, but the good thing is that they refused to give, and pushed to the end. It is an opportunity to prove your detractor wrong and succeed in spite of all the mounting opposition and ridicule.

I'm going to present to you the steps that you must take. Follow the steps accordingly because the subsequent steps depend on the preceding ones.

I will be using the analogy of the computer because it speaks clearly to the process of reinventing yourself. When you have a faulty or outdated computer program, you do not throw away the entire computer. The sensible thing to do is to **keep the hardware and deal with the software** because that is where the “brains” of the computer are located, and the performance of the computer is determined by the software. Like any other analogy, we are aware of the limitations that this will pose and beg your indulgence to focus on the message I'm trying to convey here.

We are assuming that the computer hardware is functioning properly and only the programs are having issues. Likewise we are assuming that you are a healthy and normal individual without any physiological problems. If your “hardware” is having any issues, you will have to fix it before re-inventing yourself. How to fix your “hardware” is completely out of the scope of this book, but if you are reading and have read this far, I'm confident that your “hardware” is intact and you will be able to proceed with the reinvention process. You are going to follow each step meticulously and ensure that you implement all the instructions that are given. Failure to follow the instructions will lead to failure. When you are installing a new computer program, you **MUST** follow the instructions; if not it will not work. Let us get along with the program.

Step 1 – Uninstall

This is the most crucial step, and all the other steps depend on it. Therefore, you must do this meticulously and do it right. There is no room for error and no shortcuts. You are going to have to come “clean” if you want the new you to function at full capacity. The assumption here is that you know what the word “uninstall” is and what uninstalling does. You probably have uninstalled many programs from your computers and gadgets, and you know exactly what it means and how it works. When you remove an old computer program from your computer device, the program is gone for good. Likewise, when you uninstall all the negative programming that has prevented you from experiencing geometric growth and massive success, you will enter the realm of abundance and unlimited growth and increase. This idea of having an abundant life is not something that we have just invented from thin air. Here is what Jesus Christ the Son of God said concerning abundant life,

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”²⁴
John 10:10 (KJV)

The thief is behind all the old programming that has prevented you from excelling and now is the time to get rid of the thief. But it is not a pain-free process. You will have to make some hard choices, but remember that anything is worth keeping is worth fighting and sacrificing for. Consider the following instruction from Jesus Christ himself when it comes to uninstalling faulty programming;

“If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with

²⁴ John 10:10 King James Version (KJV)

one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.” Matthew 18:8-9 (NIV)

You can take this instruction literally or get the gravity of what Jesus is telling us to do here. Whatever causes you to sin or in other words to miss the mark has to be dealt with promptly swiftly and decisively and at all cost. You cannot afford to keep missing the mark. The cost of living a life of lack and scarcity is huge, and you **MUST** do whatever it will take to break free. Now is the time to face “your demons;” call them out and get rid of them. There is going to be tough opposition, but you must stand your ground. Do not be afraid to fight to get your freedom. The beauty of it is that abundant life, increase and unparalleled growth awaits you. Many have done it, and you can do it as well.

But there is a specific step that we must do first before we can uninstall anything. This crucial step is **IDENTIFICATION**.

You must identify the faulty programs that you have operating in you right now. How will you uninstall something that you do not know about? It is imperative to call it by name and deal with it squarely. There is no need to hide behind family history, past experiences, failures, or whatever excuses you have been giving yourself up to this moment. Anything that prevents you from achieving your goals is an obstacle, and as my good friend, Dr. Eric Tangumkem says, “Nobody pampers and protects obstacles, because if the obstacles are not removed they will cause you to stumble and fall. In some cases, the obstacles will completely block you from moving forward. That is why you must treat all excuses as obstacles for that is what they are.”

Here is your opportunity to call all the things that have prevented you from succeeding for what they are. And to achieve a successful eradication of these obstacles, we need to do some diagnosis and identification. This will help us through the process. This is a necessity, a crucial first step. As in a computer, we need to pinpoint exactly faulty or outdated programs that we want to uninstall and eliminate completely. This case we will be getting rid of this faulty programming from our minds. This may appear tedious, but it pays to do so.

We have listed some pre-identified unwanted things in our lives. This list is not exhaustive because each one of us is different. You have

to ensure that all the excuses that you have been giving for not being all you were created to be are identified, including but not limited to what others have done to you that you think have contributed to your present circumstance. All you need to do is check the list if it applies to you and a candidate for un-installation. If your faculty programming is not listed here, you should add it.

- I love to talk about other people's lives
- I "make faces" when I am corrected
- I eat junk foods when I watch television
- I eat fatty foods every day
- I drink unhealthful beverages
- I skip breakfast all weekdays
- I am always late for an appointment
- I am always rushing to get to the office
- I easily worry even about simple things
- I don't assume responsibility for my actions
- I shout when I am angry
- I can't control my mouth to say bad words
- I have a low regard of myself
- I have a fear of authority figures
- I am afraid to venture on new things
- I am afraid to try because I might fail
- I feel that it's weakness to show emotion
- I do not cry
- I have built a defense whenever I'm hurt
- I never feel contented with what I have
- I am a computer-addict
- I am addicted to alcohol
- I cannot forget my childhood bad memories
- It is difficult for me to forgive
- I always get even and take revenge
- I always want to be ahead of others
- I'm bitter towards my mom or dad
- I always do a shopping spree
- I buy things even I don't need them

- It is difficult for me to share what I have
- I have the tendency to procrastinate my work
- I have low self-esteem
- I am ashamed of my past
- I do not like to learn new things
- I am afraid of crowds
- I do not like to read books
- I think I know a lot and do not need any help
- I have an affair once in a while
- I am not lucky
- I have bad luck all the time
- I am addicted to pornography
- I do not like meeting strangers
- I dread speaking before people
- I cannot stand it when others are more successful than me
- I do not like change because it makes me uncomfortable
- Money is a bad thing
- Rich people must have defrauded others that is why they are rich
- Some are born to be rich and others to be poor
- The stock market is a gamble and never invest my money
- Inspirational and motivational messages are useless
- People never change, and it is a waste of time trying
- I like taking revenge on those who wrong me
- My skin color is holding me back
- My gender is a problem
- The circumstance of my birth set me up for failure
- The neighborhood that I grew up in messed me up
- There is only so much money that can be made
- To become wealthy others have to become poor in the process
- Money, success and other good things come to those who are lucky
- I do not like to compete against others
- I do not believe in any supreme being etc.
- Where you were born determines how successful you will be
- Nobody knows me
- I am a descendant of slaves

- I am too young
- I am too old
- I am a black male
- I am a white male
- I am not born in a palace
- I do not have enough education
- I am too educated to allow myself to do certain things
- I am afraid that I will fail
- I do not want to embarrass myself, family and friends
- I am too timid
- I do not know how to speak
- I have an accent
- I am alone and have no friends
- I do not have money
- I lack the technical background and skill to do it
- Others are already doing it
- Nobody will listen to me, because I am a nobody
- I am not handsome enough and will repel people
- I easily get discouraged and lack the stamina to get it done
- Poverty is a sign of holiness
- God does not want me to be rich and successful
- I will rather have riches in heaven than have them here on earth
- I do not like to exercise because it is hard on my body, especially my joints
- Everybody will die sooner or later, so why bother to make any improvements
- I live to eat for it is what you eat that you leave the world with
- There are shortcuts to wealth and success, and I am still to discover them
- I am waiting for the day things will turn around for me and do not need to do anything
- I am a woman and do not have what it takes to do it
- I was born at the wrong time, in the wrong place and to the wrong parents
- I am not a leader
- Nobody will ever listen to me

- The world is already saturated with the ideas that I am having.
Therefore nobody cares
- It is too late, and I have only a few years left to die
- People and easily tell that I am a fraud and a fake actor
- I do not have any dreams
- My dreams are dead
- I do not know what do to
- I do not have the right connections
- I do not have the right amount of money to start with
- Nobody in my family has ever done it
- I am from the most backward and least sophisticated village on the face of the earth
- I am ashamed of my background and do not like who I am
- My parents are poor and did not send me to a good school
- There is nothing special or unique about me
- Some are born rich and will remain rich; others are born poor, and poverty is their lot.
- It is better to be dead than alive
- I want to commit suicide because it will take care of everything
- It is impossible for me to control my thoughts
- I am at the mercy of my circumstances
- I do not like pain and suffering
- I avoid inconveniencing myself at all cost
- I hate fasting, in fact, I have and will never fast
- I do not trust people
- I like to work alone and hate teams

This list is not exhaustive, and you should add your own limiting believes on it and discard them as soon as possible. There are more of our negative outlook which we have developed through the years, but this time, it is better if you list them by yourself. Sit, relax and think of those unwanted habits or attitudes that you want to be free of. You need to be true to yourself. This is the moment of truth, and only you can free yourself and here is your opportunity to that.

Do not continue reading until you have done this exercise. Sit down in a quiet place, grab a notebook and a pen or pencil and write down all

the negative things that are holding you back right now. Some of these may appear to be genuine and justifiable reasons, but the reality is that these are obstacles and roadblocks that must be removed for you to move forward. Now is your opportunity to do that. Write down everything that you think is a good reason why you have no pursue your dreams and do the things that you will like to do.

After you finish writing you will have to make some drastic changes. We have already said that these changes are not for the faint-hearted, but if you do not push yourself to make them, the alternative is a life of poverty, lack, and failure. You cannot afford to continue living your life like that.

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The process of uninstalling this negative programming involves some of the following;

1. Get rid of bad associations:

Let us start with one of the most difficult things you must do because only you have what it takes to do it, for nobody has what it takes to do it for you. You must identify and get rid of the toxic people in your life. By now you know what toxic people are. Anybody that re-enforces some of the toxins that you have identified to be holding you back is a toxic individual. All those who are negative and always try to hold you back when you want to move forward are toxic; these are individuals who do not believe in your abilities and always find fault in anything you want to do. At the time they tell you that they are just being frank and want you to face “reality.” According to this toxic individual, “your reality” is getting stuck where you are because they tell you that your past has the potential to rob you

of your future. Please move away from these people at the speed of light. You must do all within your power to stop listening and associating with such individuals no matter who they are. We are not suggesting that you develop a hatred for them. What we are saying is that you dump their ideas and suggestions in the trash can for that is where it belongs. Some of your greatest critics are going to be those “close” to you for they will claim to “know” you better. Some of them think they can determine the outcome of your life, just because you were born in the same household, went to the same school or have been friends for a long time. Please, when it comes to getting rid of toxic people from your life, there is no compromise. This is not an easy or comfortable thing to do, but you **MUST** do it. The urgency and need to get rid of some people you are currently associating with is underscored by the following powerful scriptures;

“He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.”²⁵ Proverbs 13:20 (NKJV)

“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”²⁶ 1 Corinthians 15:33 (KJV)

The admonishment to get rid of people who have a bad influence on you is clear. There is no compromise because the stakes are extremely high. It is actually a matter of life and death, and you should be wise by choosing life. If you are honest with yourself, you will admit that some of the junk in your life is because you associated with “friends” who introduced you to drugs, alcohol, smoking, cheating lying, adultery, fornication. These so-called friends did not only introduce you but supported and motivated you to continue on this destructive path. Each time you want to come clean, these “friends” hold you back, and you need to belong and be part of something has contributed to keeping you in shackles. Now is the time to break the chains and be free.

²⁵ Provb 13:20 New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁶ 1 Corin 15:33 King James Version (KJV)

Do you want to walk in unlimited abundance and fruitfulness? Do you want to be at the top of your game and achieve greatness and experience exponential growth? Then you must take the following admonishment seriously;

*Blessed is the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.²⁷
Psalm 1:1-4 (NKJV)*

Prosperity, success, and riches do not happen by chance and are not limited to a certain select group of individuals. When you take a close look at the words in the Psalm above you will realize that keys to a life of success, fruitfulness and unlimited increase are clearly spelled in there for all to access and unlock great wealth and unlimited potential. Can you picture a tree that is planted by a river and is never in lack of water and all the nutrients it needs to bear fruit? Nothing can go wrong with such a tree, because the tree is firmly planted in abundance and increase and will by default be productive no matter what.

Your life can be like that of this tree when you get rid of all the toxic people in your life. When we talk of getting rid we simply mean that when they give you the advice you should not listen to it and should politely ignore or turn it down.

A story is told of David and how he defeated the giant Goliath who was by far an experienced warrior, bigger and stronger than David. But David was able to bring down this giant and used his own sword to chop off his head. This will not have been possible if David listens to his

²⁷ Psalm 1:1-4 New King James Version (NKJV)

older brothers. They too were experienced warriors, and David was an inexperienced 17 years old shepherd boy. David's father sent him to go give food to his brothers who were fighting against the Philistines. When David arrived, he heard and saw something that moved him deeply, and he decided to do something about it. Goliath from what David gathered had been a challenge the army of Israel for 40 days for them to send out one strong man to come out and fight him. But all the men in the camp of the Israelites were afraid, and nobody dared to face Goliath. That is when David showed in the scene and said he was going to face Goliath. His elder brothers out of love and concern and desire to help David to face reality, reminder David that he was a mere Shepherd boy and had no business trying to do something experienced and older soldiers were not able to do.

Their intentions were good but wrongly placed. Many toxic people in your life have good intentions, but you should ignore them as long as they are in opposition to your growth and inspiration. David ignored his older and more experienced brothers and faced Goliath and brought a great victory to Israel that day. He did not go out in his strength but depended on the word of God. You too have to discard all the words that are contrary to what the word of God teaches. It is imperative that you do not follow the advice of people who mock God and have a disregard for Him. When you do this, you are going to prosper and experience increase and exponential growth.

Getting rid of toxic people from your life at times will require you to separate yourself from them. Do not be afraid to do that because hanging around the wrong people will prevent you from reaching your full potential. It is OK to be different and to stand alone. Consider these powerful words by Paul, the apostle.

***“Therefore, “Come out from among them
And be separate, says the Lord.
Do not touch what is unclean,
And I will receive you.”²⁸
2 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV)***

²⁸ 2 Corin 6:17 New King James Version (NKJV)

It is within your power to separate yourself from those who are opposed to your growth, and you should not feel guilty for doing that. You will be risking more if you fail to separate yourself. Do not be surprised when there is some pushback because separation is painful, but you will have to do it if you want to get rid of all the faulty programming that has been running and ruining your life up till this moment. You cannot afford to continue hanging around people who are ruining your life. It is time to come out from among them and be separate. If you needed permission to separate yourself from the toxic people that are in your life, you have my permission to do that immediately and should not be guilty of doing that.

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If you are still wondering if cleaning up the mess that has been preventing you from moving forward is an option, let the story of this young 8-year-old king spur you to act immediately.

*“Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images.” 2 Chronicles 34:2-3
New King James Version (NKJV)*

The young king purged the land of all the idols and molded images that were an affront to Yahweh. He did not allow his young age to

impede him from getting rid of these idols. For the land to prosper and his reign to be successful like that of his ancestor King David, the young king Josiah had to eliminate all the idols because they were an obstacle to worshiping Yahweh the true God. While this is something that happened thousands of years ago and may not have much to do with where you are right now; it is important to understand that underlying principle. In this case, it is that of getting rid of the toxin, the things that are a distraction and a counterfeit to the real. You must get rid of all the toxic things in your life as well.

2. Stop going to certain places.

“But I like to drink and socialize with my friends and like hanging around certain places.” The issue is not what you “like or do not like.” What have you gained thus far from hanging around these people and doing the things you “like to do; the things that come to you naturally? Are you experiencing the abundant life that you desire? How successful and influential are you? What is your net worth and influence and who knows you?

If you are not where you desire and deserve to be, you must change something. If going to certain places reinforces the toxins you have been trying to get rid of, now is the time to stop going to those places. For the sake of your life and purpose, you must stop hanging out in certain places. We are not going to give you a list of places you have to stop hanging out at, because you know those places when you go, you are filled with regret afterward. Now you have the permission to stop going to those places and hanging with the wrong crowd. Yes! There is a right and wrong crowd, and you should not be hanging out with the wrong crowd if you intend to grow. Do not try to show how strong you are by exposing yourself to temptation. The prudent are those who are intentional about avoiding temptation at all cost, not because they are weak. The reason they avoid the situation that will tempt them is that it is a waste of time and a dangerous thing to do. Who in their right mind will intentionally place their hand in the fire to test their endurance? We know you are smarter than that and should have the same attitude

when it comes to temptation or places that you know have the potential of making you stumble.

3. Get rid of certain things.

There are things in your life that you must get rid of if you want to remove negative programming from your life. For some of us it may be our wine cellar, TV, computer, books, magazines, etc. We do not need to come with a comprehensive list of the physical objects that you need to eliminate from your life. It is left to you to eliminate anything that is a stumbling block to your goals. If watching too much TV is what is keeping you from pursuing your goals, then it is time to get rid of that box. This process is not an easy one, but you must do it if you want to grow. **You need to let go to grow.** If you have watched the movie fireproof, you would have noticed that the main character in the movie is a fire chief whose marriage was about to collapse because he paid more attention to pornography than his wife and marriage. There were other issues in his life, like saving money to buy a boat meanwhile his marriage and home needed that money. This fire chief was faced with the prospect of losing his marriage or getting rid of his porn addiction and letting go of the dream of buying a boat.

These things were toxins that needed to be eradicated, and nobody could do it for him. He was a fire chief that was doing well at work but failing miserably at home. One day he got home, sat in front of his computer and turned it on. Then a pop-up window came up with a link to a porn site and a woman beckoning him to click on it. The fire chief unplugged the computer carried it out of the house and smashed it with a baseball. Then he used the thousands of dollars he had saved to buy his boat to meet a serious medical need that his mother-in-law was having. These actions remove the toxin in his life and placed him on the path to healing, recovery, and restoration, and eventually, his marriage benefited because he eliminated unwanted or toxic stuff from his life.

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Whatever things you have in your life that are preventing you from growing and stepping into the supernatural dimension of your life, now is the time to get rid of them. We are talking about uninstalling faulty programs, and you must trash some things that are preventing you from growing and being all you were created to be. There is nothing that is more important than you are reaching your full potential because when you reach your full potential, all other things will follow you. Have you met anybody that is doing extremely well in their area of calling and fulfilling their purpose in life who is not also well off?

4. Eliminate negative information.

It is impossible to grow if you surround yourself with negative information and feed on it all the time. You are formed by information that comes to you. Uninstalling means you must do some house cleaning and get rid of all the negative sources of information, like books, movies, and messages that you listen to. In addition to eliminating all this negative information you also have to empty all the negative information already in you. In short, you have to do some house cleaning.

And below are some of the items you need to send to the “junkyard.” In addition to the elaborate list I presented at the beginning of this chapter there are other toxins that you must eliminate as soon as possible.

“But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord

*out of a pure heart. But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.*²⁹ *2 Timothy 2:20-23 (NKJV)*

There are specific things listed in the verses above that you must get rid of and that should be your top priority. When you do this tough part, all that you desire will come to you, and you will start experiencing unprecedented growth and increase. Do not be afraid to turn off the negative TV programs or trash those movies that have been reinforcing the negative things in your life. Get rid of anything that is not helping you out now!

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5. Ask for help.

You are not going to be able to do it on your own and must ask for help. The champions are those who know even though they are great still listen to the advice of a coach. The wise ones are those who get connected to the Divine. Those that experience unlimited growth and increase know that it is prudent to connect to God and to ask for his help. What will you miss by asking God to help you clean up your mess? There is nothing you will lose. Instead you are going to be set free from the chains of sin and will be given an opportunity for a fresh start. God made you and knows how to uninstall any faulty programs that you have in you right now. Why not humble yourself and ask for God's help? Ask God right now like King David did by saying the following;

“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Psalm 51:7 (NKJV)

²⁹ 2 Tim 2:20-23 New King James Version (NKJV)

If you ask sincerely and believing God will cleanse you and you will be squeaky clean, because nobody can do a better job than Him. It is free, and you do not need to pay anything, because Jesus Christ already paid the price for your sins. All you need to do is to confess them and ask for forgiveness and for cleansing.

But you may choose not to ask for help to be cleansed, and the results are not very desirable. Consider what King Solomon says concerning those who hide their sins and refuse to come clean;

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”³⁰
Proverbs 28:13 (NIV)

The language is straightforward and easy to understand. If you hide your sins, you would not prosper. Why would you do that? Why would you settle down for anything less than a life of prosperity, increase, abundance and unlimited growth and supernatural influence? Remember that “knowing what is good and do it not is definition of sin”.

You may be wondering why anybody in their right mind will do that. Well, there are millions of people who are doing just that, and it explains why only the top 5% of the population ever reaches their full potential and truly become all they were created to be. To get into to this club of the select few, you must be willing to admit that you need help and give up those things that are holding you back. It is impossible to help anybody who thinks they do not need help. If sin has dominion over your life, now is the time for you to confess it and get delivered. If you do not, you are going to remain where you are. Come clean and be cleansed and the floodgates of heaven will open upon your life, and you will flourish and prosper beyond your wildest imagination.

6. Change your attitude.

There is nothing more important than your attitude and it will determine how high you fly, how fast you move and how far you will eventually go. By now you know that Jabez had the right attitude because

³⁰ Prov 28:13 New International Version (NIV)

he did not allow his past to prevent him from reaching out to God in the present for his future.

Jabez was humble enough to ask God for help and for his blessings. He did not blame God for the pain that his birth caused his mother. Instead his attitude of gratitude positioned him for greater blessings.

How many times have you heard the saying that **“your attitude to life determines your altitude in it”**? Attitude is a product of how we perceive the world around us and determines the actions we take or do not take. A negative attitude is destructive and will rob you of your blessings and make your life miserable and eventually kill you. It is impossible to excel if you have a negative attitude. If all you see are problems, instead of opportunities, then you will forever get stuck and make little progress.

Consider two shoes salespersons who were sent to an island to do a market survey to sell shoes. When these two men arrived on the Island they realized that the inhabitants of the island had never worn shoes and did not know what shoes were.

The first salesperson called his company headquarters and in a sad voice told them that, the mission had to be canceled because there was no opportunity. According to him since the inhabitants of the island had no concept of what shoes were, it was going to be an uphill task to teach them about shoes, then how to wear them before trying to sell shoes to them.

Because this was going to require a lot of work without any guarantee of success, the first salesman developed a negative attitude. He got defeated before starting; because his report was so negative his company called him back, and he left the island. Many people quit before they even start at all.

The second salesperson took a completely different approach.

He too called his company headquarters and with a lot of excitement in his voice told them that they have stumbled on an opportunity of a lifetime. An island filled with inhabitants that had never worn shoes and will sooner or later be buying a lot of

shoes. According to the second salesman, after the challenging and exciting work of teaching these people about shoes and how to wear them was completed they will be so much in love with shoes that they will buy thousands of them. Then their children and children's children will buy shoes and will develop loyalty to his company because they invested time, energy and resources to introduce them to shoes and how to wear them. His company called him back and asked him what he needed to get the job done. He got all that he asked for, and after some sweat and toil he broke into the shoe market on that island, and his company became a household name on that island.

You can see opportunity where others see obstacle and problem simply because of your attitude.

Remember **that the problem is not the problem but how you see the problem is the problem.**

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You can see that our attitude has a lot to do with how we respond to circumstances and situations. A wrong attitude will see opportunities as problems. The story of the two salesmen clearly illustrates this. They were faced with the same challenge one viewed it as an obstacle, and that other viewed it as an opportunity. The right attitude made the second salesman to succeed, and the wrong attitude caused the first salesman to fail.

What is your attitude towards circumstances and situation that you find yourself in? Do you see opportunities hidden in those “negative” circumstances, or you see just the obstacles and shrink back? Developing the right attitude is not something that you wish, it takes action and the willingness to see beyond the obstacles that you are facing. But you must get rid of your bad attitudes, and if not you are going to remain where you are. A bad attitude is so toxic that it will not only rob you of your dreams and aspirations, it can literally kill you.

Why do you think people keep smoking even if they know the risk of getting cancer is high? Why do people have unprotected sex when sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS are rampant? Why do people refuse to invest a portion of their income, even though they know someday they will retire and will not be able to work? The questions can go on and on. The simple answer is that people have a bad attitude and it prevents them from doing what is right and beneficial. The results of such a bad attitude are evident all around us. You must change your attitude if you want to walk in supernatural increase and be truly successful and now is the time to do so.

7. Change how you perceive yourself.

If you say you are a failure then you are a failure. If you say you cannot make it, then you will not be able to make it. Why are you surprised that you are stuck and making little or no progress? Your negative self-perception is what has been holding you back and now is the time to let it go. You must get rid of looking at yourself in such a negative light. There may even be people around that have been affirming that you are no good and nothing great will happen in your life. Stop listening to them and start changing how you look at yourself and your potential.

8. Change your environment.

Maybe it is time for you to relocate. Every divine relocation comes with divine allocation. You remember story of Abraham? God relocated him. Maybe what you need is divine relocation. Remember I say “divine relocation”. You don’t want to do it on your own.

This implies that you may have to change your zip code, pack and move to a different city or country. This may sound radical, but it may be the only thing you must do if you want to live to your full potential. As radical as this may sound, this may be your only alternative. Some people insist that they have to stay connected to their roots. Of what use is staying connected to your roots if it is preventing you from growing and becoming all, you were created to be? The fact that you are born

somewhere does not mean that you must remain there. Do not allow groupthink to hold you back. At the end of the day what matters is your growth.

You may have to relocate from one continent to the other. In my case, I left the continent of Africa for the North American continent because it occurred deep in me that my calling to expand and grow without any limitations was tied to me moving out of the African continent. Please do not get me wrong.

I am not in any way saying that the African continent is cursed or that those living there have a problem or will never amount to anything. The truth is that many have left the African continent for the wrong reasons and are not doing well and will not excel in the diaspora because they left the continent, but the content did not leave them. They left but did not leave behind all the negative programming that has prevented them from growing. No wonder they are living in countries with limitless possibilities yet complain and grumble all the time.

I see many Africans even here in the States that don't eat and cannot eat American food, everything about them still smell Africa. Those people changed continent physically but they have not changed mentally.

In order words it is not where you are that will determine the outcome of your life; it is your attitude that will. But when you have the right attitude, you will move for the right reason. If you believe that leaving the African continent or any other continent is the only guarantee for your success you will not do well no matter where you are until you change your attitude and worldview.

There are many successful people on every continent on earth, and this applies to every city on the face of the earth. If you take a close look at the lives of these successful people you will realize that the one common denominator they all have is the belief that they will be successful, no matter what. This is the foundation on which you build.. If you lack this, you will be a beggar even in a gold mine.

When I was in Africa, I heard so many tales about wealth, prosperity and affluence in the United States of America that it did not cross my mind that there could be a beggar on the streets of the United States of America. I thought everybody was rich and successful and that there was no lack and no suffering. After all, it is the "White man's" land, and

everything thing is under control. We had been raised with this distorted notion that the whites were at the top and had superhuman qualities and could conquer all.

No wonder I was shocked and dumbfounded when I moved to the United States of America and saw people begging on the streets. To add to my perplexity some of these individuals were white. White men and women sleeping on the streets and begging from an African like me? This cannot be happening! Then the truth hit me that our geographic location, contrary to all appearances, is not the determining factor in the outcome of our lives. What is truly crucial is what we do with what we already have. Therefore, **before you change your geographical location, you must change your thinking first** and ensure that you believe in what you already have. If this transaction does not take place, you will be wasting your time if you move out of your country, state or even neighborhood.

I am not in any way downgrading the benefits of moving out of a drug-infested neighborhood, or a country with limited economic potential or room for upward mobility to a country with great opportunities and room to grow. Of course, many people move for this reason and achieve some limited success. But if you want massive success and unlimited growth, your motivation must be more than economic opportunities and social mobility.

In my case, I got introduced to internet marketing and Forex Trading back home in Nigeria, I was doing very well. In fact, I left the banking job I was doing then to work full time from home. I was in Nigeria but had a bank account in United States of America, but then I discovered that there would be greater opportunity for me in the States if I could get myself there. This was after I had played visa lottery (DV Program) for 12 years. I finally won after the 13th attempt. Then in Nigeria, it was difficult to open PayPal account, and do so many things online. This was my major motive of relocation then.

Remember that Jabez was already doing better than all his brothers, yet he still cried out to God for more. He wanted that Divine connection and manifestation upon his life. No wonder after some many thousand years, nobody remembers Jabez's brothers, but all we hear of is Jabez. Have you ever thought about your legacy and what will happen after

you exit the scene? Or all you are motivated is to have a good house, car and well-paying job? There is nothing wrong with having any of these things, but if that is all you desire and want, you must wake up. There is more to life than having a good paying job, a house and a car. Wake up and walk in your full potential and leave a mark on your generation. You were not born to go to school, get a job, work and die. You were born to do much more.

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9. Change your philosophy of life.

Your philosophy of life is how you look at life. It is an embodiment of everything you know about how life works, what to expect from every situation and how to respond. It is your philosophy that determines what you do when somebody calls you names, insults and degrades you. When people praise you and exalt you, how you react is controlled by your philosophy of life. When things do not go the way you planned or anticipated and when you suffer a defeat of setbacks how you react is determined completely by your philosophy. When you are betrayed by your close friends and backstabbed by business associates, your response is governed by your philosophy of life.

Your philosophy of life can adequately explain why you are where you are right now. Because you are not experiencing the type of growth, success, and prosperity that you desire and deserve, implies that your current philosophy of life is not delivering, and you must change it. Change as we all know is difficult and many of us we do all we can to

avoid change at all cost. We rather prefer the status quo to remain where it is, because the familiar and predictable is comfortable.

The truth is that you cannot afford to keep operating with this faulty philosophy of life, because it has failed or has prevented you from achieving the massive success that you desire. Part of uninstalling is uninstalling your faulty philosophy of life. It is time to get rid of the idea that others are better than you and that you do not have what it takes to become successful in whatever you are being prompted to do. You must eliminate the belief that you are ordinary and there is nothing special about you. This is a big lie! You are extraordinary, you are unique, and that is why your fingerprint is unique among the more than seven billion fingerprints of humans on earth. What makes you think that after racing a more than 4000 miles race against close to five million other people and emerging first you are not unique and special? Do you think all those who are extremely successful and prosperous have two brains and an extra pair of eyes? What is it about these individuals that have set them apart from the masses?

These successful individuals that most of us envy and wish we were like them are just like all of us. They have one head, two arms and legs and 24 hours just like every human does. They have fears but have learned how to conquer these fears. They have doubts but have learned how to overcome their doubts. These successful individuals have understood that it is up to them to succeed or fail and that their philosophy of life determines their lot in life. That is why these individuals are selective about who they listen to and what thoughts they entertain. Anything that is contrary to their core belief system is discarded and not meditated upon, no matter where it is coming from. They do not wait for others to validate them. And do not dress to impress or drive a car to add value to themselves, because they know they are already valuable.

You are special and now is the time to start believing that and discarding all the self-doubt, scarcity thinking and negative self-image that you have of yourself. You do not need to become somebody else all you need is to become you. Everybody else is already taken, therefore do all to be you by getting rid of all the bad life philosophy that has crippled and shackled you.

10. Get rid of FEAR

FEAR is **F**alse **E**vidence **A**ppearing **R**eal. That thing that is scaring you is not real but in your imagination it is. The best way to conquer FEAR is to do what FEAR says you shouldn't do.

Many people are where they are right now as a result of the element of FEAR in their life. Each time they want to move forward, do something BIG, take a huge step and so on, FEAR steps in and they quit even before they start.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

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Fear could mean Phobia. I was surprised to discover a lot of things that people are scared of. As found on <https://www.fearof.net/> below are top 100 Phobia List.

These are the top 100 phobias in the world, with the most common ones listed from the top. You can visit the website to learn more on each phobia to learn about causes, symptoms and treatments.

Arachnophobia – The fear of spiders affects women four times more (48% women and 12% men) than men

Ophidiophobia – The fear of snakes. Phobics avoid certain cities because they have more snakes.

Acrophobia – The fear of heights. Five percent of the general population suffers from this phobia.

Agoraphobia – The fear of open or crowded spaces. People with this fear often won't leave home.

Cynophobia – The fear of dogs. This includes everything from small Poodles to large Great Danes.

Astraphobia – The fear of thunder/lightning AKA Brontophobia, Tonitrophobia, Ceraunophobia.

Claustrophobia – The fear of small spaces like elevators, small rooms and other enclosed spaces.

Mysophobia – The fear of germs. It is also rightly termed as Germophobia or Bacterophobia. Trypophobia

Aerophobia – The fear of flying. 25 million Americans share a fear of flying.

Trypophobia – The fear of holes is an unusual but pretty common phobia.

Carcinophobia – The fear of cancer. People with this develop extreme diets.

Thanatophobia – The fear of death. Even talking about death can be hard.

Glossophobia – The fear of public speaking. Not being able to do speeches.

Monophobia – The fear of being alone. Even while eating and/or sleeping.

Atychiphobia – The fear of failure. It is the single greatest barrier to success.

Ornithophobia – The fear of birds. Individuals suffering from this may only fear certain species.

Alektorophobia – The fear of chickens. You may have this phobia if chickens make you panic.

Enochlophobia – The fear of crowds is closely related to Ochlophobia and Demophobia. Trypanophobia

Aphenphosmophobia – The fear of intimacy. Fear of being touched and love.

Trypanophobia – The fear of needles. I used to fear needles (that and death).

Anthropophobia – The fear of people. Being afraid of people in all situations.

Aquaphobia – The fear of water. Being afraid of water or being near water.

Autophobia – The fear of abandonment and being abandoned by someone.

Hemophobia – The fear of blood. Even the sight of blood can cause fainting.

Gamophobia – The fear of commitment or sticking with someone to the end.

Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia – The fear of long words. Believe it or not, it's real.

Xenophobia – The fear of the unknown. Fearing anything or anyone that is strange or foreign. Achievemephobia

Vehophobia – The fear of driving. This phobia affects personal and work life.

Basiphobia – The fear of falling. Some may even refuse to walk or stand up.

Achievemephobia – The fear of success. The opposite to the fear of failure.

Theophobia – The fear of God causes an irrational fear of God or religion.

Ailurophobia – The fear of cats. This phobia is also known as Gatophobia.

- Metathesiophobia** – The fear of change. Sometimes change is a good thing.
- Globophobia** – The fear of balloons. They should be fun, but not for phobics.
- Nyctophobia** – The fear of darkness. Being afraid of the dark or the night is common for kids.
- Androphobia** – The fear of men. Usually seen in younger females, but it can also affect adults.
- Phobophobia** – The fear of fear. The thought of being afraid of objects/situations.
- Philophobia** – The fear of love. Being scared of falling in love or emotions.
- Triskaidekaphobia** – The fear of the number 13 or the bad luck that it is supposed to bring.
- Emetophobia** – The fear of vomiting and the fear of loss of self control.
- Gephyrophobia** – The fear of bridges and crossing even the smallest bridge.
- Entomophobia** – The fear of bugs and insects, also related to Acarophobia.
- Lepidopterophobia** – The fear of butterflies and often most winged insects.
- Panophobia** – The fear of everything or fear that terrible things will happen.
- Podophobia** – The fear of feet. Some people fear touching or looking at feet, even their own.
- Paraskevidekatriaphobia** – The fear of Friday the 13th. About 8% of Americans have this phobia.
- Somniphobia** – The fear of sleep. Being terrified of what might happen right after you fall asleep.
- Gynophobia** – The fear of women. May occur if you have unresolved mother issues.
- Apiphobia** – The fear of bees. Many people fear being stung by angry bees.
- Koumpounophobia** – The fear of buttons. Clothes with buttons are avoided.
- Anatidaephobia** – The fear of ducks. Somewhere, a duck is watching you.
- Pyrophobia** – The fear of fire. A natural/primal fear that can be debilitating.
- Ranidaphobia** – The fear of frogs. Often caused by episodes from childhood.
- Galeophobia** – The fear of sharks in the ocean or even in swimming pools.
- Athazagoraphobia** – The fear of being forgotten or not remembering things.
- Katsaridaphobia** – The fear of cockroaches. This can easily lead to an excessive cleaning disorder.
- Iatrophobia** – The fear of doctors. Do you delay doctor visits? You may have this.

- Pediophobia** – The fear of dolls. This phobia could well be Chucky-induced.
- Ichthyophobia** – The fear of fish. Includes small, large, dead and living fish.
- Achondroplasiaphobia** – The fear of midgets. Because they look differently.
- Mottephobia** – The fear of moths. These insects are only beautiful to some.
- Zoophobia** – The fear of animals. Applies to both vile and harmless animals.
- Bananaphobia** – The fear of bananas. If you have this phobia, they are scary.
- Sidoglobophobia** – The fear of cotton balls or plastic foams. Oh that sound.
- Scelerophobia** – The fear of crime involves being afraid of burglars, attackers or crime in general.
- Cibophobia** – The fear of food. The phobia may come from a bad episode while eating, like choking.
- Phasmophobia** – The fear of ghosts. AKA Spectrophobia. Who you gonna call? Ghostbusters!
- Equinophobia** – The fear of horses. Animal phobias are pretty common, especially for women.
- Musophobia** – The fear of mice. Some people find mice cute, but phobics don't.
- Catoptrophobia** – The fear of mirrors. Being afraid of what you might see.
- Agliophobia** – The fear of pain. Being afraid something painful will happen.
- Tokophobia** – The fear of pregnancy involves giving birth or having children.
- Telephonophobia** – The fear of talking on the phone. Phobics prefer texting.
- Pogonophobia** – The fear of beards or being scared of/around bearded men.
- Omphalophobia** – The fear of belly buttons. Touching and looking at navels.
- Pseudodysphagia** – The fear of choking often after a bad eating experience.
- Bathophobia** – The fear of depths can be anything associated with depth (lakes, tunnels, caves).
- Cacomorphobia** – The fear of fat people. Induced by the media. Affects some anorexics/bulimics.
- Gerascophobia** – The fear of getting old. Aging is the most natural thing, yet many of us fear it.
- Chaetophobia** – The fear of hair. Phobics tend to be afraid of other peoples hair.

Nosocomophobia – The fear of hospitals. Let's face it, no one likes hospitals.

Ligyrophobia – The fear of loud noises. More than the instinctive noise fear.

Didaskaleinophobia – The fear of school. This phobia affects kids mostly and even some adults that ought to further their studies to be better in life.

Technophobia – The fear of technology is often induced by culture/religion. You would be so surprised how many adults are still computer illiterate even in United States of America.

Chronophobia – The fear of the future. A persistent fear of what is to come.

Sphexophobia – The fear of wasps. You panic and fear getting stung by it.

Ergophobia – The fear of work. Often due to social or performance anxiety. This is also what makes some adults sit around at home and play computer game all day while they are supposed to be at work.

Coulrophobia – The fear of clowns. Some people find clowns funny, coulrophobics certainly don't.

Allodoxaphobia – The fear of opinions. Being afraid of hearing what others are thinking of you.

Samhainophobia – The fear of Halloween affects children/superstitious people.

Photophobia – The fear of light caused by something medical or traumatic.

Disposophobia – The fear of getting rid of stuff triggers extreme hoarding.

Numerophobia – The fear of numbers and the mere thought of calculations.

Ombrophobia – The fear of rain. Many fear the rain due to stormy weather.

Coasterphobia – The fear of roller coasters. Ever seen Final Destination 3?

Thalassophobia – The fear of the ocean. Water, waves and unknown spaces.

Scoleciphobia – The fear of worms. Often because of unhygienic conditions.

Kinemortophobia – The fear of zombies. Being afraid that zombies attack and turn you into them.

Myrmecophobia – The fear of ants. Not as common as Arachnophobia, but may feel just as intense.

Taphophobia – The fear of being buried alive by mistake and waking up in a coffin underground.

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As you could see, there are different factors responsible for that FEAR you have right now and permit me to tell you that they are not real at all. So, it's high time you un-installed that FEAR because it's not real. It's limited you this far, it's time you moved forward.

Now, take some time to write in the column below those things you would love to uninstall right now. Remember the first step toward uninstalling is identification. Now, start writing.

Step 2 – Install

Just like a computer, after you have un-installed an old software then you would need to install a new version. You must have been scared when I insisted that you must get rid of all the toxic people in your life. Because you might have been thinking that you were going to be left alone. You are not going to be left alone, because you will be replacing the toxic people with people that will bring life to you.

It is important to understand that **the amount of wealth or degree of success you have is an average of the five closest people to you.** This implies that you must surround yourself with people that are excelling in the areas that you desire to excel in. You are going to be the intention in selecting those you draw into your inner circle because how far you grow and how high you fly is going to be determined by those who are closest to you.

Surround yourself with the right people.

We are not talking about people who are beholding to you. Instead you need people that will cause you to grow and keep expanding. **If you are the smartest person in the room, you are in the wrong place,** and it is time to move to a different room. Do not allow your ego to stifle your growth. In other words, the need to be right all the time and to be listened to and followed can rob you of much needed growth. It is not about your ego, it is about you becoming all you were created to be, and this should not be sacrificed on the altar of being in charge and the one everybody is listening to. There are times you too must listen and follow others.

You need people who are strong enough to hold you accountable and hold your feet to the fire when the need be. **“Two are better than one,”** says King Solomon. You are going to be better off and move faster when you surround yourself with the right people.

Surround yourself with the right influences.

You are never going to rise above the books you read, the movies you watch, the tapes and music you listen to and the places you visit.

We already discussed that you should stop going to certain places, but it does not mean that you are to become a hermit crab. Now is the time to replace the bar, strip club and fast food restaurants with going to church, healthier restaurants, the library, networking meetings and other wholesome places that will build, empower, inspire and motivate you.

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You will know a place is the right place for you when you go there and leave better than when you went in. Your vision gets clearer, and your fears, worries, and doubts diminish, and your self-esteem, confidence and courage rise. When you reflect on the time you spent in the place there is no remorse or regret for anything. Instead, you have a sense of fulfillment and joy for the time you spent there.

You become your thoughts, and your thoughts are influenced by the information that you consume. The information you consume is determined by the content. Therefore, you should carefully select the content of any information that gets in through your ears and your mouth. It is time to get rid of some of the music that you listen to and replace it with uplifting and positive music.

Have you ever found yourself in an exam hall where everybody was complaining about the examination? What did you too do even if you knew that you did well in the exam? Complain. That's right! There are some friends that all they do is complain of their jobs, government, their spouse, complain about God, etc.

There are a lot of good books to read and movies that will build you up and nourish your mind and your dreams. Tune to the right radio stations that will reinforce the fact that you are not a victim but a victor. Watch TV programs that will inspire you to be your best. Read books on leadership, personal growth, and development, nutrition, health fitness

and wellness. Reading the biographies of other leaders and successful people is good. There are excellent sermons online, on tapes, CDs, etc. Get some of these messages and saturate your mind with them.

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Remember that steps 1 and 2 go together. As you are uninstalling you are also installing at the same time. You don't wait till when you finish uninstalling. There is never a vacuum, and your mind is not neutral, it must be filled with something, which is why after you empty your mind of all the toxins it becomes imperative that you fill your mind with the right information. Take responsibility for the books on your bookshelves and the restaurants that you eat in. Only you and you alone can police what you watch, listen to, read and the places you visit. You cannot afford to have an "empty" mind because your subconscious mind needs information to work on. And you are the gatekeeper.

Positive thoughts:

Much has been written about the power of positive thinking, and this is not an attempt to endorse or refute if positive thinking works or not. Being a faith person, I cannot leave such an important and crucial issue to guesswork. Let us look at what the Bible teaches concerning what to do with our thoughts.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.³¹ Philippians 4:9-9(NIV)

³¹ Philippians 4:9-9 New International Version (NIV)

The instruction to think about things that are true, noble, pure, excellent and trustworthy is clear. The reason is that if you think about these things you will eventually produce them because **we become what we think all the time**. Why would Paul the apostle wrote to remind us to have the right thoughts if what we think about did not matter? He knew and has been shown by many others that our **thoughts become our beliefs and our beliefs influence our actions and our actions determine the result we get**. Therefore, it is important to take control of our thoughts and one excellent way is to focus on the positive instead of the negative.

This is not going to happen naturally on its own. Therefore, you have to be intentional about getting positive information into your mind and teaching yourself how to think positively. You are not at the mercy of your thoughts and should install positive thoughts, trustworthy, pure and admirable thoughts by thinking about such things. You will do this through positive self-talk, something that we are going to dwell on when we talk about activation and running your new you.

You cannot neglect to feed your mind with positive, uplifting and hopeful information. For every coin there are two sides. Likewise every situation has two options. There is the positive and negative outcome, and it is left to you to choose what to focus on. Even when the situation appears to be overwhelmingly “evil” there is always something good that is associated with it. It becomes imperative that you train and condition yourself to extract the good out of this apparently evil situation. Take for example if you are fired or terminated from a job, it may be an indication that it is time for you to start your own business, or move somewhere else that will be more profitable to you. The process is usually painful, but it should not prevent you from doing what is right for you and that is choosing the positive and walking in it.

Adopt the right attitude.

We have talked about this in step 1. Your attitude is going to determine your altitude. How high you will rise and how far and fast you will go is 100% dependent on your attitude. It is important that attitude has to do with a settled way of thinking and this is usually reflected in how you behave. In other words, how you perceive the world

and the things around you based on prior experiences and preconceived notions and ideas.

The filters that you use to process new information will determine what gets into your mind. If something does not get into your mind, there will be nothing for you to meditate upon and if you do not meditate upon something you will form no wrong belief system and without believing in something you will take no action. Without taking action, nothing will be done. If you do not do anything, nothing will change. If nothing changes, you will remain where you are.

Therefore, having the right attitude is so crucial, and it will make or break you. Now is the opportunity for you to install the right attitude. You need a new frame of reference, that which believes that you are unique and wonderfully made. It is time to affirm that you are unstoppable because your life has meaning, and purpose and you are here because the world needs you.

Now is the time to tell yourself that riches are not for some select few and that you have what it takes to be successful, rich and powerful. You have to adopt a positive attitude about life and believe that the world is not against you but is for you. All the obstacles that come your way are opportunities for growth. With the right attitude, you are going to be unstoppable.

Change your philosophy of life.

The philosophy of your life is how you view your life. Your philosophy of life encompasses everything about you, especially how you view life or your outlook on life. This includes how to interpret events that happen in your life, how you react to other people. You are being given the opportunity for you to change how you view yourself and we will illustrate that with some of the toxins that you eliminated from your system in the previous chapter. Change is difficult, but it is even more costly and devastating if you refuse to change and remain where you are. We know that your intention is to change and that is why you are reading this book in the first place. Many people want to change but do not know what to change and how to change. The list we are presenting below is the starting place for you to change. It is a unique opportunity to replace the negative with the positive, to substitute lack for increase,

doubt for faith, hopelessness for hope. The list is not comprehensive, but it is a good place to start.

You may want to print out this list and post it on your bathroom mirror or wall and meditate upon it until it has been engraved in your subconscious mind. This is going to take time for you to completely replace your self-doubt with self-confidence and boldness. The process is simple, each time a negative thought comes into your mind, you MUST replace it with a positive thought.

Uninstall	Install
I love to talk about other people's lives	<i>I will stop talking about other people's lives for it is not a good thing to do</i>
I "make faces" when I am corrected	<i>I will stop making faces when I get corrected</i>
I eat junk foods when I watch television	<i>I will stop eating when I watch television</i>
I eat fatty foods every day	<i>I will stop eating fatty foods every day</i>
I drink unhealthful beverages	<i>I am going to stop drinking unhealthful beverages</i>
I skip breakfast all weekdays	<i>I will stop skipping breakfast</i>
I am always late for an appointment	<i>I will go to my appointments on time</i>
I am always rushing to get to the office	<i>I will plan my day better</i>
I easily worry even about simple things	<i>I am going to stop worrying over little things</i>
I don't assume responsibility for my actions	<i>I will assume responsibility for all my actions</i>
I shout when I am angry	<i>I will remain calm and refrain from shouting when angry</i>
I can't control my mouth to say bad words	<i>I will control my mouth and stop saying bad words</i>
I have a low regard of myself	<i>I will stay having high regard for myself</i>

I have a fear of authority figures	<i>I will stop fearing authority figures</i>
I am afraid to venture on new things	<i>I will start trying new things. In fact each month I will intentionally try something new</i>
I am afraid to try because I might fail	<i>I am not afraid of failure</i>
I feel that it's weakness to show emotion	<i>I will be emotional when necessary and appropriate</i>
I do not cry	<i>I will cry when it is necessary</i>
I have built a defense whenever I'm hurt	<i>I will let down my guard and not be afraid to keep living and moving forward no matter what happens</i>
I never feel contented with what I have	<i>I will be contented with what I have</i>
I am a computer-addict	<i>I will reduce my nonproductive computer use</i>
I am addicted to alcohol	<i>I am going to stop drinking alcohol</i>
I cannot forget my childhood bad memories	<i>I will not let my past rob me of my present and my future.</i>
It is difficult for me to forgive	<i>I am a forgiving person</i>
I always get even and take revenge	<i>I will stop getting even and instead forgive</i>
I always want to be ahead of others	<i>I will empower others to be more than me</i>
I'm bitter towards my mom or dad	<i>I love my mom and dad</i>
I always do a shopping spree	<i>I will stop shopping to make me feel good</i>
I buy things even I don't need them	<i>I will not buy things I do not need</i>
It is difficult for me to share what I have	<i>I will share more</i>
I have the tendency to procrastinate my work	<i>I am going to stop procrastinating</i>

I have low self-esteem
I am ashamed of my past
I do not like to learn new things

I am afraid of crowds
I do not like to read books
I think I know a lot and do not
need any help
I have an affair once in a while

I am not lucky

I have bad luck all the time

I am addicted to pornography

I do not like meeting strangers

I dread speaking before people

I cannot stand it when others are
more successful than me

I do not like change because it
makes me uncomfortable

Money is a bad thing

*I have high self-esteem
I am going to be proud of my past
I will get excited about learning
new things and will ensure
that every three months I learn
something new*

*I am not afraid of crowds
I will read one book each month
I do not know it all, and it is OK
to ask for help*

*It is a bad idea to have affairs.
Therefore I will stop having affairs
and remain faithful to my partner
There is no such thing as luck.
All that I need will be achieved
through hard work and persistence.*

*My hard work, consistency, and
focus will make me successful and
achieve all my dreams.*

*I will stop watching pornography
by reaching out to others for help*

*I will try to meet at least one new
person that I have never meet each
month*

*I will join any organization that
trains people on public speaking and
learn how to speak before people*

*When others are successful, I will
encourage, praise and celebrate
with them.*

*I like change because change brings
growth and eventually success*

*Money is good. It is the love of
money that is bad.*

Rich people must have defrauded others that is why they are rich

To be rich, you do not need to defraud others. There is enough wealth for all of us

Some are born to be rich and others to be poor

We all have the chance of becoming rich

The stock market is a gamble and never invest my money

The stock market is not a gamble, I have to learn how-how to take a calculated risk and invest

Inspirational and motivational messages are useless

Just as I need a bath each day, I need motivation and inspiration

People never change, and it is a waste of time trying

People change if their belief system changes

I like taking revenge on those who wrong me

Taking vengeance is a bad idea because it is counterproductive

My skin color is holding me back

I am not defined by the color of my skin

My gender is a problem

My gender, not a problem. I can see all things through Christ who strengthens me.

The circumstance of my birth set me up for failure

The circumstances of my birth are not a liability, they are an asset to be used by me to become successful

The neighborhood that I grew up in messed me up

The neighborhood I grew up in prepared me to be who I am right now and who I will become

There is only so much money that can be made

There is no limit to the amount of money that can be made

To become wealthy others have to become poor in the process

We can all become wealthy, there must not be losers for me to be wealthy

Money, success and other good things come to those who are lucky

Money success and other good things come to those who are disciplined, consistent and hardworking

I do not like to compete against others

Healthy competition is good, and I will get involved

I do not believe in any supreme being etc.

Where you were born determines how successful you will be

Nobody knows me

I am a descendant of slaves

I am too young

I am too old

I am a black male

I am a white male

I am not born in a palace

I do not have enough education

I am too educated to allow myself to do certain things

I am afraid that I will fail

I do not want to embarrass myself, family and friends

I am too timid

I am fearfully and wonderfully made by God

Where I was born is not going to determine how successful I am going to be.

It is not important for others to know me for me to be successful.

Even though I am a descendant of slaves, it is not going to stop me from being successful.

My age does not determine my level of success

Age is a number, and I will not allow it to limit me.

My skin color and gender will not limit me.

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Whether born in the place or not it does not matter

Education or the lack thereof will not limit how successful I am going to be.

I am going to humble myself and put in the hard work that is needed for me to be successful.

It is Ok to fail because this will teach me some of the lessons that I need.

I am going to embarrass myself as long as it will enable me to do what I need to do to achieve my goals.

I am bold, for I have not received the spirit of fear.

I do not know how to speak

I have an accent

My accent will not stop me.

Everybody has an accent and the mind is not exceptional.

I am alone and have no friends

Everybody has an accent and mine will not stop me.

I do not have money

When I get my vision well-articulated all the money that I need to accomplish it will come to me.

I lack the technical background and skill to do it

I am going to acquire the skills that I need to do what needs to be done.

Others are already doing it

There is nobody like me.

Nobody will listen to me, because I am a nobody

I do not need to be somebody for others to listen to me, because of I already somebody unique and specially made.

I am not handsome enough and will repel people

I am handsome and will attract people

I easily get discourage and lack the stamina to get it done

I have all that it takes to be all I was created to be.

Poverty is a sign of holiness

Poverty is not a sign of holiness.

God does not want me to be rich and successful

God wants me to be rich and successful.

I will rather have riches in heaven than have them here on earth

The streets of heaven are already made up of gold, but I need the gold here on earth to live on.

I do not like to exercise because it is hard on my body, especially my joints

Exercise is good, and my body needs it. To be successful, I have to exercise regularly.

Everybody will die sooner or later, so why bother to make any improvements

As long as I am living, I will keep working hard, because leaving my mark on history is important.

I live to eat for it is what you eat
that you leave the world with

*I eat to live and will not allow
food to rule over me. I am in
charge and not my appetite.*

There are shortcuts to wealth and
success, and I am still to discover
them

*There are no shortcuts to wealth
and success, I have discovered that
hard work and persistence will
deliver.*

I am waiting for the day things
will turn around for me and do
not need to do anything

*I will take action and stop waiting
for the "right" circumstances for
there is no such thing.*

I am a woman and do not have
what it takes to do it

*Being a woman is not going to
limit me from pursuing my dreams
and achieving my goals.*

I was born at the wrong time,
in the wrong place and to the
wrong parents

*I was born in the right place, time
and by the right parents.*

I am not a leader

*I was born a leader, and I am a
leader.*

Nobody will ever listen to me

*People are going to listen to me
because my voice is unique and
only I can tell my story*

The world is already saturated
with the ideas that I am having.
Therefore nobody cares

*There are too many opportunities
in the world that need answers*

It is too late, and I have only a
few years left to die

*It is never too late to try something
new and different.*

People can easily tell that I am a
fraud and a fake actor

*I am real and authentic and not
a fraud, and my conscience bears
witness with me.*

I do not have any dreams

*I have a dream that I will be
successful to accomplish the purpose
that I was created for.*

My dreams are dead

*My dreams are not dead, they are
dormant and now is the time to
wake them.*

I do not know what do to	<i>My life has meaning, and purpose and I know what to do to pursue and to accomplish this purpose</i>
I do not have the right connections	<i>I am going to go out there and make the right connections.</i>
I do not have the right amount of money to start with	<i>Money or the lack thereof will not prevent me from succeeding to pursue my goals and achieving them.</i>
Nobody in my family has ever done it	
I am from the most backward and least sophisticated village on the face of the earth	<i>Where I was born will not determine the outcome of my life</i>
I am ashamed of my background and do not like who I am	<i>I am not ashamed of my background because it has prepared me to be who I was made to be.</i>
My parents are poor and did not send me to a good school	<i>The school I went to or did not go to is not going to prevent me from reaching my destination.</i>
There is nothing special or unique about me	<i>I am unique and special because I am wonderfully made in the image of God</i>
Some are born rich and will remain rich; others are born poor, and poverty is their lot.	<i>All are born with the potential of being successful, wealthy and well to do.</i>
It is better to be dead than alive	<i>Where there is life, there is hope</i>
I want to commit suicide because it will take care of everything	<i>Suicide is using a permanent solution to solve a temporal problem, and it is a bad idea</i>
It is impossible for me to control my thoughts	<i>I can bring my thoughts under subjection and control.</i>
I am at the mercy of my circumstances	<i>I am not at the mercy of my circumstances</i>

I do not like pain and suffering	<i>Instead of focusing on the pain and suffering, I will embrace it because to grow it is OK to go through the pain</i>
I avoid inconveniencing myself at all cost	<i>I will convince myself until I achieve my goals</i>
I hate fasting, in fact, I have and will never fast	<i>I will fast as long as it is going to help me achieve my goals.</i>
I do not trust people	<i>I am going to start trusting people until they prove me otherwise</i>
I like to work alone and hate teams	<i>I need other people to compliment me. Therefore it is important to work with a team.</i>

Believe in Yourself.

When I say believe in yourself, I'm not talking about some cliché. It is ground zero for success and increase. If you do not believe in yourself, who is going to believe in you? You must believe that you have what it takes to amass wealth, to be successful, prosperous, and influential. Believing in yourself makes some people think that you are narcissistic. This is far from the truth because believing in you is a conscious recognition that God did not make "a bad product". Belief in yourself is the highest form of acknowledging that you are not the source of all things, but God is. To believe in you is to believe in God, and it is an act of faith. We all know that without faith it is impossible to please God. **"Faith is defined as being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we have not seen."** I was not consulted to be born in a particular country, by parents that I had no control over, but I believe that I cannot be limited by any of these circumstances that are totally out of my control.

Instead of focusing on what might have been as many do, I focus on what I am already having because it is the best and will deliver for me. There is no point in trying to be somebody else or wishing that the circumstances surrounding your birth change. You were born at the right time, by the right parents and in the right country. If you fail to believe this, you are going to suffer from stunted growth.

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Now is the time to recognize your uniqueness, and embrace your giftedness, because you are uniquely and specially gifted. There is never going to be another you, and the purpose for which you were created can only be fulfilled by you and you alone. It is time to get excited about you because there is much to be excited about. If you do not get excited about you, nobody else will. Take the lead, and everybody else will follow. You can do this by believing in yourself, for you are wonderfully and faithfully made in the image and likeness of God. God never makes any mistakes; therefore, you are not a mistake. You are a child of God and have all it takes to be successful and to fulfill your purpose.

Establish a strong “WHY”.

Your why is the glue that will make everything that we have said so far to make sense. **If your WHY is strong enough then HOW becomes easy.** Without a strong why everything will fall apart. Why do you want to be rich and successful? Why do you want to be wealthy and financially independent? Why do you want to have a lovely and understanding marriage? Why do you want to be healthy? And so on... Nobody can answer these questions for you, because nobody is you. But these are questions you cannot escape as well. How you answer these questions will determine how successful you will be. Everything from this point forward is hinging on your why.

Take a moment a write down your WHY below.

For example I love what I do working from home because I love spending time with my family. It gives me the flexibility I need and it gives me quality time for service of God as His minister. **The stronger your why and the more focused and refined you are, the higher your chances of success.** Therefore, it is imperative that you spend some time to figure out your why. While you are at it, remember that your purpose in life is an integral part of your why. Therefore, you cannot just wander around without know what you are doing, why you are doing it and where you are going.

For your why to be effective it must be bigger than you. For example, it is not enough to say that you want to be rich for the sake of being rich or because you were raised poor. Another reason some are perusing riches is because they want to be famous or buy whatever money can buy and indulge in all the pleasures of life without any inhibitions. While there is nothing wrong in enjoying the pleasures of this life and desire to be famous, you will be disillusion and disappointed if this is the only thing that is motivating you to become rich and well to do.

You must design your WHY to be big enough to include other people. You are not a lake, that only receives and seldom gives out, except forced by heat from the sun. The lakes that only lose water through evaporation because of intense heat are not healthy places, because of the accumulation of salts that concentrate when the water evaporates. With time these lakes become deadly because of the high salinity. Do not become a toxic person because all what you think is how to take care of only you.

There is more blessedness in giving than in receiving because the more things flow through you to others the more you are going to receive. If you are a good conduit more will be given to you. Do not be afraid that taking care of others is going to take anything from you. Instead it is going to position you for greater blessings. Take for example it is impossible for a pipe to transport hot water without being heated and likewise transport cold water without being cooled. This applies to a pipe that that is transporting oil, it will be oiled in the process. The golden rule says **“Do unto others what you want them to do for you.”** Another way to look at it is that the same measure that we use in giving, treating and caring for others will be used by others to do likewise to us.

Your **WHY** must be so strong that you are willing to lay down your life for. It must be so compelling that you will be willing to part ways with some friends, and avoid certain places because you want to pursue it. Do not be afraid to pay the price to pursue and achieve your why because no matter the cost, the reward is hundreds of times more than whatever you invested. Remember that **before any Prize there's a Price to pay.**

Step 3 - Activate/Run

When you install a computer program that you have bought and legally own the rights to use the program, it comes with a key that you need to activate the program. Without the key or access code, the program cannot run. No matter how sophisticated and powerful the program is, it will not run without activation. Therefore, you have to secure the activation key and use it.

I bought a used laptop some time ago and everything was working fine until the Windows started to malfunction. I started getting message that I should activate the Windows. I took the laptop to a very good friend of mine who is very good in fixing such computer problems in. He tried all he could do but the problem was not solved. I still had to buy another Windows 10 Pro in order to use the License Key to activate the software.

You may be wondering how this relates to you personally and to the process of reinventing yourself, exponential growth, wealth, success and prosperity. There is one crucial combinational key that you must use to unlock this great new programming that you have installed. Without this key nothing will work.

The first of this Combination Key is an attitude of Gratitude.

An attitude of gratitude is what you need to activate all the new and powerful programs that you have installed. Do not take this lightly because it is the difference between getting stuck and moving forward. Hopefully, you have completely uninstalled and trashed all the negative programs and have installed a new positive attitude. You are going to be tempted to visit your Recycle Bin to bring back those useless programs

that you have discarded. You will be enticed to go back to your vomit, to self-pity, regrets, complaints, inactivity, and unforgiveness. Some of this toxin will be dressed in legitimate complaints and excuses. You might have been truly wronged in the past, and people have wrongly taken advantage of you.

In some cases you made mistakes and have taken full responsibility, but you are having a hard time moving forward. No matter how much you try to forgive yourself and others it seems it is impossible for you to see any way out or closure. An attitude of gratitude will set you free, it will unleash the abundance life to you and streams of living waters will gush out and bring life, healing, and restoration in and around you.

You may be saying, “Wait a minute, I do not feel like being grateful because things are not yet perfect around me. I am still hurting, and those who hurt me have not yet been brought to justice.” Take a close look at this verse,

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”³² Philippians 4:6 NIV

Let us focus on the “Thanksgiving” portion of this verse. It says that in every situation you should give thanks. In other words, no matter what is going on around you, no matter how dark things are or how dire the situation is, there is always something that you can be thankful for, and it is your responsibility to identify that thing or those things and give thanks. Express gratitude for being born, for having what you are already having. It is tempting to justify an attitude of ingratitude because things are not yet what you desire them to be. For example, your marriage is still struggling your children are not yet perfect, and your portfolio is still in the red. Maybe you have not yet had that promotion or close the business deal.

My Pastor’s wife once narrated a story which she said her father had taught her and her siblings when they were growing up. She said whenever any of the children needed something and asked their dad, the father would do that same thing for another child that did not ask for that thing,

³² Philippians 4:6 NIV

and the dad would now watch to see if that same child that requested for that thing would join the one that was given in thanking him.

What a lesson! When you are trusting God for a Child, and God gives someone else a set of a Twins, you need to rejoice with that person, thanking God on her behalf because your own Isaac is on his way in the mighty name of Jesus.

You may be thinking that you will be grateful when you get all those things you desire and are hoping for. This is a big lie, and you should refrain from living in it. Happiness is not measured by the content of your bank account, your job title, social status, what you have or do not have. Happiness is a choice, and everybody including you can make a choice to be happy irrespective of their socio-economic status, educational level or net worth.

Because an attitude of gratitude is the activation key that you must install for anything else to work, it is important for us to take a closer look at it. To express gratitude is a choice and does not depend on how you feel, what you have been through or what others have done to you or failed to do. You make up your mind to be grateful for where you are right now because everything happens for a reason and it is always a good reason. At times the good is hidden in all the “bad and ugly” things that have happened, and it will require a close look and some digging for you to peel back the bad to see the good. Here is one of the most powerful scriptures in the entire Bible that addresses this issue

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”³³ Romans 8:28 (NIV)

Many people are very familiar with the KJV version of it and I think I love that also. It says:

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28(KJV)

³³ Romans 8:28 (NIV)

The grammar is straightforward. “*All things*” mean all things including the good, the bad and the ugly. It includes the racist slurs, wrongful convictions, rape, abuse, murder, hatred, bigotry, demotion, promotion, delay, death, life, hope peace, sorrow, etc. All means all, and you should look at it from that perspective if you want to move forward. Many are so trapped in hate and the desire for vengeance and payback that it is robbing them of the boundless opportunities before them.

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I am not in any way endorsing any acts of evil and condemn them without any reservation. Nobody should ever be raped, abused, enslaved, hated, called names, or taken advantage of. Unfortunately, we live in a fallen world, and evil things happen to good people. What is important here is that we figure out the way forward when these bad and evil things happen. There are only two outcomes, you can allow yourself to be stopped, stop, or you can move on.

Evil intends to stop you and eventually destroy you and your dreams. Therefore, the only way to vanquish evil is to keep moving and to be unstoppable. To do this, you must have an attitude of gratitude. The ability to see the light at the end of a very dark tunnel.

Let us take a close look at the life of Joseph somebody that was hated by his brothers to the extent that they considered murdering him without any cause. The brothers of Joseph heard his dreams that one day he would be their leader, and this did not sit well with them, and they decided to stop the dreams. One day Joseph was sent to go and give supplies to them on the field and when they saw Joseph coming all his brothers plotted to kill him so that his dreams would die. Immediately Joseph arrived, his brothers caught him and threw him in a pit with the intention of making that his grave.

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While in the pit one of his brothers convinced the others that, it would be more profitable to sell Joseph as a slave. “Why kill him when he dies as a slave anyway?” Judah reasoned, “It will be more profitable to sell him and make some money.” Joseph was sold to some slave traders who took him to Egypt and sold him to a new master. After some time his master’s wife wanted to have sex with Joseph because he was handsome and good looking.

Joseph refused to have sex with his master’s wife and this did not sit well with her. Because of that she lied that Joseph had attempted to rape her. You know what happens when any woman accuses any man of rape; it does not usually go well with the man. Joseph’s master got furious and threw him into a maximum-security prison without any trial or any possibility of parole. Joseph was thrown into prison without any possibility of ever getting out for no crime that he had committed. One of the tough questions that people ask when it comes to suffering is, **“Why do bad things happen to good people?”** Well, I do not know. But let me ask the question this way, **“What happens to the bad things that happen to good people?”** We have already seen that in **“all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”** If we hand over these bad things to God and have an attitude of gratitude, God will do some good with the bad stuff.

In the case of Joseph he was released from prison and made the prime minister of Egypt, and all his dreams came true. His brothers showed up again on the scene and had no clue who Joseph was. They were totally at his mercy, and this is what Joseph told them;

‘Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And

*now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.*³⁴ *Genesis 45:4-7 (NIV)*

Here is Joseph who had every reason to be angry with his brothers for causing him to be enslaved for 13 years and wasting his youthful years working without pay. His brothers had robbed him of the comfort of being at home and enjoyed the love of his father and protection. He had been forced to move into a foreign country and to live among Egyptian who decimated against the Hebrews and had a disdain for them to the extent that they could not even sit and eat with them. To make matters worse, Joseph was innocent and had found himself in this situation because he went out to give food to his brothers in obedience to instructions from his father. Joseph had every reason to be angry, bitter and to reject God because he refused to commit adultery and was rewarded with the prison.

He could have said **“Why Me?”** like most of us ask. **Whenever you ask, “Why Me?” what you are saying indirectly is “Why not that other person?”** Nothing did make any sense, and there is no indication that Joseph had a clue about what was happening. All he did was to keep doing what was right irrespective of the fact that his reward was in a diametrically opposite direction to the dreams he had for his life was.

He had dreams to lead his brothers and even his parents but experienced one disaster after the other. It was impossible for a slave in Egypt to become the second in command. To make matters worse this was not an ordinary slave, it was a Hebrew slave. Even if Joseph was not a slave the fact that he was a Hebrew disqualifies him of ever becoming a leader in Egypt because the Egyptians looked down on Hebrews and

³⁴ Genesis 45:4-7 (NIV)

did not associate with them. Historically, they could never entertain the thought that a Hebrew could be a leader in Egypt.

But Joseph understood something that I want you to understand. Dreams can be delayed, but not denied. Though weeping may last for the night joy will come in the morning. For behind every cloud is a silver lining. Just because the clouds are blocking the sun now, does not mean that the sun is dead or will not eventually prevail. With an attitude of gratitude and faithfulness to God and what is right, Joseph emerged at the top. He made a choice to let God make use of all the pain, disappointment, slavery, imprisonment, abuse, racism, discrimination and torture he had gone through. Joseph saw God making something beautiful out of it and allowed what God was doing to prevail. This is not in any way saying that Joseph justified what his brothers did.

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On the contrary, he allowed the attitude of gratitude to take the upper hand. What his brothers meant for bad, God meant it for good. Instead of the death that his brothers planned God brought in life and in the process made provision for them during a severe and devastating famine. Joseph was grateful that he was now the Prime Minister of Egypt and in charge of all the food. Joseph was grateful that in spite of all he had been through he was now positioned to secure a bright future for his entire family.

Lastly, Joseph was grateful that his ordeal elevated him to the number two position in Egypt. If he had not been hated and sold by his brothers and wrongfully accused and sent to prison he would never have met Pharaoh's butler, who introduced him to Pharaoh who eventually made Joseph the second in command in Egypt.

Whatever you have been through, no matter how egregious, now is your opportunity to let an attitude of gratitude heal, restore and bring abundance into your life. **It is more profitable to forgive, than**

to revenge. Abundance will flow from you and bring untold blessings and prosperity to you and all those around you if you can only apply gratitude to ALL you have been through and have been done to you by others. Without gratitude, all the effort you have made to get this far is not going to be worth a cent to you. **Use gratitude to activate your new you** and let the program run. Those around you will not understand why you are not seeking vengeance but embracing and wishing all you meant evil to you well.

Okay, it's time for an exercise. Take some time to write below everything you are grateful for. Remember to be grateful for those closed doors, lost opportunities, those disappointments, etc.

Now pause and write.

Practice positive self-talk.

This is not another cliché and should not be taken lightly. What you tell yourself in the privacy of your heart is more important than what others tell you. Unfortunately, since many people do not see or hear nor know your thoughts, you are able to hide them. Then you blame others for your lack of success, because this is more convenient. After all, when you blame others rightly or wrongly it attracts sympathy and gives you temporal relief. But in your heart, you know who the true culprit is, and that is you! Now is the time to take 100% responsibility for what you tell yourself when nobody is listening.

Let me remind you of an account in the Bible, when the Children of Israel complained of their situation, blamed Moses, blamed God and

so on. And Moses was trying to negotiate on their behalf with God, and then God said

*Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD,
as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:
Numbers 14:28 (KJV)*

What you say is very important to your reinvention. If you are in the United States for example and all that come out from your mouth is “America is bad”, “this country is bad”, etc., no matter how hard you work, it would be bad. You need to confess and prophesy good things to yourself daily.

The issue with not learning how to talk to yourself properly but that how you talk to yourself determines your beliefs and your beliefs determine your actions. We have already discussed that what we act upon determines the outcome of our lives. The power of life and death lies in your tongue, and you have to use it wisely. You cannot continue telling yourself you are not good, other people are superior to you and that you were born to fail and expect to be successful.

When you get up in the morning. Tell yourself that today is a good day and you are going to have a great day. I am going to be successful, and nothing will stop me. “I am unique, special and wonderfully made and there never has been and never will be anybody like me. I am different, and that does not mean that I have a deficiency. I am made in the image and likeness of God and God never fails, and I will not fail. There is nothing that can take what is mine. I will meet all the people that I need to meet to fulfill my purpose. All the resources that I need to be successful are already available to me, and I will attract them when the time comes. I am here because the world needs me and I have what it takes to contribute and make a difference. My life has meaning, and purpose and I am not the result of an accident. Failure is an opportunity to learn and grow. I welcome challenges because they make me grow stronger and better. Nobody can stop me without me giving them the permission to do so. I have the final say to whatever happens to me, and I am not at the mercy of my physical environment or those around me.

It is not what happens to me that matters, but how I respond to what happens to me. There is nobody that can do what I was created to do. Therefore, I am not in competition with anybody, but competing to get better with each passing day. The sky is not my limit, for I have limitless potential.

If you think positive self-talk is some goofy stuff, consider what Paul the apostle wrote regarding this subject,

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”³⁵ Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

This is a bold statement because when it says ALL, it means all. You have to start from the position of all if you want to make it far. Many people shoot themselves in the foot in the name of modesty. You must believe that you can do all things if you want to be successful. This is not a passive process. When you get up in the morning and through the day, you have to continue reminding yourself of the great potential you are already carrying in you. At the end of the day, before you go to bed, you have to remind yourself of all the great things that happened during the day and what is possible for you to achieve.

These uplifting and positive thoughts should be the last in your mind before you fall asleep. While you are sleeping your subconscious mind will be meditating on this information, and it will eventually become second nature to you. This is when what I call the nuclear option kicks in and you become unstoppable because your thoughts and actions are in sync. When you can effortlessly tap into your subconscious mind and operate from there, you will move mountains. Just as you do not think about your phone number and it just comes out when you are asked, the beliefs that you have about yourself must flow in the same fashion.

³⁵ Philippians 4:13 New King James Version (NKJV)

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This ability to operate from the subconscious mind is not going to happen in a day, but you will succeed if you are focused and determined and practice daily. You are not at the mercy of negative talks and now is the opportunity to reprogram your mind with all the positive messages that have been provided to you already plus the others that have not been listed here.

To achieve this, let me share the concept I learnt from one of my Mentors – Jerry Clark. He called it 30 days mental fasting. For 30 days,

- determine not to complain,
- don't watch television,
- don't talk to negative people,
- say positive things to yourself,
- read inspiring books daily,
- listen to motivational and inspiring audio programs daily.

Let me add this; read this book daily for the next 30 days. You would discover that what you do for these 30 days would automatically become part of you.

Now, take some time to write down some positive things you will be saying to yourself daily for the next 30 days.

Take every thought captive.

Taking every thought captive is not a suggestion; it is a must if you want to be successful. If you do not take thoughts captive, these unruly thoughts will shackle your mind and enslave you. There is nothing worse than mental bondage and slavery. It is pathetic because nobody can free you from this mental chain. **The only person qualified and who can break your mental chains and free you is you.** As such it is in your best interest to avoid being enslaved in the first place.

You have already seen that what you think is going to define your action and the actions that you take or do not take, determines the outcome of your life. Therefore, you must take captive any thought that is contrary to who you are and what you stand for and where you are going.

Taking captive every thought is not a passive something that you do. It is imperative that you be intentional about it if you want to be successful. This is such a challenging, yet the necessary thing to do that we are reminded once more by the Paul the Apostle to do the following;

“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.”³⁶
2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (NIV)

You can prevent some negative thoughts, and thoughts of defeat, failure, and hopelessness from coming into your mind, but it is your responsibility to prevent these negative thoughts from taking a foothold in your life. When I was a child one of my pastors put it this way. **“You cannot prevent birds from flying over your head, but you can prevent**

³⁶ 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 New International Version (NIV)

them from settling in your head and building their nests in your hair.”

The lesson is that there are certain things that some of the thoughts that come into your mind may be out of your control. For example, you show at work in the morning, and your boss or colleague gets all negative, and you get pulled in without even realizing what is happening. When you come to your senses, you should pull yourself out and discard of those thoughts. Whatever happens to the negative thoughts is up to you?

The good news is that you have what it takes to turn the negative thoughts into a positive thought. This can be done by flooding your mind with positive thoughts. Turn off the news if it makes you depressed. Stop listening to the friends who make you sad. There are some people you should not be calling at all because when you call them, you end up depressed and anxious because they never have anything positive to say. According to these people, the world is against them, and nothing ever works in their favor. They always look at the negative side of things and talk about it constantly. When the sun is shining, they complain about the heat forgetting to know that without the sun plants will not grow, and we will have no food. All they want is for the rain to fall. When the rain is falling, they complain that it is too wet, forgetting that without the rain plants will not grow and fresh water sources will not be replenished. These individuals are always talking about the past hurts and the future bliss. But they find it excruciatingly difficult to live in the present. These are the people you have to avoid like the plague because they are toxic. Stay away from them!

Guard your mind.

I heard a story not too long ago that left a mark on me. The person narrating the story over the radio said when his daughter was a teenager a boy came to their house in his car with the intention of taking the daughter out. When the boy arrived, he parked at the curb and did not bother to come into the house, instead beckoned on his daughter to come out and meet him. When his daughter started walking out, the man stopped her and told her not to go. As you can imagine this did not sit well with his daughter, and she complained

bitterly about it. Her father stood his ground and insisted that she should not go out with the boy. His daughter broke down and started crying and in between her sobs told him that he did not love her. The man reassured his daughter that he loved her and would do anything for her. The man waited for his daughter to recompose herself, then he asked her a question. Will you give a suitcase containing 2 million dollars to a stranger to take care of it? His daughter replied that she would not do such a thing. The man then told his daughter that she was worth more than 2 million dollars and it did not make any sense whatsoever for him to let her go out on a date with some stranger. This brought tears of joy in the eyes of his daughter, and she rushed into his arms and embraced him.

Well your mind is millions of times, billions of times, more precious. In fact, there is no price tag on your mind. It is your most prized possession and should not be placed in the hands of strangers. Do not open your mind to negative and destructive influences.

While it is great to do positive self-talk and to take every thought captive, there is a more excellent way. This is by guarding your mind. You must have heard that prevention is better than cure and that a stitch in time saves nine. In other words, it is cheaper and easier to nip problems at the butt. Your mind is the most important part of you, for out of it flows the things of life as King Solomon declared in Proverbs 24:23

***“Therefore you must guard your mind with your life.
If your mind is messed up, then you are finished,
because you will be messed up as well.”³⁷***

Many people neglect this advice at their own peril. They forget that whatever they see, read and listen to often eventually moves from their mind into their subconscious mind. All the information that ends up in the subconscious mind because repetition is amplified with time and takes control of the actions of that individual.

Your actions determine the outcome of your life. Actions speak louder than words is a common saying, but a powerful one, because whatever you act upon is what you truly believe in. You can say all day

³⁷ Proverbs 24:23

how bad cigarettes are and tell others not to smoke, but the moment you light your own cigarette to smoke you have betrayed your message. But the truth of the matter is that you are just yourself, you are manifesting what your true belief is.

Many people wonder why they cannot overcome addictions and other bondages. The issue is that their subconscious mind has not been reprogrammed. They say one thing and believe another. Their victory will only come when there is congruency between their words beliefs. This will then be followed by the right action. It is only in taking the right action that you will experience deliverance.

This implies that you have to do all to prevent negative influences from entering into your mind. Do not let the politicians who want your vote to tell you lies and enslave you because they keep bringing up the past. All they are doing is stroking the flame of anger, resentment in you. This is destructive and will destroy you. No good can come out of anger and resentment. Now is the time to get rid of it and shut out all who try to enslave your mind, in the name of seeking justice. Vengeance is of the Lord. Are you God? Can you dish out adequate punishment to those who have hurt you? Do you have what it takes to pay back in full? Allow God to do what only God can do and move on with your life. Many are wounded, sick, depressed and desperate because they are trying to carry more than they were designed to carry. You are not God, therefore stop trying to do God's work. He has not asked for your help.

Guarding your mind, while you have hundreds of music channels, TV stations, internet porn sites and magazines is going to be tough but will have to toughen up. We have already talked about you getting rid of certain things and staying away from certain places. This is part of guarding your mind. Put up your blinders, ear plugs and keep out any information that is not helpful to you. Anything that is contrary to where you want to go must be blocked. Do not let people sneak wrong information into you in the name of "they want you to face reality." Any negative information that is contrary to your desire to succeed and live a life of abundance should be rejected.

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Never forget that the thoughts that occupy your mind will take hold of you, and your lot in life will be determined by what you think and meditate upon all the time. This is the one thing that separates successful people from those that are poor broke and unsuccessful. The successful have figured out that everything is created in mind and treat their minds as a gold mine, or diamond mine. They know all the good things in life flow out of mind. Therefore, they do not allow any junk to enter their minds, least talk of meditating on junk.

On the other hand, the poor and unsuccessful treat their minds as a junkyard because they are clueless about the importance of the mind. They allow just any type of information to get into their minds, meditate upon the information and affirm it. No wonder they are poor, broke, and sick.

Your mind is your gold mine, and it is your responsibility to guard it. You must always protect your mind with your life and. Before you listen to any information or watch any anything, you must filter it. We see in images and images are powerful. Do not allow just any type of images to get into your mind, because these images will eventually become your thoughts and your thoughts control your actions. Be the gatekeeper to your mind by refusing to let anything into your mind that will not build you up.

Guarding your mind is being on the alert for any information that is potentially dangerous for your life. Any information that seeks to take you back to where you were and encourages you to have self-pity, doubt, fear, worry, anxiety, and depression must be kept out at all cost. Do not listen to anybody who wants to keep bringing the past and reminding

you of where you have been and how impossible it is to keep moving forward because your past is still holding you back. If you believe that your past is holding you back, you will be held back. The choice is yours!

To guard your mind successfully you must be on the offensive and proactive by feeding your mind with the right information. If you spend your whole life playing defense you will never win because the opponent will eventually wear you down and score a goal. You want to play both defense and offense. To go on the offensive is to be intentional about where you go, who you hang out with; what you read, meditate upon and take action on. There is no magic and no a shortcut. All you have to do is surround yourself with the right influences. I heard somebody say not too long ago, “That if you are always the smartest person in the room, then you have outgrown that room, and it is time to move to some other place that you will be challenged to keep growing.

Just as physical muscles need to be used for them to grow and increase both in functionality and quantity, your brain needs to be exercised. This is why developing mental toughness is a must for anybody who wants to win and win big. You must toughen your mind and make it impervious to all the junk that life and your detractors are going to throw at you. When any information contrary to what you believe about yourself and where you are going is thrown at you, do not reflect on it or dwell on it. Always remind yourself of who you are by focusing on your core beliefs about you and your potential.

There is no need to seek approval from others and strive to be accepted and fit in. You were not created to fit it. There is great potential in you, and you have to rise up to the occasion and make a difference in the lives of other people.

Take action.

A computer program runs by running it. This is not something that you think about, wish, feel or anticipate. For the computer to run one thing must be done, and that is running it. The computer had to be powered up and run for it to deliver. This analogy applies to you as well. You may say that this is obvious, but it is where many people fail. It is not enough to know as we have already discussed, because without

action NOTHING is done. You can believe all you want and read all the books that are out there, attend all the seminars and listen to world class coaches, but without acting on the information, you are not better than somebody that is not having the information.

When we talk about action, many people visualize sweating and toiling, but this is just one form of action. How we think, speak and react to various situations reveals our action. Therefore, the action is not limited to visible physical activity. Action encompasses how we respond. We can respond in different forms; be it anger, frustration, hopelessness, despair, grumbling and murmuring or respond with excitement, hope, and expectation.

Remember how Jabez reacted when he realized that he needed more. He did not grumble, complain, murmur or became depressed, dejected and hopeless.

Praying is action, and it engages the spiritual realm where everything emanates. But **be warned not to replace laziness with prayer**. There is a place for prayer and there's a place for an inspiring action.

Jabez took action by praying for increase and enlargement. He did not only think that his prayer will be answered, he believed enough that his prayer will be answered that is why he prayed. Instead of comparing himself to others, he compared himself to himself and asked to be made greater.

Do not allow the success of others or their failures to prevent you from reaching out to God. Asking is not a sign of weakness. The successful people know when to ask and how to ask. This is contrary to the unsuccessful people who believe that asking is a sign of weakness and do not ask enough. Some people never ask because they allow their pride to get in the way.

Remember that recipe for disaster is being proud and poor.

Now is the time to take action and implement all you have learned so far in this book. Without taking concrete action to implement all the different strategies that have been presented so far you have just wasted your time.

This is the when you engage yourself in income producing activities. If you are trusting God for life partner, this is where you get to work after you have prayed then you position yourself where you can find her.

Never give up. You must have heard the saying that **winners do not quit**, and **quitters do not win**. The winning attitude should become your best friend. A new you has been installed, and it is up and running, and you may encounter some glitches; do not allow this to stop you. Defeat is not when you fail, but when you fail and refuse to get up. If you keep crawling and moving you will be unstoppable. This has to do more with attitude than aptitude and ability. You must make up your mind never ever to give up, no matter what. Say the following to yourself, "I will never give up no matter what!" This should be repeated each time you hit a road block, and part of you wants you to stop moving or trying. Refuse to give up and look for ways to keep moving. If you adopt this attitude, you will be unstoppable and will experience exponential growth and live in abundance.

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There is a misconception among those who pray because they think that God is going to come down from heaven and do what we human beings are supposed to be doing. Therefore, they pray all the time yet do little or nothing to back their prayer by taking the actions that will make those prayers to be fulfilled. All they think about is God is going to do it, so why bother. They may not say this explicitly, but their inaction or lack of action speaks louder than anything else. Why would a farmer pray for a bountiful harvest during the planting season, yet fail to go out and plant his fields? You are now thinking, "What an absurd question?" This question is absurd and does not make sense. The answer is obvious as well because we all know that if you do not plant, there will be no harvest when harvest time comes.

The same goes for a couple trusting God for the fruit of the womb and they are not engaging in activities that would lead to bring forth a

child. Imagine husband and wife not living together, or living together but the lifestyle is “married but single” and so on, no sexual intercourse between them. Yet, they are fasting and praying to God to bless them with a child or children.

Let me remind you here that God is not a Magician. He is a Miracle Working God. Even if Doctor has told you that you have low sperm count, after you have done all you needed to do, pray, take whatever medication that is prescribed, fast, do whatever, you still need to meet with your wife before you would know if your prayer has been answered.

Many people are aware of all of these but yet they still fail to take the necessary action for the results they are expecting and desiring.

Another example is someone that wants to lose weight You desire to lose some weight because your clothes are no longer fitting and you hyperventilate each time you climb a few stairs cases. You have even been to the doctor for a check-up and have been told that your blood pressure is high, and you are pre-diabetic and on the way to suffering from heart diseases, etc. Despite all this information and warning signs, the best you can do is to pray that diabetes will not attack you and your blood pressure will get back to normal. The doctor advised you that moderate exercise, cutting out sugars and reducing your portion size will help reduce your weight and bring the blood pressure under control. But you have refused to follow these instructions and have not changed anything in your lifestyle. What do you expect? That your prayers will be answered, and everything will become normal? You are deceiving yourself because God is not going to come down from heaven and exercise for you or cut back your portion size. You are the one to take the action that is necessary to bring the results that you need.

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There will be no financial increase in your life if you do not learn how money works and take the necessary action to invest your money and let it work for you while you are sleeping. Many are waiting to strike luck and get sudden wealth. This is equal to building castles in the air, and you will be disappointed. One of my very good friends always talks about when what he would do if he won the jackpot in Lotto. He has been saying that now for almost 8 years that I have known him. Yet he has not once purchased a Lotto ticket. I am still waiting for when he will win.

The wise person is he who gathers information and acts on it. Without action, there are zero results. You must act if you want to keep growing and increasing in all the different areas of your life.

If you are unemployed, this is the stage where you repackage your resume, take some extra classes or some certification that would make you more employable, rehearse on your interview skill and so on. This is after you have uninstalled, and installed the new you.

You are a music Artist, this is when you begin to work on your voice training, record your demo, put some videos on YouTube and so on, just take action. I hope you get the idea now? Do something that draws you closer to your destination.

Expect a backlash. You are pumped up and excited about your new you and the way things are going on for you. This is great, but some people especially those close to you are going to rain on your parade because your success reminds them of their own failures and all what is possible. They are not going to be happy because your success is making them fall back.

What you are indirectly saying is, "It is do-able and there is nothing impossible." These parade destroyers get the message clearly, but instead of viewing it as a positive and uplifting message, they turn it into a negative message. In their hearts, they start asking questions like, "What are you trying to do?" "Who do you think you are?" You are just chasing a fade and will sooner or later give up. May be you are engaged in network marketing, internet marketing, affiliate marketing, forex trading or any of online business, this is when those around you would tell you to be real with yourself. They would tell you "get real", "go get a real job", "and so on".

Remember “Nothing works until someone has worked it out”.

Activate / Run stage is where your slogan would be “Just do it”. You don’t wait for perfection. Once you have idea, you implement it immediately because “**money loves speed**”.

Step 4 – Update

I remember when I wrote my MCP (Microsoft Certified Professional) Examination and got my license. That was 2001, I wrote the exam on Friday and received an email on Monday promoting the new SQL exam I needed to write to stay up to date. It was one of the things that discouraged me from IT eventually; you have to keep writing one certification exam or the other in order to stay updated.

Imagine if your computer is still using Office 1997 this year. This is the same with you. Your destination is a journey. You don’t tell yourself “Yes! I have arrived now, it’s time to rest or relax”. Life is not wired like that.

New computer programs, patches, and fixes are sent out every now and then to ensure that the programs are running smoothly efficiently and achieving the purpose which they were programmed for. If any computer does not have these updates the computer can slow down in some cases to a point where the computer becomes useless and inefficient.

One of the reasons why some employees are irrelevant at their place of work is their inability to stay up to date. Even ministry these days is not the way it used to be. Everything is evolving.

Some of the updates are designed to prevent the computer from being attacked by malicious malware because some hackers have broken into the original program. Therefore, updates are crucial and must be taken seriously. Another importance of updates is the functionality of the computer. As time passes the capabilities of the software changes because the needs of the end users are changing as well.

The only way for the computer to remain useful and relevant is by keeping up with updates and do that regularly. Failure to do so simply implies that the computer will become obsolete and useless and of no good to the owner. **My prayer for you is that you will not become irrelevant in life.** Say Amen very loud. If you want to remain relevant, effective and productive you must remain updated. Do not allow past

glory to overshadow the desire to keep growing and expanding. You have to remain relevant by engaging your culture, through what you read, listen to and meditate upon. If you want to keep growing, you must keep reading and receiving the right information.

When was the last time you attended a seminar that was not job-sponsored but initiated by you and paid with your own money? What do you spend your money on? What type of books, CDs do you spend your money on? Show me your bank statement and I would tell you whether you are updated or not. What are you spending your money on? How do you expect to keep growing when you plateau, and instead of changing those around you, you remain with them? Changing your friends, along the line is expected, and you should not shy behind when that time comes. As painful as this may sound, you will have to do it, if you want to keep growing and increasing. When the time comes for you to move forward. There is no substitute for cutting out certain people out off your life.

As a 21st century man, I cannot afford to run my home the way my Grandpa ran his home; it would not work. I can't even run my home the way my dad run his, I have to stay up to date.

None of us wants to change because change is hard work and it is uncomfortable, to say the least. Many of us would rather stay where we are than make the necessary adjustments that have to be made because we do not want to be uncomfortable and avoid pain at all cost. You must keep growing, and any growth involves pain. Therefore, instead of avoiding pain and wishing pain away, you have to learn how to embrace pain and let it work for you and not against you.

With the right attitude pain and suffering will not break or crush you; it will build you and set you up for the increase and massive success. When you understand this, you will be able to use all the lemons that life throws at you to make lemonade and enjoy it on a hot summer day. The rocks that will be thrown at you will be used to build a foundation for your mansion. When bricks are hurled at you, they will be used to build the wall of your house. When you start living like this, your life is whole, and you have acquired the secret of incorporating everything to make it work for you and not against you.

There is no room for regret, anger, bitterness, resentment, and vengeance because you know that all things work together for good. This is the ultimate place you want to be and should do all to get there. Updating your mind entails that you press forward to get into this place of rest. While all other people around you are falling apart because the economy is falling apart, you are not moving because each obstacle is an opportunity to provide solutions. He who provides solutions will be rewarded richly.

One of the greatest questions that have puzzled humans and still does is the question of suffering. Some people put it bluntly as follows, “Why do bad things happen to good people?” Those who ask this question have faulty understanding of what suffering is. To grow you must suffer, this does not make the suffering less painful, but it is necessary for you to keep growing. Ask any woman who has put to birth, and she will tell you the place of pain in the midst of intense and describable joy of bringing a new life into this world. It will be tragic if all the woman does is focus solely on the pain, suffering, and risk involved in childbearing. But the women understand the place of pain because pain is temporal and is swallowed by the joy of bringing a new life into the world.

Never forget that the pain comes before the joy and the more intense the pain, the more the joy that you will experience. Updating your mind and staying current is a must and not a suggestion. I want to continue growing and making a difference in the lives of others you have must stay updated at all times. Your life depends on these updates and failure to install them will take you back to the pathetic place you were before now.

Let go of the past.

To update implies that you have to be in tune with the times. For this to happen, you have to let go of the past. Letting go of the past is not the same as forgetting your history or cutting off your roots. No matter how glorious or tragic your past is, it is more tragic if you allow your past to rob you of your present and eventually your future.

I see some people when talk about their past, you would think that the incident they were talking about just happened. Sometimes, it had happened 20, 40 may be 50 years ago. It's time to let go.

May I remind you that your brain does not know different between the past, the present and the future? Yes! Your brain does not know different between yesterday, today and tomorrow. That's why an incident of 20 years ago still appears so fresh in your brain as if it just happened. And sometimes also when you are thinking about what might likely happen in the next 10 years or next year, you are either excited or scared. This concept is beyond the scope of this book but know that your brain does not know the difference. That's why you have to channel all your energy rightly.

There are two ways most people look at their past. They either have a lot of regrets and remorse, or they have an exaggerated sense of bliss when they talk of the past. That is why such people talk of the good old days as if creating wealth and having a life of increase and abundance is stock in the past. These people allow past victories to render them useless in the face of the present battles. These individuals would rather glory in the past than win more victories in the present. To continue winning you have to make the necessary updates and adjustments by living in the present. Living in the moment is one of the most difficult things to do because it forces us to face reality and takes responsibility for our actions.

With each passing day, change is occurring, and you have to adjust accordingly. This is why some of the strategies that worked in the past have to be updated in the face of present challenges that may appear the same to those you surmounted in the past, but have subtle differences and need a slight edge to be victorious.

Other people look at the past with a lot of regret and remorse and which things were different. They are always saying, "If only so and so did not happen." According to these individuals they are at the mercy of their past, and there is little they can do in the present to move forward. Instead of moving forwards, learn from their mistakes, and make the most of them. These individuals allow their mistakes to become a maximum secured prison out of which they cannot escape. The hope is that you can break free if you realize that each day is different, and the outcome depends on what you do or do not do. Therefore, each day must be treated as a diamond in the rough. The outcome of the day depends on you 100%, and you must take responsibility for what happens.

I have often heard that focusing too much on the past is like a driver who is driving yet fixated on the rearview mirror of the car. This is a disaster in the making, and sooner or later the driver is going to crash the car because he or she is not looking ahead. The past has passed, and it will serve you better if you focus on the present and look forward to tomorrow. *“Today becomes your past and what you do today will shape your tomorrow. Therefore it is in your best interest to make the most of today so that you will not regret your past and your future will be a successful and productive one.”* (Source?)

I am not in any way suggesting that you discard everything in your past. The past has an important role to play, but you have to place it in the proper context for you to benefit from it. After all, when you are updating a computer program, you keep the computer hardware because it serves an important purpose. Without the hardware, the software will not work. What is it in your past that can help you achieve your present goals? Do not get stuck in the past because of tradition or the way things have always been done. Never forget that traditions are made for people and not for the sake of traditions. Therefore, the day any tradition ceases to fulfill its role that tradition must be discarded no matter what others think about it. If the traditions have become an impediment to you, it is up to you to cut it out.

Therefore, each day must be treated as a diamond in the rough. The outcome of the day depends on you 100%, and you must take responsibility for what happens.

Many people are in their present predicaments due to some devilish tradition that has enslaved them.

Instead of allowing your past to destroy your present and future, now is the time to become intentional and proactive by learning how to be selective about what aspects of your past to keep or discard. It is your responsibility, and nobody can do it for you.

Some people are going to insist that you are a product of your culture and therefore you are not allowed to change the culture and the way things have been done since the days of your great, great, great

parents. The basic question is, “Is my culture delivering what I need?” If the answer is NO, then it is time to shake off that culture and create a new one.

You may be protesting now that it is too risky and involves a lot of work. I am glad you are thinking like that. If you are thinking like that, then you are on the right track. You are correct; it is risky and will take a lot of hard work on your part to change your culture and other past entanglements that have become liabilities to you. But consider the cost of doing nothing, for it is thousands of times more than the cost of intervening and taking the necessary actions. You cannot take a neutral stand as far as this is a concern, because there is no neutral ground and the stakes are too high for you and your future. You must let go of the past failures and successes if they are interfering with your present. It does not matter who bad things were or how good they were, what matters is today and everything must lineup with today. If anything does not the lineup, you have my permission to cut it out immediately and after you do you will be glad you did. The reward you will reap is thousands of times more than the pain you will go through getting rid of the past and updating to the present.

Live in the moment.

Updating your life is an indication that you want to maximize each moment, day, week, month and eventually each year. Live each day as if it is the last day you are having on the earth. In fact, each day is the only day you are guaranteed to have. Some people start the day but do not finish it. Therefore, what you are actually guaranteed is NOW! The moment you are having right now is the only thing that you are sure of. Please do not waste it as many people do. It is crucial that you treat each more as you will treat your most prized possessions. In fact now is more important than any priced possession that you may think you have. There it is in your best interest to maximize now and make the most of it.

If you think that you have time in some future date to do the things that you are supposed to be doing now, you are mistaken. Consider the following, your time is running out. In fact, the moment you are born your clock starts the countdown. Do you know how much time is remaining for you?

If you want to be productive and have the greatest impact you need to take a close look at these words written by King David,

“Teach us how short our lives are so that we can become wise.”³⁸ Psalms 90:12

One of the cornerstones of living in the now is learning how to number your days. When you realize that your time is running out and each day is taking you closer to your grave, you will start making the most of each moment.

Numbering your days puts everything in perspective, and you are able to let go of present and past hurts, failures, and disappointments. Because when you put everything in the big scheme of things, the hurt, failures, and disappointments pale in comparison to your greater purpose. Forgiveness becomes an urgent necessity because you understand what is truly important and take action accordingly. Do not be afraid to number your days each day, because it will make you wise and wisdom is priced more than silver and gold.

Counting your days is a daily reminder that time is running out and better get your act together. Stop waiting for the better moment and start seizing the moment because that is all you have. Waiting for tomorrow is living in an illusion, and it will not serve you.

If you were told that you have just one year to live and you want to make most of your next 365 days, what would you be doing? Take your time to write them down below

³⁸ Psalms 90:12

Pretend for a second that you are God. If you were God and you knew that you had unlimited power and whatever you did shall succeed, what would you do? In other words, if you knew that whatever you did would succeed, with no failure at all, what would you do? Take some time to write them down below;

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Evaluate, calibrate and adjust accordingly

When you get a new computer and you are setting up, you are given the option to set up automatic updates. The manufacturers understand that people are busy and may forget to install their updates. The consequences of not installing the updates can be catastrophic, but with automatic updates you will never have to worry about missing the updates because when it is time the updates and critical patches are released straight into your computer and you are never behind with what is needed, as such you are always performing at maximum capacity.

Life does not work automatically, and you do not have the option to automate initially, but will eventually do when you form the right habits. Before we talk about automation, let us talk about forming habits. It is crucial to learn how to form good habits because they take a life of their

own and can begin to run your life for you. As simple as this may sound, you need to set up the right kind of habits if you want to be successful. Many people desire to be successful yet do not set up the habits that will deliver what they want to them.

Failure to form the right habits yet hoping that you will achieve your dreams is wishful thinking and is useless because you will not get any results no matter how much you desire or wish to grow and experience exponential growth. Forming the right habits that align with your goals will ensure that all that you desire and aspire to is delivered to you unflinchingly.

It is not uncommon to hear people talk of great ambitions and dreams, yet their actions are not in alignment with the direction they say they want to go or are going. These individuals think talking can replace planning, hard work and making the necessary adjustments. There is a strong relationship between what you see, your words and the actions that you take. You must ensure that your words and actions are in sync at all times. This is the best definition of integrity, and we know that integrity will always deliver no matter what. Saying what you mean and doing what you say is one of the greatest secrets to success.

No matter how recent your computer program is, patches are constantly sent up to do fixes and take care of bugs that may come up in the program. In other words, you are constantly updating and adjusting to what is happening. Life is not lived on a straight line, there are ups and downs, mountaintop experiences and valley experiences as well. That is why somebody has said that you are always at the foot of another mountain to climb each time you reach the top of a mountain.

Because life is not a straight line, it is imperative to take time off, sit down and evaluate often. You have to be willing to ask the tough questions and not be afraid of what you may discover. Do not be like those who prefer to live in ignorance and fear. They would rather continue driving on a road that is leading to a cliff edge than find out the truth and change course. Have you met people who refuse to go in for medical checkups because they would rather not know what might be wrong with them? How is such an attitude helping them? These people have allowed fear to rule over them at the expense of the benefits of early diagnosis.

I was at a funeral of a man who died of prostate cancer and one of the pastors who spoke at the funeral highlighted the importance of early diagnosis. He was emphasizing this and praying that other men could go in and be checked because the person who died went in for diagnosis when it was too late.

It is better to know what is wrong with you than to be taken unaware because you decided to hide your head in the sand like an Ostrich. You know better and should evaluate your situation often and make the necessary corrections and changes. There are only two things that are certain in life, change and death. Therefore, blessed are those who have incorporated death and change in their lives. Here our focus is on change and how to accommodate and adapt to it.

The most effective and efficient way to handle change is to adjust, accommodate, and embrace change and become part of the change. Resisting change is futile and you will be crushed. We are referring to change that is in line with the goals you set up for yourself, not change that is contrary to your core beliefs and trying to get you in the opposite direction to where you are going. Such change must be resisted at all cost.

But positive change no matter how much inconvenience it introduced in your life should be anticipated and embraced. For you to keep growing, you need change and should be proactive and intentional in how you respond to change. It is unfortunate that many of us do not like change and hate it. We come up with so many reasons for why change is a bad thing and look for all means possible to avoid change at all cost.

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When computers just became mainstream and were invading different work spheres some people fought hard and refused to embrace this new technology. You heard excuses like, “Computers are just machines and cannot be trusted,” Computers are going to take away

jobs from humans.” Computers take away the personal change and the end product is not as good as that made solely by humans.” The list of excuses can go on and on, but those giving these excuses failed to understand the true benefits of computers. Computers are not competing with humans, and that is not what they were created for. Computers are made by people are doing what people programmed them to do and need humans to maintain, repair and service them. Some jobs will be replaced by computers, but new ones will be created. The question is, are people willing to change and adopt the new jobs or they are so set in their ways to the extent that they will become jobless. When the internet was introduced, many people thought the post office was going to get out of business because the number of mails dropped dramatically. Little did they know that there was going to be a massive increase in shipping of packages. The businesses like Amazon that positioned themselves in this new reality have grown exponentially and brought in huge profits.

Change is guaranteed to happen and how you respond to it will determine what you get out of the change. The best way to benefit from this change is by making evaluations and adjusting accordingly. When you make your evaluation, it is important to make adjustments. What is the point of looking at your face in the mirror after realizing that you have dirt on your face you refuse to clean your face? You must clean your face, to benefit from having a mirror and using it. This is going to require some humility and will inconvenience you some, and you may have to work hard and may have to go through some pain.

But this may be easier said than done. That is why many people do not change and prefer to allow things were they are because the familiar, is comfortable and they like it that way. Unfortunately, this way of living guarantees that you are stuck where you are and will not make any progress. Because as Albert Einstein has put it, the definition of insanity is **“Doing the same thing over and over and expecting to get a different result.”** How will you expect to get a different result if the input has not changed? Throughout this Blueprint, I have been emphasizing the need to change the input because that is the only way for you to get a different result. Change is certain, and you must adjust to it if you want to keep growing.

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Although many people may be tempted to evaluate you solely on the results you have achieved so far, do not allow past success to muddy the waters for you. The past is the past and has little to do with where you are right now. You have every right to refuse the evaluation of others and to reject the results of their assessments. You have the final say and should focus on who you truly are and not the perception of others. Therefore never give up, but keep trying, adjusting, accommodating and moving forward, and you will be unstoppable.

Becoming unstoppable may sound too good to be true, but it is not just some wishful thinking or make-believe statement. It is possible to be unstoppable and many people have reached this stage of awareness, and you can become one of them. In fact, this is your opportunity to step up and step into the realm of all possibilities. All you need is to feed your mind with the right information and pay the price that is needed, and all things will be possible for you. You do not have anything to lose if you believe that you are unstoppable, because you truly are and will be if you believe, it, speak it and take the right action. Do not let anybody tell you otherwise. Never forget that you already have what it takes to be unstoppable in you because that is how you were born. Now is the time for you to manifest that.

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CONCLUSION



Let me use this opportunity to congratulate you heartily for reading to the end of this book. You are a champion, and I am confident that your life has changed for the better and from this point forward you are never going to get stuck in any predicament again. You have learned how to uninstall faulty programming, install and keep updating your new programming. The computer has been an analogy that we have used, but the bottom line is that your past, background, and present circumstances should not stop you from becoming all you were created to be. If there is one thing I want you to take out of this book, it is the fact that you and you alone have the final say on what happens in your life and you have what it takes to change your life to what you want.

You can be who you have always wanted to be, you can do whatever you have always wanted to do and you can have whatever you have always wanted to have. You have no limit, no restriction and you are unstoppable.

At the beginning of this amazing journey, I promised to show you a more perfect way for you to reach your full potential and step into unprecedented growth, increase and amass wealth beyond your wildest imagination. I am grateful that you have read through the entire book for it speaks volumes about the desire on your part to grow to your full potential.

And if you have skipped the pages to this page without reading, well, what can I say? Some of the lessons in this Blueprint is “there’s no

shortcut to success” you can’t skip the process. If you skip it now, wait for the time that you will pay. There’s always a price to pay in order to win the prize. So, I would suggest you go back and read what you have skipped.

The prayer of Jabez has been our anchor point throughout this journey. As you are already aware, there is great potential hidden in this simple, yet profound prayer and it is possible to unlock this great potential into your life. At the heart of this prayer is the extremely strong desire for the increase, the rejection of the negative and recognition that God loves to give us more and will give us more if we ask. Jabez, as we saw, was already richer, wealthier and more prominent than all his brothers, yet he had a strong desire for more. He did not allow his past or present to rob him of unprecedented growth and increase.

You too should not allow where you have been or have not been and where you are right now to prevent you from stepping into your best and experiencing all that life has to offer. There is unlimited potential in you and unlimited growth potential around you as well. Just as there are billions of stars in the universe and each has its place and shines without inhibiting the other stars, you too can shine and do not need to get rid of other people for you to reach your full potential.

It is impossible for you to become wealthy and experience exponential growth if you do not have a strong desire to be wealthy. If you think that riches are an indication that somebody has defrauded others to accumulate their wealth, it will be impossible for you to become wealthy. If you think that there is something inherently evil with wealth you will remain poor because for you to become wealthy, you need to have a positive attitude towards wealth. If you have always desired to have an enviable marriage now you can have it, if you have always desired to have sound health now you know you can have it, if you have always dreamed of a certain profession or career, now you have learnt that you are unstoppable, you can become whatever you plan to become, and so on.

As simple as this may sound, the truth is that our thoughts make who we are and if you do not think about money and riches you are never going to have any. I read a book long time ago, the title is “money is my

friend". Yes! When money is your friend you won't do without it and it won't deny you of its availability.

Our subconscious mind is where everything is created and the subconscious mind is fed by what we read, listen to watch and eventually meditate upon. Therefore, if you starve your subconscious mind of any information, you are not going to benefit from that information. By now if you are still uncomfortable when wealth and riches are mentioned you have to make a U-turn and discard that your phobia of riches and wealth immediately.

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Stop being afraid of wealth and desiring to be wealthy beyond your wildest imagination. It is not uncommon to hear some politicians talk about the redistribution of wealth by painting the super-rich as people who have stolen from the masses. As much as this sounds good and is attractive to many, true and lasting wealth is not acquired through redistribution. There are laws and principles that govern the acquisition of wealth, and these laws do not discriminate against anybody. Contrary to what many people believe, wealth and success are not limited to a selected lucky few. On the contrary, anybody who understands the principles governing wealth and success and obeys the laws of wealth creation will be wealthy.

The fact that many try and fail should not prevent you from engaging on this exciting journey, because your success is not hinging on that of other people. You are unique and different and nobody can be you or take what is yours. Therefore, put on your dream heart and dream big, because there is no cost associated with dreaming.

You have been presented with the pathway to move from dreaming to execution and achieving your dreams. The practical steps for you to follow have been presented to you, and the ball is in your court. Therefore, it is incumbent on you to uninstall all the negative and toxic

programming that has prevented you from reaching your full potential. This is the first and most important step, and you must do it. This is a painful process, but it must be done, and nobody can do it for you. Do not be surprised when those who you think are supposed to cheer you up and support you will be the first to discourage you. This point is worth repeating because you may be discouraged by your close friends and family members when they are not excited about the new you. This is not surprising at all and should not take you unawares. Many people do not like to be reminded of what is possible, worse what is doable. You actually doing it is an indication that it is not only possible but doable and those who claim to know you better than yourself will not only be shocked and dumbfounded, they will want to stop you. In the most part, it is not malicious on the part of these people. The fact is that they do not know any better. If they understood the benefits of hitting the reset button and uploading a newer and more potent version of themselves, they would join you instead of being against you.

After uninstalling the toxin from your system, you have to replace it with something because there is no neutral ground. If you get rid of all the bad information and company, but do not occupy your mind with positive information and surround yourself with the right people, you are going to relapse. You do not want this to happen! We are talking about relapsing here because even robust computer programs crash and malfunction if the operating conditions are not optimal and do not follow the instruction of the manufacturer and programmer. Likewise, you must not take it for granted that you have uninstalled all the toxin from your system and allow just any type of information to get into you, or hang around places and people that are not in line with the direction you want your life to go. It is time to get rid of some people, places, and associations.

It is not enough to install the new you. To be at the top of your game you have to keep updating, and this will require that you make evaluations, adjust and make changes accordingly. Never get too carried away by past successes or tied down by past failures. Living in the moment is the motor that you have to follow, and this will require you making each moment count. This is not some theory, it is absolutely necessary for you to engage each day with intentionality expecting the

best and putting in your all as well. This must be done because your life is the sum of each day that you lived.

Above all, you must guard your mind because you are your thoughts. Therefore, whatever you want to become you must think about it, desire it, speak it and work for it. Do not take this lightly, because your chances of succeeding are only as good as the thoughts that you have in your mind. Think about the increase, exponential growth, expansion, and unlimited possibilities and you will be amazed by how much your life is going to be changed and transformed.

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We covered a lot of ground in this book and introduced a lot of ideas and suggestions on how to leave behind the past and walk in the newness of life into unlimited growth, wealth and success. This is all good but will never happen if you do not do something. The ball is in your court, and it is left to you to follow the instructions in this book and act accordingly. You may not get immediate results, but if you persevere and are persistent, you will be glad you laid your hands on this excellent resource. The action is the only catalyst that guarantees success and now is the time to act. Start now and do not stop until you have reached your full potential. When you start growing, turn around to grab a willing hand and lead them along and it will get even better. I say a willing hand because when the student is ready, the teacher will show up. You are blessed to be a blessing and should never lose sight of this. All the supernatural and unlimited resources you are desiring and asking for are not meant for you alone. You are a conduit for resources to flow through and as you let these resources flow through you, your needs will be met and those of others as well. What a rewarding and blessed life you are going to have when you understand this, embrace it and love it.

Keep this book in your library and return to it as often as possible because you are on a life journey and will need to be reminded time and

again of the principles in this book. I challenge you to read this book daily for the next 30 days. You will also have to teach the concept to your family and friends who show interest. The more you share, the more you will internalize these truths and the more you will experience them. Finally, like Jabez do not hesitate to cry out to God who is the source of all things to bless you Why not consider making this prayer your own

“Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh that You would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.”

God will grant you the request when you ask in faith and sincerity. You will be losing nothing if you ask but will gain more. Therefore ask believing and you will walk into the supernatural that only God can orchestrate.

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Emmanuel firmly believes that every one of us not only has the right to enjoy more of what we want in life, but that we also have the ability now to make it happen by discovering the hidden riches that are available both offline and online.

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Emmanuel’s many clients span a broad spectrum of business models. Whether he is coaching a corporate client or training a first-time Internet entrepreneur, Emmanuel is instinctively capable of devoting his efforts to design an optimized strategy that will chart a path to success.

For thousands of people all over the world seeking success online, Emmanuel has been the answer. He will be your answer too when it comes to unleashing your own personal power to create wealth online.

Emmanuel Adegbola believes that there are many “Hidden Riches” yet to be discovered in the secret places online. In fact, that was where he

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