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## INTRODUCTION

Tunde (not his real name) was the first child of his parents. Having suffered from poliomyelitis (...**an infectious disease, caused by a virus, that affects the central nervous system and can cause temporary or permanent paralysis**) as a child he had enormous challenges growing up. However, with the support of his loving parents he was able to muster courage to go to school and build a desire to be successful within him. His plan was to become an accountant. He ate, talked and slept with the idea.

However, the unfortunate happened. Towards the end of his secondary school education he lost his parents in a rather mysterious way. Consequently, that dream was prematurely quashed. That door was closed.

But thank God that is not the end of the story. It's always said that as long as there is life there is hope. If one door closes there will always be other doors that open if we look well.

With his siblings to look after Tunde had no option than to forfeit his secondary education and learn a trade. But as an invalid as well there was little or no chance for him in most of the very active trades and merchandising. So he learnt the art of shoemaking.

Here in Nigeria shoemaking is considered a very low producing occupation. But with the help of God Tunde has turned it into something else. His warmth, zeal and exceptional skill in the work has endeared him to many clients and they keep increasing in number everyday and keep coming back. From the same trade he is able to take care of his siblings and adequately provide for them. And just recently he got married and as you read this now the family is blessed with a beautiful daughter, and I know more is in the pipeline.

Who says you can't turn disabilities into exceptional success stories? Who says you can't turn life setbacks, disappointments and frustrations into huge **opportunities and eventual testimonies?**

**The truth is that in life when one door closes another door opens.** This book is a compilation of prevocational thoughts and ideas that will move you from where you are right now to where you ought to be. As we journey together in this book you will find yourself throwing away all forms of excuses holding you hitherto from making progress as you ought to. At the end we will together smile and share success stories out of what seems rough today. Please give a copy of this book to someone dear to your heart. You would make a great difference doing so. Good morning!

## **Food For Thought**

**There is something you can do today to start moving your life forward. It may be small but start it. Every big thing starts small.**

**Search for the seed of good in every adversity...OG Mandino.**

**Others can stop you temporarily...you are the only one who can do it permanently. —Zig Ziglar**

## CHAPTER 1:

# *When You Can't Explain Why*

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He lost four kids and his wife in a row, sent packing by his own parents, lost his job and lived in the streets, attempted suicide three times, but today he is living like a king.

Most people you see enjoying and laughing today, may possibly have had some rough sides in their history.

James Folorunsho Ajao, is a District Superintendent of Christ Apostolic Church, in Ajeromi area of Lagos. This man of God may be seen by watchers as one that has seen no problem or someone whose life has been rolling smoothly on the conveyor belt of goodies, but he has actually tasted the bitter side of life.

He went through an overdose of it and nearly sank in the mire of trials of life. At a stage he felt it would be better to end his life and actually tried to. But a hand stronger than him kept keeping him till the day the storm was over.

Sometimes the journey of life could be so rough that at the moment of darkness one would almost certainly think all hope is lost. Mr Ajao (now a pastor ) lost almost all that make life worth a living to an extent he never saw the reason to hang on till tomorrow.

Save for an invisible hand, his suicide attempts would have The things that happened to him are indications that most times it takes tough times to make one grow.

Below is an extract of his story granted to Daily Sun some time ago.

### **Chains of Calamities**

I never had a formal marriage with my first woman. We met while in secondary school and she had a baby for me. I later went home to marry another wife who also had a baby for me in 1981 and died ten days after.

Barely three months after I returned from her burial, my only son died. In fact, it was a chain of tragedies.

When I returned from the warfront in the late 60s, I had married a wife who had three children for me, but unfortunately all died in succession.

The first one died and others followed. Muyideen Olawale, the fourth child I lost, was crushed by a vehicle on his way to school.

Life became so difficult and bitter, as I had not even a place to stay. I lost almost everything I had. So I did not know what next to do.

When the going became so tough and unbearable, I wanted to commit suicide on three occasions. The first time was when my mother was unable to accommodate me, when I had no job.

I had no job in Lagos and was afraid to travel home due to the kind of mother I had. For 30 years, I did not travel home due to frustration and rejection.”

His story is easier told than experienced.

Losing four kids and a wife in a row, and rejected by your own parents, and no family is easy to talk about but believe me not easy to bear.

The second attempt at suicide was when my wife died ten days after childbirth. I never knew, God would provide another wife for me. I spent all

I had then. Her death led to several other hardships and near calamities. It was more or less a taboo in my town for one's wife to die. My case was talk of the town, and I was stigmatized and the challenges were so much on me, so, I decided to leave my residence at Ladega Street, Olodi Apapa to get drowned at a nearby lagoon. But (un)fortunately, a taxi hit me on my way and I was rushed back to my residence.

That was the first church I attended, before becoming a planter. In 1983, three years after the death of my son, I saw his picture in dream. I asked him why he did not go to school, but before he could respond, a voice told me to leave the boy and take my Bible. When I looked back, the boy had disappeared. Later, my religious mentor took me to the church. From there, I became fully committed in Christian religion because there is nowhere to run to any more.

When my father heard that I had become a Christian, he did not believe it because to him, as a good Muslim, coping with a Christian child would be very difficult. However, I tried to convince him and we coped well with each other. The only area I found difficult cooperating with my father was buying ram for Ileya. I told him that he should expect another thing from me, but not Ileya ram and he accepted it.

At a stage, my father began to identify with Christianity. Even when he was ill and about to die, he called me to pray for him, and I did. In fact, I made my people to know the power of my new faith.

In fact, I do not know what actually took the lives of my children or made me encounter the series of struggles. All I know is that all would have been signs of my salvation. After the death of my four children and last wife who had another child for me, I was helpless. Since my people so much believe in herbs and fetishes, I had no option, than to try God in Christ Apostolic Church. Because of my peculiar situation, after Sunday service I was given part of the offering for my up-keep. I was able to cope very fast, because 99% of the worshippers were Yoruba who did not understand English language. So, due to my knowledge of English, I was made an interpreter.

Thereafter, I was appointed the Ogo Oluwa District Superintendent of CAC, Oke Igbala, Ajegunle Lagos were I am presently.

Blossoming once again

After the death of my former wife during child birth, I married the one I am now living with. The only surviving child of my late wife is now studying at the College of Education, Oyo. My present wife has three children, Bosede, Isaac and Victoria. They are all doing well. So after all I passed through, I am now one of the leaders in Christ Apostolic Church. I also have four children and hope to have more by God's grace, not minding my age at 53. How many times have you heard the statement that you are responsible for where you are today? Obviously, more than you can count. As a motivational speaker myself I say it everyday and I agree that 80% of the time we are responsible for where we are and what happens to us; but what about the other 20%? It is also true that if we do the 80% work on ourselves we would be successful; but sometimes the other 20% could cause some terrible blows to our lives.

For example, Blessing was dating Emmanuel and they were making arrangements to get married. Every observer called it a perfect match. But one day everything changed. Blessing introduced her friend, Anita, to Emmanuel while the latter visited. However, unknown to Blessing, Anita afterward cornered her and blackmailed her before Emmanuel. As Blessing was making efforts to unravel the cause of the sudden lost of love in her guy she got the shocker of her life. She got wind of the date Emmanuel and Anita would be officially wedding.

Imagine that! What can you make out of it? We hear stories like other every other day. The question is, how is Blessing or those in her situation responsible for the perils they found themselves in?

The truth is that there are so many things we can't explain why they happened to us. We cannot explain why certain doors closed and why they had to close against us when they did. We just found the doors closed.

However, whatever is the case we've found ourselves in, lets look beyond them and look for the doors that open after the other doors closed. Our

biggest problem would be dwelling so long waiting for the closed doors to open. Some times they re-open, but most times they don't.

When you find doors closed at you...look beyond. Pick up what is left of you and move on, always remembering that when one door closes, another door is open.

## **Food For Thought**

**“Nothing in life is so hard that you can't make it easier by the way you take it.” - Ellen Glasgow.**

**“I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.” - Bill Cosby.**

**“If at first you don't succeed , try, try, and try again.” - Thomas H. Palmer**

# *Your Open Doors Starts From Within*

If you see a person who complains of no money, giving him money immediately is good, but I've found out most of the time that the problem is actually beyond that. Without first helping such a person see how his thoughts and actions could have brought him where he is, he will spend the money as fast as he can and need more sooner or later

The foundation for every change in life is our thought pattern. Nothing destroys the destiny of a man faster than having wrong and destructive belief system. No matter how you try to assist a man whose belief system is wrong he will remain where he is.

I heard Uma Ukpai say sometime ago, *"until I can change the way you think I can't change the things that happen to you!"* From experience, I have listed a few highly destructive personal belief systems you have to reject with every strength you've got. You have to get rid of these ideas to be able to move forward in your life.

## **BAD LUCK/GOOD LUCK ILLUSION**

As at the time of this writing, His Excellency Dr. Goodluck Jonathan is the acting president of our country. He emerged the acting president after a series of political events that's not necessary in this project. The point is those of us following events have all seen how the man emerged from nowhere to reach the highest office in any nation, practically filling positions

he never struggled to earn. Most of us have jokingly said we would name our sons Goodluck when we talk about the rise of the acting President.

You see, I acknowledge the fact that in a few cases people do enjoy extreme favors they never struggled or worked for. Sometimes without thinking we call these extreme favors in life luck and when we don't have things that way most people conclude they are not lucky. Try as much as you can to discourage them from such views, you'll find out it's almost impossible. They have hundreds of reasons and experiences they could share with anyone why they cant expect much from life.

You need to know that the best things of life don't come on the platform of luck, but on the platform of sowing and reaping. You are what you are today because of the past things you have thought and done... not due to luck. I have read experts saying that luck only has one percent input to our overall success. The fact is that if we do what we ought to do we will always be lucky. So you do not have bad luck!

## **THE SITUATION OF THE ECONOMY**

Many fellows have the notion that the economy have not given them a chance to succeed and be what they should be. However, that's not true! I agree that our Government has not treated us nicely. Things could have been a lot easier if the necessary social amenities are in place. All the same, the responsibility to make a better life out of what is available is all yours.

We all need to get out of the government blame game and look for ways to make useful contribution within our environment. For instance, the unavailability of certain resources is an opportunity to provide those things and make profit.

So many people have become rich selling inverter and solar powered devices, as these instruments are good supplements to the power problem in the country. While others only make complains and see what they cannot do, others are using the problems as footage for big profit making. Our economy closed some useful doors for us but those closed doors also provide so many open doors for those who can think.

So concentrate on looking for things you can do to move your life forward with what is available. ***“Change your thoughts,”*** says Norman V. Peale, ***“and you change your world.”*** If you believe you can never succeed under a certain prevalent economic situation, you invoke natural obstacles to stop all your efforts from yielding fruit.

## **CAN YOU MAKE IT BEING HONEST?**

Another common false belief that most people have allowed to remain with them is that *It's Impossible To Succeed Without Being A Cheat*. But the truth is that people still make it being right. Students still make first class without compromise. People still make money without playing games. It's taking place everyday.

I know most people will say, “Well, you're not in my shoes. You don't know what is happening here.” However, I don't need to be where you are to know that there's so much pressure to join the bandwagon of cheats and corrupted fellows. In as much as cheats are all around us it's not true that everybody is cheating, neither is it true that honest men don't make it in life.

Here's an important point you should not easily forget: ***whatever a man gets by tricks and crooks will not better his life in the end.*** Ask students who got their certificates through crooks. The certificates don't take them anywhere after all.

You can make it being right. So kill that idea that only crooks succeed otherwise you will remain where you are. Such tiny belief is so powerful that it can close all genuine doors that should have been your lot. What you think will always find ways to materialize in your life.

## **IS MONEY THE ROOT OF EVERY EVIL?**

Most of my Christian brothers have misinterpreted the Bible to say the money is the root of every evil. But that's wrong! The Bible did not say that money is the root of evil. It says the **LOVE of money...It is the uncontrollable desire for money at all costs, no matter whose ox is gored,**

*disregarding common virtues and value, all to grab money...that's what is the root of evil (1Timothy 6:10).*

Money in itself is not evil because it is also required to achieve any form of good in our world. The Bible states that money answers all things. God wants His people - and that includes you - to have money, enough to do good to our families, the church and community. So you have to do away with that idea that money is the root of every evil. This kind of belief has a way of evoking natural obstacles against anyone.

### **YOU ARE NOT UNDER A CURSE!**

It looks like in this part of the world when people encounter some form of difficulty and setbacks that persist for some time they make conclusions that they are under some kind of curses, and afterwards spend a major part of their lives chasing after witches, wizards and curses.

Most of the prayers in our Churches actually take more time talking about what enemies and the devil are doing and can do, instead of spending more time in what God is doing and can do. Too bad!

Do not recline to your situation with the idea that you are under a curse or that one witch from your village is the reason things aren't working. It is true that curses exist because blessings exist. We know that witches and wizards and wicked men exist, but they are not your problem. You need to understand and convince yourself that there are more angels willing to make good happen to you than there are enemies willing to cause bad in your life. This kind of conviction will help you command the many angels of good to stop the few angels of bad in your life

Try dealing with the...*I Am Under A Curse. I Have Many Enemies...* syndrome and see what good you will release in your life. You are not destined to be poor or miserable. No curse or witch is enough to stop you unless you accept that opinion. You are cursed only as long as you keep saying you are.

## **POOR FAMILY BACKGROUND AND NO ONE TO HELP**

Most times in the course of counseling folks I've had to deal with people who believe their problem and failures all stem from the fact that *they Came From Poor Family Backgrounds or that they Don't Have Sufficient Education or that they don't t Have The Brain, or that they have no one to assist them*. But experience has shown us that people can and do overcome these difficulties to make their lives better

You are not the only one who came from a poor family. For instance, some people talk about those born with silver spoon. For me, I was born without a spoon at all, but I am trying to see how to earn my own spoon. The man who invented the electric bulb came from a poor background and did not have much of formal education per se.

You see, success in life is not much of a certificate issue, as it is with doing something with your skill. Many certificate people end up being employed by the non-certificate people.

This is not to say that getting a certificate or studying for degrees is worthless. Of course not. They do have their place and do give their own edge in life. What I'm trying to say is that even those who did not have the privilege of being sent to school still have equal chance at life with those who had.

After all, your education is what you make it and how you go about it. For me, I could not attend regular school but I had to find ways to get educated. The woman who is today my wife did not have it rosy going through the University. At a time she had to struggle and do menial labors to cater for her educational needs.

Your education is what you make it. If you did not have the privilege of being sent to school, you can have school come to you. With so many opportunities these days you can take courses while you still go about your normal work activities.

If you think there is a door you can't fully maximize due to limited education why not take some part-time courses and fill that gap and make something better with your life? If you know what you want to do you can get the necessary education that will help you do it successfully.

## HOW TO REPROGRAM YOURSELF

### Task No. 1: Speak

As we have seen above, there are some false beliefs that have the potential of making doors perpetually closed on us. You have to do away with these thought patterns and ideas and build the right mindset that attracts good things.

*“ A man can only go as far as his thinking permits him,”* says Napoleon. Our thoughts dictate the events of our life. So convince yourself that you are destined to succeed. Let’s see a few ways you can try to work on yourself.

You see, God has designed your mouth to be the president and secretary of your life. You can use it to correctly program your thoughts and direct the events of your life. *“Your mouth is a destiny molder,”* said Dr. David Oyedepo. It is the construction company of your life.

Your today is a product of the combination of your yesterday’s thoughts, words and actions. Your tomorrow will be the resultant effect of your belief, words and actions today. Learn to have a positive approach to life. Say good words to yourself and before you know it you would develop the kind of confidence that attracts good things and open all forms of doors that was hitherto closed on you.

It doesn’t matter what you are going through today, tell yourself everything is working out for your own good. You don’t need to wait for things to change before you starting talking good to yourself. You start talking good for things to start changing.

Practice this alone every night before you sleep off in your bed: **Tell yourself out and aloud for at least twelve times:**

*“I am born to excel in all that I do. I have success, health and peace of mind. I cannot be stopped by anything or by any force. Every thing and every person is working for my good from today onwards”*

Write the above statement out and memorize it. Say it to yourself often.... on your way to work...while in the office...before attending a meeting. Do it for the next 30 days. You'll discover unusual confidence and favors flowing into your life.

Doing all you can to build faith in yourself no matter what is happening to you is your first step to change. Convince yourself you are qualified for the best things of life (Numbers 14:28).

You may not have cash today. That is not a sign that you are poor or that you are a failure. You are a failure when you think you are. Every disability carries with it a special advantage. Fanny Crosby was blind. Yet she composed nine thousand songs in her life and became a respected voice.

Do not look down on yourself any day, anytime. And never allow yourself to be caught in the sin of self-pity. You have everything it takes to succeed in life. Just keep on, keeping on. The rewards will surely come.

### ***Task No. 2: Imagine***

Picture before you three great men you admire most in life. Always ask yourself, "How would these men behave? How would they talk or relate with issues? What kind of people would they always move with? How would they always dress and compose themselves? What kind of music would they always enjoy? What would they always do?"

Sometimes when I find myself stuck with some very difficult issues I ask myself, if this were Dr. David Oyedepo, what would he do. He is one of my role models. I keep asking myself questions until I could get some ideas about the issue at hand.

If you want to be a success in life, start now to behave, think and talk like the successful. What you behave you become. Let your character and daily activities portray you as one who knows where he is going.

Deepak Chopra said, *"It is yourself that must be constantly transforming, you cannot bring the same old self to the world, and expect the world to be new for you."*

# **Food For Thought**

**Others can stop you temporarily -you are the only one who can do it permanently - Zig Ziglar.**

**Men and women are not limited by the place of their birth, not the color of their skin but by the size of their expectation (hope) - John Mason.**

**Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out - John Wooden.**

**Assume responsibility for the quality of your own life - Norman Cousins**

## CHAPTER 3

# *Understanding The Power Of Today*

One of the ways to establish doors of great opportunities for yourself is by understanding the power of today. Living to maximize today is your guarantee to a great tomorrow. Big success is a collection of little successes realized daily over a long period of time. “*What you do daily*” said Mike Murdock”, *determines what you become permanently*”

Life has taught me that *Tomorrow Does Not Exist*. Every tomorrow ends up becoming another today. Think about it. Today is the tomorrow you talked about yesterday. If you cannot make use of today very well, you’ll be programming yourself for disaster.

Let me tell you how to know what will happen to you tomorrow. It’s not by having someone read your palms and prophesy over you. It’s not also by reading of stars or what planet you come from. It is by observing what you are doing today. Today’s seeds are the harvest of tomorrow. If your life makes no concrete input to a purpose daily you can be sure you are heading for bad end.

### **DO IT TODAY**

When do you intend to write those letters? Make those business calls? Tomorrow, right? Well, tomorrow does not exist! Start them today.

When do you intend to write and submit your application for a job? When you see a vacancy? Tomorrow? Well, tomorrow does not exist. Do that today and go in search of it – TODAY.

When do you intend to start doing that assignment? Tomorrow? Well, tomorrow does not exist. Start it today. Now.

When do you intend to begin that project? When do you intend to start writing that book? When do you intend to start taking steps towards your calling and vision? When do you intend to start doing something about that business you have in mind? When do you intend to attend that business seminar you have in mind? Tomorrow? Next year? Next Time? Huh? Well, tomorrow does not exist. Start today.

You will never really know what you can do until you try. Waiting for the perfect time equals waiting till eternity. Every thing will never become perfect for you to start. Just begin. Take the first steps today. Other things will start opening up.

When do you intend to look into the matter of your salvation, hell fire and those preaching they give you everyday? Tomorrow, right? Well, tomorrow does not exist. Next time is the devil's time. Do it today. Ask Jesus to come into your life TODAY. RIGHT NOW.

To reach somewhere you have to start somewhere! And the best way to start is to start – where you are – with what you have. Don't worry about things you don't have. What you already have will create what you want – if you put them into use. Don't forget, what you cannot start, you cannot achieve.

When do you intend to start fasting and praying about those terrible dreams and attacks in your life and family? Tomorrow? When God speaks? Well, God has spoken. Tomorrow does not exist. Start today – anyhow. Maybe 6-10AM. Just start somewhere. Do something.

If you see a grave against your life, start closing it today – immediately. If you leave it for tomorrow, by then it would have widened.

Whatever you can do to better your life, don't put it for tomorrow – Tomorrow does not exist – start today towards it.

## **6 WAYS TO MAXIMIZE EACH DAY OF YOUR LIFE AND ATTRACT TREMENDOUS OPEN DOORS DAILY**

24 hours! That's what you have everyday. That's what everyone has. The rich does not have more; neither do the poor have less. How you manage these hours determine the outcome of your life and future. These tips will help you to maximize each day of your life.

### ➤ *Always Start Each Day Of Your Life In The Presence To God*

No day is dark when you live it in the presence of God. Never step out of your house without having enough time in prayer each morning. Any activity intended to stop you from this most honorable meeting is not worth it. You need heaven's backing and support everyday to always have a happy day. Commit the day's activities into His hands and ask Him to help and direct you (See Proverbs 3:6)

### ➤ *Always Have A Plan Of Action Each Day Of Your Life...*

Never step out of your house each day without a written plan of things to accomplish for the day. In fact, always plan your tomorrow today and specify the major activities that take you to your dream clearly on a paper. And go out with a determination to accomplish your task.

Solomon said, "Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you. Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that is firm. Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil" (Proverbs 4:25-27)

That means you should always know what you must do daily that move you forward. And always go about it seriously. Avoid time wasters and time wasting activities. Any meeting, discussion or visits that is not part of your day's plan, control it.

### ➤ *Say No to Procrastination.*

I heard someone say sometime ago, “*Procrastination is a graveyard to every good intention*”. “*Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today*” advised Thomas Jefferson. A postponed assignment, which should have been done today, increases the burden of tomorrow!

➤ *Guard Yourself And Your Family Against Negatives*

How much of your time or that of members of your family goes to television everyday? You see, I love those movie guys’ efforts. But if you want to be a move forward in life beware how that box takes your time.

➤ *Always Have A Thanksgiving Feast With Your Family Every Day.*

Always have a lovely time with your family members each day. Let your suppers be a thanksgiving feast. Pray together with your family. The family that prays together stays together. Never become so busy that you don’t have a godly sweet time with your family daily

*Robert Kiyosaki*, author of the bestseller, *Rich Dad, Poor Dad*, said, “Your future is today. Do today what you want for your tomorrows. If you want a healthy teeth in the future brush your teeth today”

# **Food For Thought**

**Today is the tomorrow you talked about yesterday. If you cannot make use of today very well, you're definitely working against your tomorrow.**

**Big success is a collection of little successes realized daily over a long period of time.**

**What you do daily determines what you become permanently - Mike Murdock**

**A postponed assignment, which should have been done today, increases the burden of tomorrow.**

**You will never really know what you can do until you try. Waiting for the perfect time equals waiting till eternity. Every thing will never become perfect for you to start.**

# *Some Doors Require Plenty Of Knocks To Open*

## THE LAW OF NUMBERS

People tend to give up on their noble cause or idea when they encounter some kind of defeat. But life has proved to only favor those who stay long enough in the game that even defeat and failure becomes tired of them. A great thinker once said, *“The law of numbers favors only those who make many attempts.”* The fact is that we fail our way to success. I have a friend who wrote JAMB eight times before he made his score and got admission into the university. Imagine that. That’s eight years of failure in a row.

At a stage in your life you will lose friends, people who can’t put up with your rationale for continuing what you are doing will part ways with you. Your family members may even come to a point of losing confidence in you over your idea or direction. But if you know that something good will come out of that direction, never quit.

Sometimes we have to hit many times at a door before it opens. We have to keep making attempts and trying before we see signs of life in what we are working at. The sad part of the game is that if we quit beforehand we won’t arrive at our goals.

We have to be misunderstood when we are still struggling to stand, so that when we eventually stand, we can be understood. There will always come a time or a season in your life when it will seem the best thing for you to do is to quit your pursuit. But you can be sure it’s not. If my friend had given up when it seemed the best thing for him to do he would not have had the opportunity of going through the university.

Sometimes to open some doors you have to knock harder and keep knocking. Life must first test you enough to see if you have staying power before it allows nature to deliver its goodies into your hands, along that your field of pursuit. Only those who persist knocking will the door of life open for!

No matter how many times you have failed in the pursuit of your goal never quit. You may seek another route; you may seek another strategy, but by all means, keep trying. *“All great success stories are punctuated with failures,”* says Charles Poissant. *“Paths without obstacles only lead nowhere,”* adds another wise man. Persistence is the beauty of existence!

## **HOW TO HANDLE FAILURE**

### ***1. You are Almost There***

When you encounter your worst of defeat, life is just about delivering into your hands what you seek, if you stay on some more. So it's a waste of time regretting your mistakes and failures. That is the only way to hurt your future.

### ***2. Pray***

“Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal,” according to Thomas Moore. So when you seem to be faced with the worst, pray. Pray. Pray. I have learnt that I can pray for anything, anywhere, anyhow.

### ***3. Accept Responsibility***

We have not failed except when we start blaming others as the cause of the problem we are going through. Accept responsibility for any defeat or failure you experience. Learn your lesson immediately and triple your efforts in retaliation of that defeat. That is the way to bounce back better off. Never blame anybody.

### ***4. Re-Strategize***

Failure after failure is a sign you need another strategy. When you have done something a long time without tangible proofs, it's a sign you're not doing it right, it's a call you must devise another strategy.

But let every strategy you devise be ones to move you forward. Remember that anytime you look back you take a step backward and reduce a step forward. John Mason said, *“You don’t go forward looking backward”*.

You have heard philosophers say that change is the only permanent thing in life. Things will not continue the way they are today. That’s a fact. So if you must finish the race you must stay on track. The law of numbers will only favor those who make many attempts.

### **HIS LABORATORY WAS BURNT TO ASHES**

Sometime ago, I read that Thomas Edison (the man who invented the light bulb) answered a call one day and went out to discover that his laboratory, which he labored many years to build, was engulfed in fire. It’s a tortuous sight to watch one’s years of effort go down in few minutes. Seeing there was nothing else he could do to save the situation he did something that should encourage you.

The story has it that he called his son and shouted, “ Son, run, go call your mother to come out and see this fire because you may never see another fire like this in your life again”.

They all watched the laboratory burn down to ashes and he was left with nothing. But he was convinced that was not the end of his life. He looked ahead and saw something beyond the present. He went forward, and right from the next day he began to build another laboratory. He did not wait until the government answered him. Today the electric bulb among other things stands as a product of that man’s persistent effort.

### **NO MATTER YOUR LOSS, COUNT YOUR LEFT OVERS**

As at the time of this writing the Government of Lagos State in an effort to make the state a city is demolishing a lot of buildings and structures. While the plan of the Government is a great one that should be commended we should not forget that those buildings and structures represent lifetime efforts of some fellows. Many people have been kicked out of job and lost their means of livelihood as a result of this government action.

If you are among those who were affected by this new direction of the state it is easy for you to think that all hope is lost. But the truth is that it is not. Look beyond and access the doors that are open for you and move ahead with your life. Always remember that you have something leftover with which you can rebuild your life.

God is good at using leftovers to create better turnovers. So no matter what you have lost count what you have left and move on. You lost your job – thank God it's not your life you lost. You lost your business – thank God you still have life. You lost your car – thank God you know how to drive. Quit bemoaning your situation and start over to build your life again.

You lost some part of your body – thank God you still have some. You lost someone dear to your heart and life – thank God because it's not all over. Face your future and look for other ways to live a productive life. Mathew Ashimolowo said, "it's not over until it's over."

You lost your fiancée or you just broke up after trying your hardest to make things work out – thank God it happened now that you aren't married. Look ahead and stop troubling yourself. When one door closes, another door is either already open or is about to open, but you must remain positive to enter it.

When there is no one to encourage you, encourage yourself and go forward. When there is none to comfort and motivate you – fire yourself on and move. When no one appreciates your efforts, appreciate yourself and do more. In everything, in every situation, proceed!

### **THINK FORWARD, TALK FORWARD, MOVE FORWARD**

The best way to think about a difficult time is, "There must be a way out of this. What must I do? God help me. I must get out of this mess. What is the way forward?" That type of thinking is called forward thinking. Backward thinking on the other hand is, "I'm finished, why is all this happening to me? I'm drawn".

To make any progress or get the job we started done we must learn to be forward thinkers.

“...If you have started what is right and you are convinced in your heart about it, don't abandon it or fold your hands, continue with it. Very shortly what looked like a mirage will become a reality, ” says David Abioye. The way will not always be easy, but look for ways to go on. Every journey has a crisis junction. But always remember, “*a bend in the road is not the end of the journey*, “ according to **Robert Schuller**

Before you start a thing be convinced it's right for you. And once you have started fight through and see it finished. Only finished products attract rewards! When you experience unusual delay, it's not a sign you should quit. Rather you should find out what is wrong with the whole process, put it in order, and move on. Men who rule the world are those who think and think and think and think until they get the job done.

## **Food For Thought**

**All great success stories are punctuated with failures - Charles Poissant.**

**We have not failed except when we start blaming others as the cause of the problem. Accept responsibility for any defeat or failure you experience. Learn your lessons immediately and triple your efforts in retaliation of that defeat.**

**We have to be misunderstood when we are still struggling to stand, so that when we eventually stand, we can be understood.**

**No matter what you have lost count what you have left and move on. God is good at using leftovers to create better turnovers.**

## CHAPTER 5

# *Opportunities Come To Those Prepared*

I got what has proved to be an invaluable advice some time ago from Jim Rohn. He said, “the better you become inwardly and at what you are doing, the more doors you will naturally attract to open for you. The more contacts you will naturally expose yourself to and the more success you will enjoy.”

Mark one of the keywords in those first two sentences. It is “naturally.” It means it will just come on its own. For instance, you don’t need to struggle to make rainfall. It naturally falls in its season. That is the same way life is. You won’t need to struggle to enjoy certain and most great open doors that will bring you to serious prosperity, love, fame, support and a lot of friendship. Just take the time, invest the effort to be better at what you do.

### **6 KEYS TO A DYNAMIC LIFE**

**1. *Find what you’re good at and concentrate on it:*** Spend much of your time thinking and working on that area. You cannot succeed doing everything. Everything (or even many things) is the road that leads to obscurity. Be a man of few things or even one thing. In that field of life have a big goal. Write down and state clearly what you want to accomplish in that field.

**2. *Divide your goal into different levels of ...*** accomplishment. Just as we have Primary 1-6, Secondary 1-6, etc. Divide your goal into different levels. If you have a plan to become an estate and land developer, you need to start from somewhere. Identifying these stages you have to go through is what I mean by somewhere. You need to ascertain the phases you would have to go through to come to your desired end

**3. Read as much as you can about what you're into:** Gather materials and resources. Buy books, tapes, software, whatever, invest and learn as much as you can. There's a better way to do anything. Find that way. Make contacts with those already excelling in that field. Acquire the knowledge and skill required to excel.

**4. Do everything you can never to associate with failures in that pursuit:**, This is because they will kill your faith by always telling you ten thousand reasons why it is difficult to succeed in that dream. In every field of life there are failures and winners. There are pauper doctors and great doctors. There are miserable pastors and enviable ones. There are quack lawyers and very great ones. In every field of life there are those making money and those losing money and value constantly. And sometimes the losers are always more in number than the winners. But look for the winners, expose yourself to them, their way of life and continuously learn from them.

**5. Make sure your daily life is thoughtfully...** planned in such a way that every day adds a step to your dream. Don't forget that big success is a collection of little successes achieved daily over a period of time.

**6. Always maintain a close walk with God** through daily prayer and constant meeting with fellow Christians. This will help you defeat all forms of evil darkness and know the transition of your dreams.

## **YOU CAN GET TO ANYWHERE YOU WANT IN LIFE**

A couple of years ago, I visited a property of a very successful man. As I knelt at the gate wondering and thinking about such a great feat this man has achieved in his life I heard a voice from within me saying... “ *Whatever any man has done another man can do it and even more. It is subject to desire and hard work*”. I have never forgotten that lesson.

We can get to anywhere we want in life no matter where we are coming from. You can do anything you want and rise to any level you want in life. It all boils down to how we see and do things.

If another man can make so much money in this country, under this economy, then anybody can make money and be rich as well. It doesn't

matter how much you have to start your life or how many people you know. Once you get the basics right then you are on your way.

## **THE POWER OF GOOD PREPARATION**

I read a very interesting piece in one of Bishop David Oyedepo's books sometime ago. It's so loaded I want to share it with you.

“James and Peter are two wonderful friends. They were employed by the *Federal Forestry Department* to fell trees. On agreement it was decided that each person would be paid three naira per tree. They were given the same brand of blunt cutlasses and left to go into action.

“James said, ‘Beloved I am off to the town to sharpen my cutlass’. But Peter being full of faith said, ‘I will finish all the work before you arrive’. To him, all things are possible to him that believeth (even felling trees with blunt cutlass!).

“James went to town to sharpen his cutlass out of the money he would be paid. On his arrival brother Peter the man of faith was still on the first tree. But James found it easy to fell the trees because he has sharpened the cutlass. At the end of the day brother Peter with all the strength and zeal felled only three trees, while James succeeded with ten trees. Peter would have “nine (9) naira”, while James would have thirty (30) naira).

The lesson: Take time to prepare for anything you will do, you'll gain speed rising. Rushing into a thing without adequate preparation will reduce your pace and increase your struggles. When you're struggling more and having lesser results, it's a sign you're not well sharpened for that task. Nothing great is achieved in haste.

## **SHARPEN YOUR AX WELL**

Before you venture into anything be prepared. Solomon said, “If the axe is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success.” In life, nothing great is achieved in haste. Planning is always essential for good performance.

Jesus spent thirty years to prepare for a ministry of three and half years. However during those three years He shook the world, and we're still enjoying the impacts of those three years.

Your secret preparation determines your public performance. Myles Munroe said, *"The secret of appearing confident is preparation."* Whenever you're in a haste to do anything you'll definitely multiply your mistakes on the way and possibly prolong that thing more than you think. Preparation time must precede doing time.

Abraham Lincoln once said; "If I have ten minutes to cut down a tree, I will use the first six minutes to sharpen my ax". The longer you take to train and prepare yourself towards any goal or task the easier it would take to realize that goal.

Many young ministers today are confused, beaten and ready to quit the ministry. Many have already quit. The problem is not that God did not call them. Most are called. The problem is poor planning and preparation. Most will not take time to learn from their seniors

Life has taught me that the more the haste the less the speed! While I'm not a fan of "over planning"...because you can never get everything right to start most times...I am an ardent believer in preparation. For the past 10 years I have been writing and keeping manuscripts. As at present I have done over 20 books and have the manuscripts with some of my books over 600 pages in length. Yet I have only published about 4 small books.

Am I cursed? I don't think I am. A wise man once said, "If you jump up you'll come down, but if you climb up, you'll stay".

### **READING ADDS SPEED TO YOUR LIFE**

Bear in mind that the better you become inwardly and at what you are doing, the more doors you will naturally attract to open for you. The more contacts you will naturally expose yourself to and the more success you will enjoy. So the key is to take the time, invest the effort to be better at what you do. And one of the fastest ways to become better at what we do and speed up our life is by reading and learning.

Through reading we seek advice from and partner with great minds in our pursuits. I might not have met Donald Trump, one of the world's greatest real estate billionaires to ask him for advice on real estate. But through studying most of his books I have his advice and views about that. Can you beat that kind of education?

I do not think I would be able to meet with someone like Warren Buffet one-on-one to have him teach me how to make investments that makes money. But through reading his books I can have him do that. Imagine that!

As at the time of this writing I have not been able to meet Dr. Oyedepo one-on-one to have him tell me how he's been able to maintain a hitch free marriage for twenty-something years. But through his books I know what he does and would tell me to do if I meet him face to face about marriage.

Imagine! Here am I in my humble room and there you have Barrack Obama telling me how he went through tough times to become the US president...through his book. We might not ever meet but he can teach me and help me get to where I want.... because of the power of books.

Underestimating the importance of books and reading is terrible. Most Africans would prefer to hunt for witches and wizards all their lives than spend a few hours reading and making discovery how to go about their businesses, careers, marriage and money problems. No wonder they said that if you want to hide something from a black man put it in a book.

Almost all ideas you need to move your business, marriage, ministry and life beyond where it is now is in one book or the other. But most of us would rather pray and fast and look for witches than go look for such books and read them. How sad!

## **ONLY FOOLS IGNORE PROOFS**

There is nothing new in life. Whatever you desire to do or become, some persons have reached there and are already celebrated heroes in that field. The only way you can reach that place faster is to become a diligent student of the lives and works of such people.

That's why we spend time and valuable resources to acquire and read books, listen to tapes and attend life-building seminars instead of parties. Ignoring this kind of education robs us the opportunities we actually need to achieve our goals.

You will not live long enough to want to learn everything that will make your life meaningful from your own experience. That's why you have to learn from the works and experiences of others who have done what you desire to do. To ignore the role of this kind of education in your life or play down on it is tantamount to failure.

## **READ OR PERISH**

Ignorance is deadly. Its only cure is a search for knowledge through written works of people who have the testimonies of what we aspire to do or have. An illiterate is not a man who cannot read or write; an illiterate is rather one who assumes he knows enough. To be a success in life we must remain students even after school.

Every outstanding personality in life is a lifetime student! The more informed you are concerning what you are doing the better results you will have. So invest in information materials, especially towards your area of focus. Be "crazy" about information. That is the only way to be ahead.

Although not every reader is a leader, every effective leader is a reader. You actually stop leading when you stop reading. *"Anyone who stops learning is old whether at twenty or eighty."* Said Henry Ford. *"Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young".*

The day you stop learning new things in your life and field you start losing the color of your calling and destiny because only one thing will separate you from the crowd: the information you have! So you must upgrade what you know every day. You are as great as you are informed!

Every attack of witches, wizards, demons or whatever influencing your life is actually capitalizing on your ignorance. Take time and read about them and get informed and they will get deformed.

# Food For Thought

You will not live long enough to want to learn everything that will make you from your own experience. That's why you have to learn from the works of others who have done what you desire to do.

Take time to prepare for anything you will do, you'll gain speed rising. Rushing into a thing without adequate preparation will reduce your pace and increase your struggles. When you're struggling more and having lesser results, it's a sign you're not well sharpened for that task.

Nothing Great is achieved in a haste.

If you have ten minutes to cut down a tree, spend six minutes to sharpen your axe

## CHAPTER 6

# *Sometimes You Need To Break Rules And Take Risks*

There is a short story in the Holy Book that I have always admired and learned a lot from in my life. The story poses a great challenge to anyone who wants to be more successful in his life or get better results than he is getting now in his endeavor. It's found in 2 Kings 7:3-11. Those lepers broke all available rules and created tremendous open doors of prosperity for themselves and the entire community.

I suggest you spend some time and study that story. You'll find a new fire burning in your bones. I believe there were several other lepers at that city gate who were resigned to their situation and waited for death. Those other lepers must have thought and said....

*"The constitution says this is where lepers must stay. By our condition we can only live on the leftovers of the society. Well, this is the way life has made us. We have no option. We'll wait and see whatever tomorrow brings".*

Pity!

They did not know that even if a whole community rejects you, you can – and must – create a new community and move on with life. Life becomes tired of you when you become tired of it.

Never resign yourself to your situation. No matter how bad everything have become for you don't resign from life. There is something you can still do.

The four lepers in question refused to be useless. They took the bull by the horn, damned the consequences and history will never wash their names away

Every thing was against them. People were against them. Animals were against them. Trees were against them. The constitution was against them. But they tapped themselves and told each other, “Men, we cannot just stay here, bound by this leprosy rule and constitution of the land and die. Even though men rejected us, even though we must die, let’s not stay here. Let’s go find something to eat. Who knows, God might help us. Let’s march out and give our lives a meaning. If we die in that process, better”

They did not die!

That story proves that a man’s God only gets into action when that person rises to confront his situation with a determination never to turn back without evidence. It proves that it is not your outlook that determines what life delivers into your hands, but your mind look. It proves that nothing happens unless you do something.

So many prophecies of success and blessings has gone ahead of you, both from your parents and preachers. But nothing will happen until you get up and seriously start thinking of how to get out of where you are now to a better place.

Unless you get up from where you are now and begin to make continuous, positive, determined, radical, mad moves towards your deepest desires heaven won’t come in. You’ll remain where you are and even die there. Your situation cannot change unless you do something – even if it means taking some risks.

If you must break your head, break it while in the fight to give your life a meaning and not from a slippery ground. If you must die, die while in the genuine pursuit for a better life.

It requires big risks to get big result!

### **HERE’S MY POINT...**

1. Know where you are going in life. Know what you are aiming at per time. Know what you want to do.

2. Be convinced in your heart that your plan, your idea, your business aim is right and that it will improve your life and help others too.
3. Make your plans. Devise your strategies. But bear in mind that “perfect plan” does not exist.
4. Pray for your aim with all your heart. That way you involve God and the universe of unseen angels to work for your favor.
5. Then go for that aim. Don’t just fold your arms and expect God to move. You move. Start doing something about your desire. God moves with those who are moving. If the Holy Spirit doesn’t move you, move in the Holy Spirit.
6. Don’t bang that goal and go for something else because of obstacles. Go forward. If you fail, make another plan, devise another strategy and move again. If you fail again, replace your plan with another and then another and another, and keep moving until disappointment becomes tired of you and life begins to deliver what you want.
7. David Oyedepo said, “Life does not give you what you deserve, life gives you what you demand”. Make life pay you what you want.

## **SOMETIMES SOME RULES AND PROTOCOLS NEEDS TO BE BROKEN**

Four men brought a sick friend who was paralyzed to Jesus. There was no way to get the patient to a comfortable position where Jesus could see and give him the desired attention. The crowd was much. And there was no way they could book an appointment with Jesus because He would be staying in that town just for that day.

All this was enough for them to consider and go home. They could have told their friend,” Boy, we’re sorry. We cannot change the situation. We’ve tried our best. Brace up and let’s take you home. We’ll try next time”.

But that was not what they did. Instead “they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on” (Mark 2:4).

Can you imagine that! They threw the paralyzed man down from the roof and caused a commotion, thereby getting the attention they needed. That was faith in action. It was a proof of their determination to succeed. It was proof they would never accept anything like no or “next time” (which have never existed in the world). It was proof of their vow to succeed. And what was the result? They made it!

Many people actually go back from their pursuits when they are very close to their solution because they won't break protocols or take risks. I remember in those days when I was desperately searching for a job. There was this vacancy I filled an application for even though I did not have the required certificate and years of experience. You know what I mean

I knew I would not be called for the interview because I did not meet up with the requirements so I devised a different way to have a meeting with the management. Not knowing the meeting was for the job the man in charge gave me an appointment. It was there I told him I was the best person for this job even though I didn't have the required certificate and experience. I narrated to them why I should be given the job. I did not tell them its because I need their money to survive (but you know I do), rather I gave them a plan of things I intend to do that will move their business forward. They saw the desperation and willingness in me and gave me the job. So I won.

Obviously, that's not a normal way to get a job. I broke the rules and all the protocols. But it was worth it. Be willing to dig through the roof above and lower down your mat instead of living without a meaning. That is, take positive risks. Do unusual things to get to your goal. Break some rules – break some limiting protocols!

Men who strike gold do not dig with shovel, spade or knife. They dig with something harder. You cannot follow conventional approach and arrive at GOLD STREET. Never. Don't follow the “as usual” street because it ends at nowhere.

The crowd (public opinions...this is the way it has always been done) is very good at stopping one from getting through. Only men of concrete determination beat them by following “UNUSUAL STREET” and strategies.

Analyze the vision or goal you have and picture if the prize is good enough for a stake. If it's good enough, embrace and pursue it with a vow to succeed. When the going gets too tough you are just about getting through. Just take some break and come up with better strategies.

Never abandon your goal, vision or project because you discover that some risks are involved, or because the game became tough. Tough games often attract better rewards

Someone noted, “It is risky not to take risks”. “He that observes the wind does not sow,” according to Solomon. Step out and play your ball, and play it hard, else life will kick against you. It is better to fail trying something great, than succeed doing nothing. Do unusual things to get to your goal so long as no one is harmed or cheated. Great men take right risks.

God will keep silent until He sees enough desire, push and desperation in you towards the deepest desires of your heart and of His assignment for your life. The door of Opportunity always and only opens for those who are continuously making attempts.

Beware of that road called “AS USUAL” street. It ends at NOWHERE. Men who just depend on the “NORMAL WAYS” of doing it always die losers. It is the “AB-NORMAL”, yes, the “UN-USUAL” Road that connects men to success Street. It was not normal when Faraday came up with the theory of electricity.

Discover all the normal ways of doing whatever you're involved in. But then add a further step. Invent and use the “abnormal” ways. That's what separates one from the multitude.

Any mountain you encounter on the way which refuses to disappear when you speak to it, dig patches through it, and climb it. “He turns not back who is bound to a star!” Said, **Leonardo Da Vinci**. It takes a hard heart to make a landmark!

# Food For Thought

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## CHAPTER 7

# *Critics And Faultfinders Are Unpaid Advertisers*

This book will not be complete if I did not say something about criticism and faultfinding. Experience has taught me that it is a part of everyday life. Sometimes most of us fear it so much that we walk away from great and effectual open doors that God has opened for us.

Personally, I have always been afraid of what people will say until I realized there was no way I would make them not talk. If I try to refrain from taking great actions I would hear rumors that I am a no good, but a liability. When I try to make great moves I hear rumors that I am a greedy and proud fellow. I kept working against my aspirations in an attempt to please everybody and prevent people from talking. But whatever I did, they talked.

Bill Cosby said, **“I don’t know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.”** If you are actually trying to achieve something with your life you will definitely have plenty of people who will oppose you, castigate you, or even declare war against you. People will misunderstand you. Even your family members might not get along with you over the direction and idea you are talking about initially

Even those who do nothing worthwhile also don’t escape opposition and criticism, how much more those who are making attempts to achieve something. But one fact remains clear, though hidden: critics and faultfinders are only voluntary advertisers. We need to thank and appreciate them for the publicity they give without pay.

A great statesman once said: *“It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the door of deeds could have done better. “The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself triumph of high*

*achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither defeat nor victory.”*

I have always advised people that it is better to fail while trying to do something that will make your life and others better than succeed doing nothing. He who withdraws from his plans because of what people will say is already a dead man even though he lives because people will still talk.

You need to know that critics and faultfinders are secret followers. You need them to validate your greatness. Successful men do not fight back at their critics and faultfinders. People will always talk no matter what you do. That's the way life is. It will not start or stop with you.

There are two best ways to handle and respond to criticism and faultfinders: Keep silent and produce more proofs. Success is the best form of revenge. A runner with a purpose to get gold does not attend to mosquitoes on the way. No matter how many bullets you have received, so long as you're still up, keep running. Get the gold first; the mosquitoes will disappear.

### **AND MIND YOUR BUSINESS...**

On your part – always mind your business. Bear in mind that any time spent discussing the faults of others will multiply your problems and obstacles by at least a hundred percent. You have enough problems to deal with. Don't create more by discussing others faults. Stop giving conclusions and judgment for anything you were not there when it happened.

Beware of anyone who discusses others faults with you. He will soon start discussing your faults with others. Beware! Every mocker ends up a mockery!

I think everyone in any form of leadership should tell their followers to avoid meetings and discussions targeted against other leaders, men of God and other ministries, else they will keep having problems they can't help them solve.

Critics and faultfinders are always small people beating about the bush or just fighting the air. There are always more serious things to do than sit down and discuss the faults and weaknesses of others.

## **Food For Thought**

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## CHAPTER 8:

# *How to Naturally Attract All Kinds Of Open Doors In 30 Days Or Less*

### **WHAT DOES AN OPEN DOOR MEAN TO YOU?**

Whatever an open door mean to you at this juncture, would you please underline it. If I've been too partial that I did not state what an open door might be to you please write yours in the three lines below. Let's define exactly what you want and look forward to experience in the next 30 days. This is very important because the first step towards any breakthrough is to know exactly what we want. So get that done.

To some, open door means more business connection

To some, it means restoration of their marriage

To some, it means landing a dream job

To some, it means more contacts for ministry

To some, it means winning a contract they are applying for

To some, it means being promoted at the workplace

To some, it means meeting the right marriage partner.

To some, it means passing their exams

To some, it means getting admission into the university

To some, it means deliverance from demonic attacks

To some, it means a new business idea or more clients...

To some, it means mysteriously getting money from someone

To some, it means finally securing papers to travel abroad.

Fill the form below if we did not state your line of expectation above

I expect to have an open door in the following areas.

- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....

Apostle Paul talks of doors of ministry open for him but adversaries would not allow him access these doors without a fight ( 2 Corinthians 16:9 NKJV). Same way, I am convinced that there are effectual doors that are open for you in whatever area it is you have noted above. But you will need to put up some fight to access these doors.

People don't just walk into their blessings or open doors; they fight their way into it. So let's examine how to put up your fight and enter into your open doors in the next 30 days. .

**TALK IT, IMAGINE IT, AND YOU WILL HAVE IT!**

Earlier on in this book, in the second chapter precisely, we noted that you have to build the right kind of expectation; you have to kindle the right kind of mindset to attract good things from God and the universe. I know you don't have money. I know you have some carryovers. I know you have enormous bills to pay and no good source of income. But believe that God will cause the universe to bring good things your way.

I agree that it is not easy telling a man who does not have money to buy baby food for his newly delivered baby to expect that he will hit some good soon. I know from experience that there is a lot of war going on within us. The status quo is always there confronting us face to face. Lots of bills, all forms of inconveniences and responsibilities, coupled with failed government. There are a million facts facing us with little or nothing to hope on. However, it is important to look beyond the obvious.

To attract good things and exceptional open doors, we have to try and convince ourselves that there are some good things ahead irrespective of how hopeless things seems at the moment. Yes, something good is definitely ahead of you. You are not the worst sinner that should be punished. God desires to bring good things your way. The entire universe has good things in store for you. Build your hope and expectation along those lines.

As I noted earlier, “It doesn’t matter what you are going through today, tell yourself everything is working out for your own good. You don’t need to wait for things to change before you start talking good to yourself. You start talking good for things to start changing. So get to work now.

Remember the assignment I gave you in that second chapter. We are going to commence actions along that again...

*“You are born to excel. You have success, peace of mind, health and prosperity. You are enjoying blessings and open doors everyday. Nothing can stop you. Everyone and everything is working out for your good.*

Personalize the above statements and start using it on yourself. Life is warfare. And the greatest war is the war within. If you don’t win the war within, then you will lose all other wars you face in life. So don’t expect your mind to cooperate with you. It will tell you that you are lying to yourself and that you need to face reality. But you have to fight it hard to agree and align its expectations with the Love of God and the good of the universe.

Write the above statement out and memorize it. Say it to yourself often.... on your way to work...while in the office...before attending a meeting. At least say it 21 times to yourself before you go to bed, after your normal routine prayers. Do it for the next 30 days and imagine yourself always enjoying all kinds of open doors...you’ll see what’ll happen. (Read Numbers 14:28).

### **FORGIVE, FORGET AND EMBRACE**

If you want to enter into your open doors you have to brace up and exercise yourself in forgiveness. When you do, you position yourself for new and great things. Let me state it ahead of time: forgiveness is not what you have to feel to do. It is also not easy to exercise forgiveness. On almost all occasion you won’t feel to forgive. You will have enough reasons not to forgive. But you always have to let the past be completely gone to embrace new things.

Who do you forgive?

1. ***Forgive yourself:*** You would have messed up so many times in the past and missed so many opportunities. But forgive yourself. Tell yourself and mean it: *I forgive myself. I know I have not really done well, but I forgive myself. I'm not a failure. With God's help I'll keep trying.*
2. ***Forgive God:*** You'd be surprised how many of us keep blaming God for all the bad things that have happened to us. Even though God never contributed to make our situations worse we sometimes find ourselves asking, "*but why did God this and why did God that?*" No need for long preaching here. Forgive God and move on. He actually loves you more than you think. Tell yourself, "*God I forgive you and I'm sorry for actually blaming You in any way. I KNOW You love me. I accept You as a good and loving father henceforth*"
3. ***Forgive The Government:*** I agree that our government has not actually treated us well. But you have to move on. Forgive the government, clear yourself of any form of bitterness towards the leaders and create your open doors. Tell yourself: "*Well, this government I forgive you. You have not really done well, but I forgive you henceforth. I receive grace to quit blaming you people in government and move on doing my own best within my own environment*"
4. ***Forgive Your Parents Or Children:*** In my life most times I have blamed my parents for not doing their best to put my siblings and me on equal standing with others in life. And apart from that my childhood memory is filled with unusual wickedness meted out to my parents and us by the extended family members. I was always keeping these records praying to pay back at the appropriate time. But I found out I've got to let these things go if I'll have to move on with my life. Whatever wrong your parents or family members, whether paternal or maternal family members, has done against you in the past, forgive and receive God's peace and move on. Clear those records off your mind.
5. ***Forgive Those Who Have Hurt You In the Past:*** Yes. Forgive those guys who betrayed you. Forgive those people who made you lose the contract or job and never cared. Forgive those people who took you

for granted. Forgive those guys willfully owing you money and not wanting to pay. Forgive. Forgive. Forgive. Close your eyes and say: "LORD help me forgive this... I forgive him/her for this... Bless him. Help him..."

Forgive and receive God's peace in your life and an unusual open door. Trying to carry out vengeance on your own will always give you more trouble. Withdraw all plans and setups to avenge in that case. Pray the above "forgiveness prayer" and let God and the universe come into the matter. You'll enjoy the results better.

### **MAKE AMENDS AND LET THE SUN SHINE BRIGHTER**

To enter into your open doors you need to make amends. Find out within yourself if you've done things that hurt someone in the past. Take steps to make amends. Few days ago, I had to call my family together and apologize to everyone. Sometimes as men we want to exercise authority and even do it to the unhappiness of others. I have discovered that most times when I'm broke I'm often irritated and most times I allow this irritation to burn towards others, especially my wife and immediate family members. So I did have to say sorry to everyone of them.

Don't be too proud to call your family members together and say, "I am sorry. I've not treated all of you well in the past. Please everyone forgive me." It doesn't reduce you, rather it adds to you. As a woman don't be too proud to say to your husband and family (children and house assistants) "I am sorry. I messed up. Forgive me everyone." As a leader or manager don't be too proud to make amends with your juniors. Saying I am sorry doesn't make you smaller than anyone. It is not saying it that actually makes you small and closes your doors.

Those people you owe, call them and say sorry. Start making plans to repay them. Look deep into yourself and desire to make amends with anyone or group of persons that your actions of ignorance has hurt in the past. Those people who helped you in the past that you did not say thanks to, call them and apologize.

There is a great door that is open unto you. But you have to clear the roads to enter into them. Will you?

## **BLESS YOUR ENVIRONMENT**

Okay, if you want to attract open doors you've got to do something. Apart from conditioning your spirit man for something good, you have to invest in your environment. You have to look for opportunities to contribute to a good cause. Get yourself ready and embark on some works of help in your neighborhood or beyond. "To the degree you help others get what they want, will others naturally help you get what you want," said Bill Stillwell.

You should know that giving is not limited to the one you do in church. While it is extremely important to give enormously to your church I am talking about going out to do some works of charity this season of open doors...going out to bless your environment.

Of course there are always people you are better than. Look out for your old clothes...you don't have to keep them until they damage completely. Buy some cartons of indomie. Ask your friends to make some contributions. Then go out and look for the poor, the wretched, the fatherless, the widows, look for the downtrodden and make contributions in their lives.

Look for a way to put a smile in some people's faces. The exercise will open you up to a new world of great things. Volunteer to do some community service. You don't need to be recognized by the media to do it. You are investing in nature. You are commanding the universe to bring you to your destiny.

In life we need to give before we get. It's easy for you to think you don't have anything to give. But you do. Money is not the only thing we can give. You can give your time. You can donate blood to a dying patient and save a life. You can ask your friends to gather their old clothes, plates and whatever and donate them to the less privileged. Embark on the exercise of blessing your environment/society for the next few weeks and see what doors you will naturally invoke to open for you. We must always include this in our monthly and yearly plans.

People like to give where they can be rewarded back, but the kind of giving and help that works great things is the one we do in places that we can't naturally get back from. If I donate some clothes to orphans, there's no way

I can get any reward from these orphans back as compensation for my kindness. But nature, the universe, heaven and all kinds of men will be naturally attracted to solve my own problems and take me to my blessings.

The truth is that helping others get what they want is the only program that will mysteriously attract others to help you get what you want. How many people can point at you and say, “he helped me stand, he helped me out, without asking anything in return”?

Even though things are not in their best for you now, isn't it good you are not a beggar? Don't make yourself one. A proverb said, “Help your brother's boat across, and your own will reach the shore.” Help others solve their problems. Help others think well. Help others live well. Help others become better. Use what you have at the moment.

To the degree you help others solve their problems, will others naturally come to help you get what you want. “An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves,” according to Lydia M. Child. Let us not be weary in doing well for at the proper time we will reap if we do not give up. Therefore as we have opportunity let us do good to all people”. (Galatians 6:7-10)

Invite God, nature and the entire universe to get to work on your behalf and bring you to your open doors. Will you take steps?

## **Food For Thought**

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Chinese Proverb

## CHAPTER 9:

# *Your Money Rain In 30 Days Or Less*

For those of you who know my business outside the preaching ministry, Money and Business education is what I do professionally, so there is definitely much to be said about creating your money open doors. However, I won't be doing much preaching but just giving you a push button to create your financial open door.

A few pages ago I told you about the power of taking action towards your purpose. Nothing happens unless you go out and do something and not take no for an answer. Much as I applaud money miracle stories I know that the major way God blesses financially is through the works of our hands. I am one of those who stress that you can never make a living by what people give you but by the fruits of your labor

It follows that if you are doing nothing then you can't have money. If you need more money then look for ways to increase the volume and value of the services or products you provide. And there are very many new business ideas you can start to help you create multiple streams of income.

People are poor when what they spend is more than what they get. That's why you can't possibly remain with just your employment income source to

survive financially. Creating multiple sources of income is what I advice every home to learn to do.

## **BONUS BUSINESS IDEAS**

As a bonus for investing your time in this book and listening to the message I've got I would like to offer you a free copy of my ebook titled: **FIRE YOUR BOSS: 50 BUSINESS IDEAS TO CREATE WEALTH**. If you would like a copy simply text me your name and email address with the message: **Send me the free book - Fire Your Boss**. And within 48 hours my staff will try and send the download link to your email address. That means the book is sent only through emails.

## **FINAL WORD**

God and nature have entrusted much to us. Let us arise and do something. It is our time and we must not fail. Right in this meeting we have uncovered the seeds of wisdom required to win the battle of life. Now you have no excuse. Step out and do something.

There is no battle free way to Canaan land. Confront the bulls on your way. If they refuse to leave, damn the consequences and grab them by the horn, and they will bow. I pray that you will be able to stand before God one day and say, "Lord, I used my gifts to make good profits. I did not disappoint my generation"

Good morning!