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BIBLE FAITH CONFERS MY DOMINION

"And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again" (Hebrews 11.32-35a NKJV).

God is saying, everything in life bows to the authority of the faith of the saints and that, it is to everyone according to his faith (Mt. 9:23, 9:29).

Faith is believing God for Whom He says He is and whatever He says He can do in His Word

Faith is not a religious theory, but a mystery of the Kingdom (1 Timothy 3:9). Faith has power to quench all the fiery darts of the devil to establish our dominion on earth (Ephesians 6:16, Daniel 3:26-28).

The results that faith obtains are mostly in explainable, but at the same time undeniable (Ecc. 11:5, Rom. 11:33). For example, how do you explain how Abraham at one hundred and Sarah at ninety had their first child (Rom. 4:16-23)? How do you explain how Shedrach, Meshach, and Abednego came through the fiery furnace without the smell of fire on their bodies (Dan. 3:26-28)?

How do you explain a man who had lived with a severe pain from his waist down to his leg for a very long time was set free through his faith in the mystery of feet-washing. He was only in the church for the first time and has never heard about feet-washing until he came to Overcomers' Chapel, DICA Malta.

Indeed, the mystery of faith is the gateway to a world of unlimited possibilities (Mt. 9:23, Jn. 14:12). We should also note that, there is no closed case with faith; that is, no matter what is confronting you, no matter what the medical report is, faith is never late, because faith will deliver at any time, we put it to work (Jn. 11:39-44). Remember, there are giants in everyone's promise land and it will require the Spirit of faith to get them out and possess our possession (Num. 13:30; 14:6-

In this Kingdom, it is to everyone of us according to our faith (Mt. 9:29, Hab. 2:4, Heb. 10:38). Jesus says, "if you believe, all things are possible for you" (Mk. 9.23)

Faith is knowledge within the heart beyond the reach of proof



"IN ADDITION TO ALL THIS, TAKE UP THE SHIELD OF FAITH, WITH WHICH YOU CAN EXTINGUISH ALL THE FLAMING ARROWS OF THE EVIL ONE."

Ephesians 6:16

Spiritual battles are as real as the air we breathe in and God has prepared for us spiritual clothing to wear so as to win every battle in live. Apostle Paul warns us that evil day/s are inevitable however, we are told to stand firm on evil days and remain firmly standing no matter what (Eph. 6.13). Your faith is so critical in spiritual warfare and this is why he says "above all" taking the shield of faith, wherewith you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked" (Eph. 6.16). The first three spiritual clothing are to be worn at all times but faith is to be pick up as needed, this mean it is our responsibility to pick up faith in evil days. Failure to pick it up can be very deadly in those evil days.

Faith is acting on the "Truth" of God Word so, in order for your faith to work, you must find out the "truth" on that matter you are confronted with. The "truth" is God's view on the matter. If you are not interested in God's view on the matter, then you cannot act in faith. We don't need to look for more faith, we are all been given a measure of faith that we need to defeat the enemy. All we now need to do is develop it by acting on the "truth" that is, what God says about the issue. you already know. Faith is not necessary feelings because a person can feel full of faith and not have any faith in him. A person can feel faithless and be full of faith, faith is not based on how you feel because our feelings are circumstantially driven. You must remember that we cannot always control circumstances.



Failure Viscipline Success

FAILURE DISCIPLINE SUCCESS

Everybody wants to succeed in life but if you ask people who succeed, they will tell you that two of the things that get success are failures and discipline. Failure is part of the process to success and self-discipline and will keep you on schedule and committed.

Most people are afraid to fail but failure does not prevent anyone from succeeding in life. Failure can lead to great success if we learn from it. This reminds me of a great inventor called Thomas Edison, on his journey to create electric bulb, he was not successful until after trying for over 10,000 times. He made a statement that got sucked with me since I read about him. He said "I did not fail, I only found 10,000 ways not to make electric bulb". God created us to succeed, He doesn't want you to fail (Jer. 29.11). Think about it, no manufacturer of any product send their product to the market to fail. The problem is that we grew up in environment where they make us believe failure is bad. When we fail or make mistakes, we got penalised for our mistakes.

If you ask any researcher or an inventor, they will tell you that they succeeded after many failures but they didn't give up trying to succeed. They did not allow their "failure" to slow them down, this is because they understand that success is built in them. We must change how we perceive failures if we truly want to be successful in what we do.

Secondly, to be successful in anything we do, we must be disciplined. This is showing a controlled form of behaviour or having a strict way of doing thing in order to get result. The Bible says "whoever is not disciplined is like a city broken down without walls".

Discipline is self-control which is one of the fruits or character of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5.22-23). This is the ability to have your feelings and impulses under your control. A disciplined person embraces a daily boring routine. You can't be successful in anything if your life is control by someone else or by your emotions. There two types of people in the world, (1) those who feel like before doing and (2) those who do it before feeling like doing it. The second group of people are those who knows what success is all about.

How do we maintain our discipline as a way of life?

- (1) Commit to your word, when you set out to do something, you don't need accountability.
- (2) Resist every distractions that may come from anyone and everything, your goal is only your attraction.
- (3) Develop whatever habit or skills you need to maintain your focus.
- (4) Set boundaries for yourself, that is, saying no to things you don't want to do or things that are distractions. Make room only for what is essential and important in each day.
- (5) Stick to the routine, no matter how boring it may look to others. "Routine is the cornerstone of discipline, especially when it comes to efficiency and time management".
- (6) Have your goals defined that is, know what you want and nothing else will move your goal post, keep their eyes on the prize (Phil. 3.14).
- (7) Keep to deadlines and respect time. Let your 8am be 8am and not 8.30am, and set mini timelines using clear mini goals as markers to keep them on track.



I WANT TO START BY SAYING YOU CANNOT CONTROL ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU WILL NOT ALWAYS MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS WHICH BRINGS YOU RESULTS. BUT YOU MUST ALWAYS LEARN FROM YOUR FAILURES AND MISTAKES. ONE OF MY POPULAR SAYING IS THIS "I AM NOT AFRAID TO MAKE MISTAKES BUT AFRAID NOT TO LEARN FROM MY MISTAKES" SO, WHAT I AM SHARING WITH YOU ARE THE THINGS I HAVE LEARN AND HOW THE LORD HAS TAUGHT ME ON HOW TO RECOVER FROM MY FAILURES.

RECOGNIZE WHAT FAILURE IS, IT IS NOT A PERMANENT STATE UNLESS YOU CHOSE TO MAKE IT SO. WITH GOD, THERE IS ALWAYS A SECOND CHANCE (PRO. 24.16).

FAILURE MUST BE YOUR TEACHER IF YOU ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL EVENTUALLY. YOU MUST NEVER ALLOW YOUR MISTAKES TO BE YOUR UNDERTAKER. CONSIDER IT A DELAY OR DETOUR AND NEVER DEFEAT OR DEAD-END ROAD OF YOUR LIFE. YOU ARE BORN TO SUCCEED AND SO, BE BIG ENOUGH TO ADMIT AND ACCEPT YOUR MISTAKES, THIS IS HOW IT WILL PROFIT YOU.THIS IS THE FINE LINE BETWEEN BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND UNSUCCESSFUL.

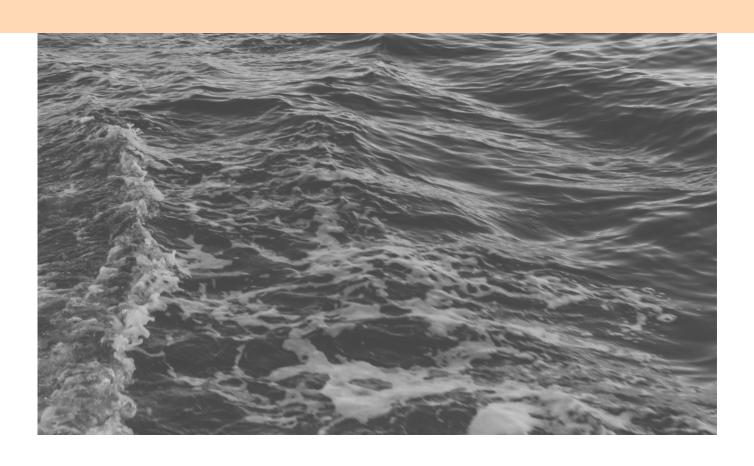
AVOID BEEN SUBDUED, PERHAPS CAUSED YOUR FAILURE, SO, BEGIN TO WORK IMMEDIATELY ON SELF-DISCIPLINE. PUT YOURSELF UNDER SERIOUS CONTROL. THE STORY WAS TOLD OF THE GREAT LORD NELSON, THE MAN WHO DEFEATED AND DESTROYED NAPOLEON FLEET. HE SICK THROUGHOUT HIS ENTIRE LIFE (SEASICKNESS), BUT HE DID NOT ALLOW THAT TO INTERFERE WITH HIS CAREER. THAT IS CALLED SELF-DISCIPLINE, NOT ONLY DID HE LEARN TO LIVE WITH HIS WEAKNESS BUT HE CONQUERED IT! SO, WHATEVER OUR WEAKNESS MAY BE, LEARN TO CONQUER IT.

LEARN TO READJUST AND REALIGN. IT IS NEVER ABOUT WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE OR WHAT YOU SHOULD HAVE. IT IS NOT ABOUT HOW YOU FAIL BUT HOW DO YOU RECOVER AND KEEP PURSUIT YOUR SUCCESS, WHATEVER THAT MAY BE.

MAKE SURE YOU GO FOR IT AGAIN, RE-ENTER THE ROAD TO YOUR SUCCESS AGAIN. IF YOU DON'T MAKE MISTAKES, YOU WILL NEVER MAKE PROGRESS. DON'T BE AFRAID TO MAKE ANOTHER MISTAKE ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS. YOU CANNOT LEARN WITHOUT MISTAKES, THIS IS NOT A CLICHE BUT A FACT OF LIFE. MANY CHRISTIAN REMAIN STAGNANT BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID TO MAKE MISTAKE.



"I AM NOT AFRAID TO MAKE MISTAKES BUT AFRAID NOT TO LEARN FROM MY MISTAKES"



OUR HEAVENLY CALLING

WRITTEN BY MICHAEL ABELA

In his letter to the Ephesians, Apostle Paul says 'I beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called' (Ephesian 4:1). To the Hebrews he refers to it as a 'heavenly call' (Hebrews 3:1).

As a Christian, by now you should be aware that every living being who lived, lives and will live is called to recognize Jesus Christ as the Son of God, by whom and through whom we can have access to the Father. Lost souls are called to accept Jesus as the only way to the Father (John 14:6) and find eternal life in Him (John 10:28b). But this calling, that Paul is speaking of, is addressed to the brethren in various churches who had already made Jesus Lord and Saviour of their life. Paul is speaking of a higher calling which goes beyond the initial response to salvation in Christ. To his fellow worker and student Timothy he says, 'who has saved us (speaking of God) and called us with a holy call' (2 Timothy 1:9). A heavenly call is one that follows the initial experience of salvation; a life of sanctification in Christ Jesus. This is the ultimate call for every Christian; 'called to be saints' (1 Corinthians 1:2). Saints as in holy, set apart, consecrated onto the Lord.

God is calling us to walk in the footsteps of our Lord and lead a life of holiness. This is the reason why we are saved in the very first place. To be like God in character and manners. This is the wisest thing a born again believer can ever do! In the second epistle of Peter 1:10, he writes 'brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will not stumble.'

Over and over again, we are urged to walk in a Christ-like manner. A life pleasing onto God. Such a conduct is 'a walk worthy of the calling with which you were called'.

As believers we are not to be disheartened by this seemingly demanding task. Remember that whatever the Lord commands us to do, He will also equip us to be able to carry it out. This high calling can only be fulfilled in Christ Jesus alone. He is the one sanctified and through Him alone we are sanctified (John 17:19). Titus 2:11-12 clearly states that it is only by His grace that we are able to accomplish God's will for our life, for the same grace by which we are saved is the same grace through which are being made holy!

So cheer up brethren, it is not up to you to make it through but it is the Spirit of God who works through you. Through His anointing you will be able to work out your salvation onto a life that is pleasing in His sight. Brethren the Lord has set His mind on your sanctification and there is no turning back. The Scriptures say 'for the gifts and the callings of God are irrevocable' (Romans 11:29). So be strong and of good courage 'being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.' (Philippians 1:6).



HOW TO STAY WELL IN THE WINTER!!!

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Around this time of year, the doctors surgery is filled with both kids and adults coughing and sneezing on each other. My aim in this piece is to give you a few basic information about some common ailments during this season to keep you and your family healthy.

1. Common colds:

It is caused by a virus and is characterised by runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, coughs, headaches and temperature. They can get worse within 3-5 days before starting to resolve.

Remedy:

1 teaspoon honey,1/2 lemon/lime,200mld warm water plus a little fresh ginger root. Sip on this as a replacement of coffee in the morning and night. These ingredients play different roles in ensuring that the bodies immune system is ready to take on the cold virus. Eating fruits rich in vitamin C e.g. oranges, grapefruit, dates, pomegranates etc helps to boost the immune system. Supplements like Echinacea and those rich in medicinal mushrooms e.g. mother of all (MOA) are also very beneficial in keeping the virus at bay.

2. Influenza:

This is another virus that can attack and make people sick with debilitating effects, it's onset is very quick, presenting with high temperature, headache, sore throat, muscle pain and joint pain. It can last a whole week and normally it makes the sufferer so weak that all they want to do is to sleep. People with other underlying diseases like diabetes, respiratory problems and cardiovascular disease can be at risk of a more serious complication if not properly treated. Sometimes people with flu are given antiviral drugs to help fight the flu but these medications will only reduce the sickness duration by 1-2 days only and must be started early. Also, flu vaccines are now the in thing for most to help prevent 'flu'. In the past these vaccines were made with heavy metals like mercury and aluminium and formaldehyde to make the vaccines more virulent, these additives are now known to cause neurotoxicity. The absence of these additives in recent rimes have also made the vaccines ineffective in most people especially those with weakened immune system who then end up with full blown flu after having the vaccine.



To opt for the vaccine as a means of preventing flu, my advice would be to ensure that the subject is very healthy and observing a healthy lifestyle protocol, otherwise think twice before having it. Here are a few ways to naturally prevent flu which I believe is God's way. Maintaining a good hygiene, repair your gut with multiple strains of probiotics, reduce sugar and alcohol consumption, reduce your stress, ensure you get 7-9 hours of sleep, take immune boosters, take supplements with glutathione and turmeric, optimise vitamin D and get plenty of exercises.

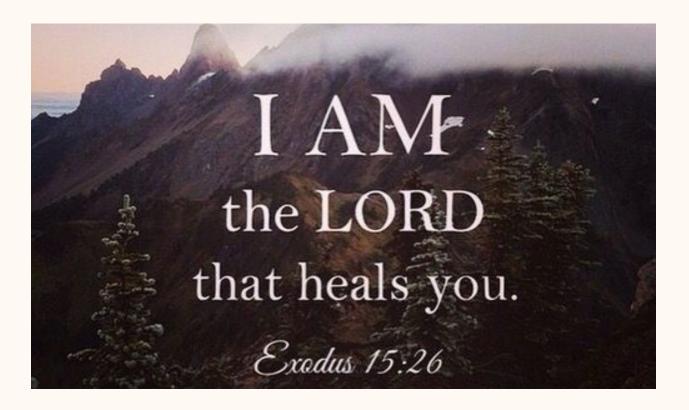
3. Norovirus:

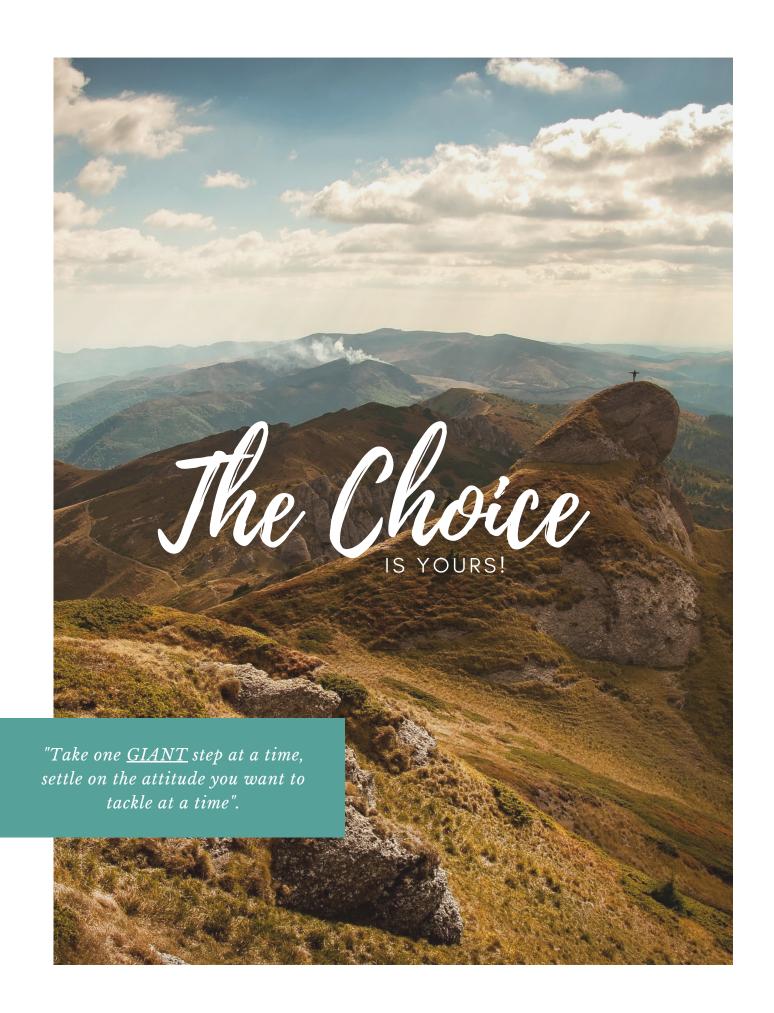
This is also known as the winter vomiting bug, although it can cause diarrhoea too. The main thing to do is drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration. You can also take paracetamol for any aches, pains or fever. There are many more winter diseases like pneumonia, strep throat, asthma-like symptoms, heart attacks, joint pains, dry skin etc. The most effective preventative ways of preventing these ailments is to eat mostly winter foods because God almighty knows that viruses will attack us so he gave us foods like the citrus, mangoes, lemons, lime, pineapples, pomegranates, cabbages, sweet potatoes, garlic etc these grow in the winter as part of the creators plan to cater for us. These winter foods if consumed frequently supplies the body with a good amount of antioxidants to help prevent free radical production and subsequently boost the immune system.

Always remember God is the ultimate Doctor and Creator and His ways are undetectable when followed will prevent sickness and misery.

Shalom

Vincent Uchegbu - Pharmacist and a natural health consultant.





You can be the master or servant of your failures, it is all a matter of your choice. We are the product of the choices we made yesterday. We become the choices we make today tomorrow. So, to change, we must choose to change. Until you are determine to change, whatever you do to achieve success will be a very tough road to take. Let me share with you few choices that must be made.

- (A) Evaluate your attitude. This may take some time to do but the goal is to see the bad attitude in you that keeps you from being fulfilled. Evaluation helps us to make necessary changes (II Cor. 13.5). If your attitude stinks, then you will have a messed up life
- **(B)** Remember that faith is stronger than fear. Your faith in God and His revealed truth about whatever success you want to acquire is the key (Mt. 17.22). Fear is the greatest enemy to success and the Bible gave us the antidote for fear, we have more that 365 "fear not" in the Bible, one for each day.
- i) understand that God see the problem and His Word says He will sort you out (Heb. 13.5)
- ii) In the journey of success, keep asking God for confidence (Heb. 10.35).
- iii) Believe God is in it for you and He created you and wants you to succeed (Jer.29.11).
- **iv)** Completely rely on the Holy Spirit. He is called your Helper, He is sent to make you succeed in every area of your life (John 14.26)
- (C) Be purposeful, have a target and pursue it. If you don't have a target, then you will not miss your goal, this is because you don't have one. Have a purpose and genuine and desire to accomplish it daily. This mean you must do thing to drive you towards your purpose. Believe in yourself and the God given ability in you. Share it with one or two people that can help you and encourage you. With that, you must learn to speak right about you and about your purpose and about whatever circumstances you find yourself. Use the word "I will" instead of "if", "I can" instead of "I can't", "I don't have time" instead of "I will make time", "all things are possible" instead of "it's impossible" etc. Finally, take action, Jesus says this is the different between a wise person and an unwise person (Mt. 7.24-27; Jms. 1.22-25).
- **(D) A desire to change.** No choice will determine your success more than your desire to change. When everything else fails, this desire will keep you above waters. This is what has brought success to many people. When I talk or counsel people, I have noticed that they are comfortable with the problems and they will rather talk about it instead of new solutions
- **(E) Change your thought pattern.** You are what you think (Pro. 23.7; Rom. 12.1-2). What many believes must know is that we can alter our lives by altering our mind. Our feelings comes from our thoughts but God has given us the ability to control our thoughts. Our thought life determines our happiness not our circumstances.
- **(F) Develop and maintain good habits.** Habits are attitudes. Start from your thought an it goes in circle like this; **thoughts-meditate on it-make decisions-take action-continue in that action-habit is formed-attitude** and it goes in that circle all over again. The circle can be positive or negative, the process is developing a habit, good or bad.
- **(G) Choose right attitude at all times.** Once you make the choice, then work on it. Attitude have tendency to revert back to the original patterns if not carefully guarded and cultivated. Consider these three stages:
- i) early stage the first few days will not be easy. Old habits will not want to go, they are hard to break. The mental proceed here must be on guarding your choice to provide the right action.
- **ii) middle stage** the moment good habits begin to take root, options opens that brings new challenges. New habit are been formed, good or bad. The more right choices and habits we develop, the more likely good habits will be formed.
- **iii) later stage** complacency can become the enemy. For example, some who successfully lost weight, only to fall back into old habits and gain it back. So, our decision is to continue to choose the right attitude the will bring us success in every area.

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"NO ONE CAN PRODUCE GREAT THINGS WHO IS NOT THOROUGHLY SINCERE IN DEALING WITH HIMSELF"

James Russell Lowell



Sense of direction:

This is a vital key in knowing yourself in your quest to succeed and grow.

"No one can produce great things who is not thoroughly sincere in dealing with himself". You must know yourself, what are your strengths and weaknesses, your opportunities and interests? You must able to gauge not only where you have been or what you have accomplished, but also where you are now. Where are you in the seasons or stages of your life?

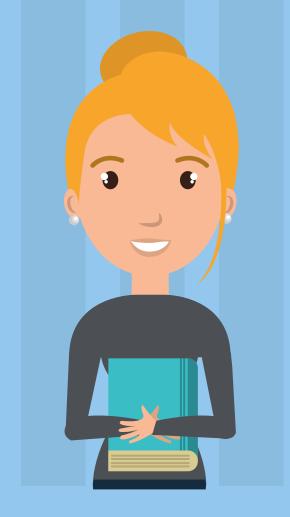
To set a course for where you want to go or what you want to achieve, one need to be aware of these things. Learn new things but also take the new things you've learn today and build upon what you learn yesterday to keep you growing and moving towards your goal and destiny.

Knowing where you want to go it crucial in life but you must know where you are now. Without both of those pieces of information, you are liable to get lost in the jungle of life. I have come to conclusion that there are only three types of people when it comes to having a clear direction in life:

- (1) People who really don't know what they want to do. These are the confused people. they lack strong sense of purpose, no sense of direction for their lives. They are not focus and so, it is difficult to pursue a purpose, they can grow and they are like the hamster on a wheel, The wheel keeps rolling and the hamster thinks he is going somewhere, but as a matter of fact, he is in the same place. The drift and dabble and so, they can't reach their potential because they no clue what to shoot for in life.
- (2) People who actually knows what they want to do but don't do it. These are the frustrated people. They are frustrated everyday and you can see it in them They daily experience the gap between where they are and where they want to be. They are not willing to pay whatever price to succeed and grow, to learn and move closer to where they desire to be in life. They allow fear to cloud their minds and prevents them from doing whatever they need to do to pursue their passion. No matter what the reason, they, too, miss their potential in life.
- (3) People who know what they will like to do and do it. They are fulfilled! These categories of people know themselves, they are fully aware of who they are. They possess a strong sense of passion, they are focused in purpose and objectives, they constantly grow in areas that help them to move forward and closer to their purpose. These are the ones that will do whatever it takes to fulfill their destiny. Because they are aware of themselves, they do what they were created to do.

Many people are in the first category, they are confused and don't know what they want to do, they don't know themselves. We live in an age that is confused and disturbed and many believers have fallen under the power of this age. They listen to all the voices around them but refuses to hear the one voice that is the most important, the voice of the Holy Spirit within them.

Unless you are aware of you, unless you know who you really are, you cannot be successful, you cannot become who God has made you to be, you will never fulfill your God-giving potential.



DEAR PARENTS,

God's Expectations From Godly Parents

"and tell them to your children over and over again.

Talk about them all the time, whether you're at home or walking along the road or going to bed at night, or getting up in the morning."

Deuteronomy 6.7 (CEV)

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO MAKING SURE OUR CHILDREN UNDERSTAND HOW TO LIVE FOR GOD AND SERVE HIM IN THEIR TENDER YEARS. GOD EXPECT US TO READ AND REPEAT THE SCRIPTURES TO YOUR CHILDREN. TALK ABOUT THEM ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD WHEN YOU ARE AT HOME AND WHEN YOU ARE ON THE ROAD, WHEN YOU ARE GETTING UP. WHEN THEY GET OLDER, THEY WILL DO THE SAME FOR THEIR CHILDREN (PROVERBS 22.6).

IN DOING THIS, WE OPEN UP FOR GOD TO WORK IN THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN. WE ALSO DO THIS BY BEEN A GOOD EXAMPLE TO THEM IN WORD AND IN DEEDS.

JEREMIAH 31.33 SAYS "I WILL PUT MY INSTRUCTIONS DEEP WITHIN THEM ... WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS, I WILL BE THEIR GOD AND THEY WILL BE MY CHILDREN". SO, OUR ONLY RESPONSIBILITY NOW IS TO TEACH THEM HIS WORDS AND DIRECTING THEM IN RIGHT PATH. OUR CHILDREN ARE DESTINED TO BE LIGHTS THAT OTHERS WILL FOLLOW INTO GOD'S KINGDOM.

I AM SO LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THEM GROW IN THE LORD EVERY SUNDAY AT I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO NURTURE AND WATER THEM EVERY SUNDAY AT GOD'S GROWING GARDEN.



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Overcomers' Voice

is a Christian program on F living TV where the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ is brought directly into the comfort of your homes every week in Malta and Gozo. The program is presented by Pauline Attard Abela with Pastor Jide. Pastor Jide is a proven Bible teacher and ordain minister who has a dynamic approach in presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He is strongly convinced that the Bible is still relevant to all relevant issues of life today. The goal is eternity, the ability to live along with our Creator by accepting the free gift of salvation offered to us by Jesus Christ.

Pastor Jide strongly advocates that the purpose of our lives is to cooperate with God's plan. Pastor His ministry has brought deliverance, healing and restoration to many people's lives. So, plugin every week and be blessed.

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