

# BREAKING FINANCIAL BARRIERS

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People are motivated by two forces; pain and pleasure, fear and reward, loss or gain. Any of these could be your experience now. New grounds can be broken to recover your self-esteem, dignity and fame, or to gain more. New grounds can be broken by you to end the fear of loss, failure, becoming irrelevant, financial crisis etc in your life and increase your income.

## MOTIVATING FACTORS

1. Circumstances push men to break new grounds.
2. Strong desire for better life fires a man to break new grounds.
  - Until you are tired of your present position, you can't go forward.
  - Until your present position becomes too small for you, and everything in you craves for enlargement, there can be no enlargement.
3. If you are not comfortable where you are now, then it is time for you to break new grounds.

New grounds are things you have not done before, levels you have not reached before, jobs and professions you have not tried before, and businesses you have not opened or run before. A new ground is for financial freedom and abundance.

Barriers are obstacles, hindrances, and great challenges that try to stop us from advancing and becoming what God wants us to be. Breaking financial barriers involves three levels of man's experience: mental, financial and spiritual.

## CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE (MENTAL BARRIER)

Attitude is the way a man thinks. It is a man's mental disposition. Attitudes are formed based on the interpretations we give to the things we see, hear, smell, taste and feel.

A man's attitude determines his fate in life. Attitude is more important than facts whether the facts are in one's favor or not. The Winning attitude is the best any man, anywhere should adopt. To reach your dream, you must climb a ladder on which there are four rungs. Mark them well. They are **Determination, Dedication, Discipline, and Attitude.**

Attitude is more important than all other three qualities taken together, because attitude deals with how a person thinks and believes. And before anyone can be determined, dedicated, and disciplined, he must make a mental and spiritual commitment to the goal. He must continue to think positively about it all the way to its attainment.

A positive attitude enables a man to break new and higher grounds. A negative attitude makes one to rot in a place with the spirit of complaining and despair ruling.

*Prov 23:7*

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

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*Prov 27:19*

*19 For as in water face answers to face, so the mind of man reflects the man.*

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*Josh 1:1-9*

*1:1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them-to the Israelites. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates-all the Hittite country-to the Great Sea on the west. 5 No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. 6 "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."*

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Joshua was encouraged by God to be positively be filled with courage and get ready for challenges that will come his way as he leads the people of Israel to into the Promised Land. It takes a courageous heart to face challenges and have victory without being shattered by it. You can never win with a negative and defeatist mindset. You need a positive and winning attitude to face challenges and win. Believe, nothing is impossible with God and with one who believes, and that you can do all things through Christ that strengthens you.

*Gen 30:25-43*

*25 After Rachel gave birth to Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me on my way so I can go back to my own homeland. 26 Give me my wives and children, for whom I have served you, and I will be on my way. You know how much work I've done for you." 27 But Laban said to him, "If I have found favor in your eyes, please stay. I have learned by divination that the LORD has blessed me because of you." 28 He added, "Name your wages, and I will pay them." 29 Jacob said to him, "You know how I have worked for you and how your livestock has fared under my care. 30 The little you had before I came has increased greatly, and the LORD has blessed you wherever I have been. But now, when may I do something for my own household?" 31 "What shall I give you?" he asked. "Don't give me anything," Jacob replied. "But if you will do this one thing for me, I will go on tending your flocks and watching over them: 32 Let me go through all your flocks today and remove from them every speckled or spotted sheep, every dark-colored lamb and every spotted or speckled goat. They will be my wages. 33 And my honesty will testify for me in the future, whenever you check on the wages you have paid me. Any goat in my possession that is not speckled or spotted, or any lamb that is not dark-colored, will be considered stolen." 34 "Agreed," said Laban. "Let it be as you have said." 35 That same day he removed all the male goats that were streaked or spotted, and all the speckled or spotted female goats (all that had white on them) and all the dark-colored lambs, and he placed them in the care of his sons. 36*

*Then he put a three-day journey between himself and Jacob, while Jacob continued to tend the rest of Laban's flocks. 37 Jacob, however, took fresh-cut branches from poplar, almond and plane trees and made white stripes on them by peeling the bark and exposing the white inner wood of the branches. 38 Then he placed the peeled branches in all the watering troughs, so that they would be directly in front of the flocks when they came to drink. When the flocks were in heat and came to drink, 39 they mated in front of the branches. And they bore young that were streaked or speckled or spotted. 40 Jacob set apart the young of the flock by themselves, but made the rest face the streaked and dark-colored animals that belonged to Laban. Thus he made separate flocks for himself and did not put them with Laban's animals. 41 Whenever the stronger females were in heat, Jacob would place the branches in the troughs in front of the animals so they would mate near the branches, 42 but if the animals were weak, he would not place them there. So the weak animals went to Laban and the strong ones to Jacob. 43 In this way the man grew exceedingly prosperous and came to own large flocks, and maidservants and menservants, and camels and donkeys.*

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Jacob could have remained a slave to Uncle Laban until Laban's death if he did not positively come to God and take steps to change things. Laban kept cheating him by changing his wages, because he learnt that he was prospering because Jacob was working for him and if he let him go things will not be well with him anymore. He wasn't willing to let him go. Jacob himself was not prepared to go back to Canaan without something tangible. His intent to return prosperous was communicated to God on his way to Laban's house at Bethel where he set up an Alter, and he was not willing to change his mind about that. He had promised God a tenth of all He gives him if He will bring him back prosperous. Having told Laban what his wages should be, Laban again as usual cheated him by removing all the sheep and goats that fall into the category of what he requested as wages. When he went through Laban's flock, he found nothing. It would have taken many years for Jacob to get the animals he asked for from Laban under natural breeding circumstance. He had to go to God and God showed him what to do, and when he did it, he saw it was working. That's how Jacob bred all the animals he named as his wages within a short time..

It took a positive mindset to make it happen. You can change your condition too if you can break all mental barriers you have in you.

The negative mind concentrates and sees only:

1. One's weaknesses,
2. Absence of a helper,
3. Lack of capital,
4. Harsh economy,
5. Those that are not succeeding,
6. Lack of education,
7. Unfavorable environment,
8. Bad luck and past misfortunes and failures,
9. Previous mistakes,
10. Present problems,
11. Real and imaginary demonic and human enemies,

- 12. Fear,
- 13. Road blocks,
- 14. Unpaid debts.

A man with such a mentality can never break financial barriers and new grounds.

You need to break loose from negative mentality, and you will break forth into new experiences that are richly rewarding. You need to break loose from your negative mentality and you will shine like God meant you to shine.

- Let not your mind be a cage and prison but a spring pad for your flight to glory.

As long as you see with the eyes of God you will be what he wants you to be. Fill your mind with positive words from the word of God. Accept what the Bible says of you. Believe you are who God says you are. Believe you have what he says you have. Believe you can do what he says you can do.

- Small minds (myopic minds) doubt God and great minds believe God and his word.

#### **BREAKING THROUGH BY SACRIFICE (FINANCIAL BARRIER)**

1. Some conditions will not change until something drastic is done.
2. The supernatural power of God has to be invoked to break every financial barrier.
3. Sacrifice is a strong medium for invoking the presence of God to change an ugly situation.
4. Fire does not fall on an empty altar - If there is no sacrifice on the Alter, there will be no fire. You have to place something on the Alter for the fire of God to fall.
5. A sacrifice is what you give that cost you – everything in you cries out as you let it go. You are not giving it away to God because you don't need it, but because you need God to attend to your urgent need.
6. A sacrifice is a distress and emergency call to God.
7. A sacrifice is not a bribe to God or a payment for the services of God but a proof of strong faith in God and a distress call for urgent attention, deliverance and breakthrough.
8. Only people who need a change make sacrifices.
9. Sacrifice reveals the heart of the giver to God.
10. Sacrifice memorializes our desire and petition before God.
11. Sacrifice is a mixture of prayer and giving to produce a double force that will make good our desire.
12. When prayer does not produce the desired result, sacrifice will. It worked in Hannah's life and it will work in yours.
13. If it is not costly (valuable), it is not a sacrifice. Your sacrifice must be something of great value to you that you want to keep and need in your life. Because it is valuable and precious to you that is why it is a sacrifice.

*6 He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.*

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Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac brought great blessings that are still speaking today.

*Gen 22:1-19*

*22:1 Sometime later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. 2 Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." 3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." 6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, 7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" 8 Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. 9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. 12 "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." 13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided." 15 The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time 16 and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, 18 and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me." 19 Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.*

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Hanna's sacrifice of her unborn son brought her Samuel and many more children after she kept her vow of giving Samuel to the Lord for His service.

*1 Sam 1:9-28*

*9 Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on a chair by the doorpost of the LORD's temple. 10 In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD. 11 And she made a vow, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no*

razor will ever be used on his head." 12 As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. 13 Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk 14 and said to her, "How long will you keep on getting drunk? Get rid of your wine." 15 "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. 16 Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." 17 Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him." 18 She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast. 19 Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah lay with Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. 20 So in the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the LORD for him." 21 When the man Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vow, 22 Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, "After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the LORD, and he will live there always." 23 "Do what seems best to you," Elkanah her husband told her. "Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the LORD make good his word." So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him. 24 After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. 25 When they had slaughtered the bull, they brought the boy to Eli, 26 and she said to him, "As surely as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. 27 I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. 28 So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.

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Jephthah's sacrifice of anyone that comes out to greet him at his return victoriously from battle gave him great victory over Ammon.

*Judg 11:27-40*

28 The king of Ammon, however, paid no attention to the message Jephthah sent him. 29 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah. He crossed Gilead and Manasseh, passed through Mizpah of Gilead, and from there he advanced against the Ammonites. 30 And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD: "If you give the Ammonites into my hands, 31 whatever comes out of the door of my house to meet me when I return in triumph from the Ammonites will be the LORD's, and I will sacrifice it as a burnt offering." 32 Then Jephthah went over to fight the Ammonites, and the LORD gave them into his hands. 33 He devastated twenty towns from Aroer to the vicinity of Minnith, as far as Abel Keramim. Thus Israel subdued Ammon. 34 When Jephthah returned to his home in Mizpah, who should come out to meet him but his daughter, dancing to the sound of tambourines! She was an only child. Except for her he had neither son nor daughter. 35 When he saw her, he tore his clothes and cried, "Oh! My daughter! You have made me miserable and wretched, because I have made a vow to the LORD that I cannot break." 36 "My father," she replied, "you have given your word to the LORD. Do to me just as you promised, now that the LORD has avenged you of your enemies, the Ammonites. 37 But grant me this one request," she said. "Give me two months to roam the hills and weep with my friends, because I will never marry." 38 "You may go," he said. And he let her go for two months. She and the girls went into the hills and wept because she would never marry. 39 After the two

*months, she returned to her father and he did to her as he had vowed. And she was a virgin. From this comes the Israelite custom 40 that each year the young women of Israel go out for four days to commemorate the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite.*

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The widow of Zarephath's sacrifice of her last meal brought her provision for the remaining period of the famine, and restored her son back from death after the enemy struck him dead.

*1 Kings 17:7-24*

*7 Sometime later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. 8 Then the word of the LORD came to him: 9 "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food." 10 So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" 11 As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."*

*12 "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread-only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it-and die." 13 Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. 14 For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: `The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.'" 15 She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. 16 For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah. 17 Sometime later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. 18 She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?" 19 "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. 20 Then he cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" 21 Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!" 22 The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. 23 Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!" 24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."*

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You have to sacrifice your way out of financial problems and other kind of problems. Sacrifice has great power to move the hand of God to urgently intervene in your situation. There must be some sacrifice on the Alter for the fire to fall. Fire never falls on an empty Alter. If you need God's urgent intervention, make a sacrifice (something of great value and importance) to you to God to move God's hand to help urgently.

**DELIVERANCE PRAYERS TO DEAL WITH THE SPIRIT OF POVERTY (SPIRITUAL BARRIER)**

Some people are under demonic attack causing poverty, lack, stagnation, setbacks, loss of jobs, frustration in business and indebtedness. Apart from giving a sacrifice, you need to pray breakthrough prayers that will get rid of the powers of evil standing in the way. You may need to be ministered to by anointed servants of God. The curse of poverty in place must be dealt with for prosperity to occur.

Prayer alone will not get you freedom from financial barriers. You need to constantly give sacrificially to break the power. Giving and prayers go together in breaking financial barriers.

*Isa 61:1-3*

*The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion--to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.*

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*Mark 16:17-18*

*17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;*

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## CONCLUSION

God is willing to help you overcome your financial crisis and bring you into abundance and financial freedom. Change your mind set. Get rid of all negative and defeatist thoughts and become positive about your condition and the challenges that confront you. Determine what your sacrifice should be. If it is not costly, it is not a sacrifice. The value you place on what you are looking for will determine the sacrifice you will present to God. Submit to the word of God and ministry of an anointed man of God as you sacrifice to God and wait for the miracle of God. You will not be disappointed.

## SUCCESS TIT-BITS

- 1. Strong desire produces strong determination which triggers the brain to come up with ideas or plan on how to achieve a set goal or dream.**
- 2. Desire is the driving force for accomplishment.**
- 3. the longer you work in the right direction, the closer you are to success.**
- 4. Maintain focus and refuse distractions and you will be an achiever.**

5. Never stop what you are doing because things are not working out well, success is around the corner.
6. Never take no for an answer. Keep on keeping on, no matter how hard the going may be.
7. Remember that all who succeed in life get off to a bad start, and pass through heart breaking struggles before they "arrive". Don't let difficulties stop you.
8. Tell yourself every morning before you go out "I will make it today". And have no doubt about it. You will make it.
9. Whatever God starts, He finishes. As his son, whatever you start you will successfully finish. You are destined to win!
10. No sowing no reaping. No labour, no wages. No input, no output. Laziness will only make your vision wishful thinking.
11. Hard work transforms vision to mission.
12. Purpose can only be achieved through hard work.
13. Lazy people don't make things happen. Hard workers are proof producers. Become one today.
14. Pursue your purpose in life with everything you have been given by God.

## **WISDOM FOR ASSOCIATION**

1. The one who speaks into your life directs the course of your life.
2. Self-discovery enhances relationship for you cannot relate well except you have a working knowledge of your person.
3. Pointing the accusing finger is not a way to solving relationship problems, but critically evaluating the issues at stake and accepting responsibility for the wrong done and going a step further to dealing with personal weaknesses will solve the problems.
4. It takes sincerity to make a good friend and partner.
5. Recognition of the truth that what is lacking in you is in another will help you value people and relate well with them.
6. Character problems are major reasons why friendships don't last. Take a good look at yourself now and clean out what needs to.
7. Your integrity will always be remembered more than your sweet words and gorgeous dressing.
8. When God wants to bless a man, He sends him a person with what he needs. It takes those who value relationships and are sensitive in the spirit to recognize them and take advantage of the opening and connection.
9. Go where you are needed and you will be highly honored.
10. Do not expect everybody to believe in you and in your dream for not all will. Believe in yourself and prove to the world you are worth something.

## RENEWING THE MIND

1. Our brains become magnetized with the dominating thoughts which we hold in our minds and, by means with which no man is familiar, these "magnets" attract to us the forces, the people, the circumstances of life which harmonize with the nature of our dominating thoughts.
2. Think positive to have positive results.
3. Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve.
4. Your life is a reflection of your thoughts.
5. What you think is what you are - it is what you will become.
6. The you, you see is the you, you will be.
7. The positive thinker is not dismayed or discouraged by any adversity, setback, or seemingly impossible condition, knowing that he or she is able with the help of our loving Heavenly Father to see through and overcome any difficulty.
8. A positive thinker is a person who is strong, tough, and rugged mentally.
9. Positive thinking is the management of ideas.
10. Positive thinking is for strong people: strong in faith, strong in thought, strong in character, and if they are not so, when they embrace positive thinking, the struggle to become positive will make them strong.