

BREAKING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

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Hardship is a familiar word to everybody, but no one wants to experience it. Hardship has to do with hard life, hard experiences. It is a difficult, unkind, cruel and unjust time and experiences. Hardship is synonymous with pain and torture.

Financial hardship has to do with the pain and torture that comes as a result of scarcity of funds to meet the basic needs of life as they come. When a man is unable to pay his bills as at when due, unable to take care of the needs of his family, unable to meet his financial obligations within and outside his home, he is experiencing financial hardship. When a man is constantly indebted because of constant borrowing in order to survive, he is experiencing financial hardship.

The absence of a “store house” – always eating from hand to mouth is a manifestation of financial hardship. You wish to do good, but unable to do it because you never have enough, is financial hardship. I can go on and on enumerating what can be classified as financial hardship, but space will not permit me to go further. With the little illustration I have given, I am sure you understand what financial hardship is all about.

Breaking financial hardship is possible with God.

Luke 1:37

37 For nothing is impossible with God."

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What we are going to be considering in this write-up is God's way of breaking financial hardship. It is a tested and proven way that guarantees result any day, anytime, anywhere.

Before we go on, I want to let you know that God's ways are not man's ways and God's thoughts are not man's thoughts. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are His ways higher than man's ways, and his thoughts than man's thoughts.

Isa 55:8-9

8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.

9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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God's ways are supernatural, which is more technical, spiritual, mysterious and productive than natural ways man is used to. God's way will always work for you if you follow his detailed instructions.

If you open up your heart to what you are about to learn and practice every detail with joy and faith, you will write me to share your testimony.

GETTING DESPERATE FOR ENLARGEMENT

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.

A man who is satisfied with the 'status quo' can never make moves to get out into a better realm of living.

Prosperity, growth, progress, enlargement etc, are all a matter of choice. The choices you make determine your next line of action. The choices you make determine how you channel your energy. The choices you make determine what your experience will be in the nearest future.

Until you are dissatisfied with the present state of things, you can never desire enlargement. And without a strong desire, you can never move forward.

Mark 11:24

24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

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Necessity is the mother of invention. Until you see the need for a change, you can't desire a change. It is only those who want change that get changed or experience a change.

Are you comfortable where you are now? Are you tired of financial hardship? Are you tired of borrowing? Are you tired of eating from hand to mouth? Are you tired of being small, and want to be big and greater? Are you tired of being harassed for money by your debtors, landlord and family? Are you tired of the shame of not being able to meet your financial obligations to your family? Are you tired of being unable to give to God because you think you don't have enough? Are you tired of your inability to bring your dreams to reality because you don't have what it takes to do it? Are you tired of the oppression of the enemy and want God to look in your direction urgently and deliver you? Do you really want a change? Have you stayed on that spot or position long enough such that you are dying on the inside for a change? How desperate are you for a change? Are you ready to pay the price for a change?

You need to get tired to be fired up. Until you are really tired, you will never become desperate for enlargement. It takes desperation to apply the principles of God in the midst of hard times and lack to have a breakthrough. God's ways are unusual and unnatural to man, but they work.

BUILD STRONG DESIRE FOR A CHANGE

What you don't desire, you can't see. And what you can't see, you can't possess.

Gen 13:14-17

14 The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. 15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. 16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone

could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. 17 Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you."

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If you can't see it, you can't have it. You must desire it for you to make move towards enlargement.

2 Kings 6:1-2

6:1 The company of the prophets said to Elisha, "Look, the place where we meet with you is too small for us. 2 Let us go to the Jordan, where each of us can get a pole; and let us build a place there for us to live." And he said, "Go."

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HAVE A VISION OF A BETTER AND GREATER TOMORROW

Paint a picture in your head that you will focus on. Paint a picture that will keep you going even when things are rough. Paint a picture that will not allow you to be static in life.

You must live for something at every given point in time. Have a vision that can be reached. When a goal is accomplished, don't settle down there, set a higher goal. When you stop reaching out to higher goals, you will rot and die. Have a craven to grow bigger every day

GET DESPERATE

A desperate man is one who wants a change by any means possible. A desperate man is one who is ready to do anything that is wild and dangerous. As a child of God, you are not permitted to do what is evil in the sight of God to get what you want, but to act within the limits of the scripture.

Until you get desperate on the inside, you cannot apply with fervency all that I am going to teach you in this study. It takes a man who is desperate to do what is necessary for enlargement.

A desperate man does not argue with God on his principles for a way out. A desperate man listens to instructions and follows instructions. A desperate man will even go the extra mile to get what he wants.

The Canaanite woman in Matthew 15:21-28 did not allow the seemingly harsh statement of Jesus to discourage her. First, she was ignored. When Jesus' disciples pleaded on her behalf, the Lord said he can't take what is for the children and give it to the dogs. Because of her desperation to get her daughter healed, she didn't allow that word to hinder her. Instead, she argued that the dogs feed from the crumbs that fall from the table. By that, she agrees she was a dog not looking for food meant for the children of the master, but for the crumbs.

Matt 15:21-28

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." 23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." 25 The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord,

help me!" she said. 26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." 27 "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

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A desperate man will absorb anything as long as he gets what he wants. He always goes the extra mile for he will not take no for an answer.

A desperate man is a determined man. He is not easily discouraged. He does not take no for an answer. He will stop at nothing until his desire comes to pass. He will not let go until he gets what he wants.

Jacob in Genesis 32:22-32 wrestled with the angel of God, not letting go until he blessed him and ended his life of deceiving and being deceived. Don't let go, hold onto God's word and act on it, and your hardship will come to an eternal end.

A desperate man is persistent in applying the principles of God and knocking on God's door, until he opens.

Luke 11:5-11

5 Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, 6 because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' 7 "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs. 9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?

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Luke 18:1-8

18:1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2 He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' 4 "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'" 6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

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A desperate man will not give up doing what God's word says he should do to get his heart desire.

A desperate man will never stop tithing, giving and sacrificing, no matter what for he knows that is God's way of breaking financial hardship.

It is with a desperate attitude that one needs to throw away the old life and put on the new life Jesus Christ offers us. Get desperate! A new life awaits you. Better life is yours. Desperately apply the word of God, while you wait patiently and joyfully for your breakthrough.

GIVING YOURSELF OUT OF POVERTY

You do not pray yourself out of poverty. You do not fast yourself out of poverty. You give yourself out of poverty. Prosperity answers to giving – much giving.

Praying is good, fasting draws God's attention, but giving is the God-given pathway to prosperity. Ecclesiastes 8:5,6 teaches us that for every matter under the sun, there is a proper time and procedure for it, though a man be dying under the weight of the problem, until he locates the procedure, laws or principles, and walk in them, he cannot get out of that situation. Except you follow the right procedure for breaking financial hardship, all your effort will be in vain.

Eccl 8:5-6

5 Whoever obeys his command will come to no harm, and the wise heart will know the proper time and procedure. 6 For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter, though a man's misery weighs heavily upon him.

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If you are desperate for enlargement you have to take this principle serious and begin to walk in it.

Luke 6:38

38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

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Phil 4:14-19

14 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. 15 Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; 16 for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. 17 Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. 18 I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. 19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

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2 Cor 9:6-15

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." 10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. 14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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Prov 11:24-28

24 One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. 25 A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. 26 People curse the man who hoards grain, but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell. 27 He who seeks good finds goodwill, but evil comes to him who searches for it. 28 Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.

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Giving guarantees open heavens. And when the heavens open, anointing, wisdom, ideas, favour flows towards the giver.

Mal 3:10

10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

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When you give out what you have, you open the door for more to come. The widow of Zarephath had to give out her last meal for her to gain more. Read 1Kg. 17:7-16.

Giving is the covenant way to prosperity. And anyone who walks in the covenant, must receive the blessings of the covenant. Consistent giving makes room for abundance.

God does not allow cash from heaven, but uses men to reward the giver. The reward may come in form of increased sales, causing men to favour you with a new job or contract, stirring your employer to promote you or increase your pay package etc. God uses men. Giving guarantees

returns. And when God is giving back to you, he adds an extra. It is the measure (percentage) that you use in giving that God uses to reward you, pressed down, shaken together and running over. God is not interested in the exact amount, but in the percentage – after you have given, what is left behind is what he considers.

BE EXPECTANT AS YOU GIVE

When you give, expect to receive. God promises a reward for our giving, so that when we give, we give with the hope to receive the blessings promised.

God never asks for anything or a job to be done without promising a reward. In the case of giving, God promises a replacement accompanied by an extra. He promises enlargement and prosperity.

Always be expectant as you give. Give expecting him to keep his part of the covenant. He won't fail.

WHOM TO GIVE

1. Give to God – Malachi 3:8-12
2. Give to men of God – Gal 6:6; 1 Kings. 17:7-16
3. Give to the needy – Prov 28:27; Gal 6:9-10.

HOW CAN I GIVE WHEN I AM NOT RICH?

You don't have to wait till you have more than enough before you give. You give from the little you have. If you don't give, how do you get the "more than enough". You need to start giving?

Mark 12:41-44 tells us the story of a widow who gave two small copper coins (which was all that she had to live on) to God as an offering. She did not give because she had enough. She gave because she loved God and wanted God to break her financial hardship.

The widow of Zarephath gave her last meal not because she had more than enough, but that she might have more than enough. Read 1 Kings 17:7-16.

The Macedonian Churches gave out of the most severe financial trial. They gave out of their "extreme poverty" generously to meet the need of the Church. Paul declared. Read 2 Cor 8:1-6).

There is never a time that you will not have a need. Give despite the need on ground. Give and give again, and you will enter into abundance.

WHAT TO GIVE

1. **YOUR TITHE:** Tithe is a tent of your income. Income includes salaries, allowances profits and gifts.

Mal 3:8-12

8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse-the whole nation of you-because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in

this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. 12 "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.

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- 2. FIRST FRUIT:** First fruit is the first profit in a business in the first day or first week or first month depending on when you do your accounts and how large your heart is towards God, first salary and allowance, and the first increase or raise you get as a promotion (the difference between the old salary and the new one). You give it to God as a first fruit offering to God.

Prov 3:9-10

9 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

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- 3. YOUR OFFERINGS:** Offerings are love gifts given to appreciate God for what He has been doing and what He will do.

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Lev 1:1-3

1:1 The LORD called to Moses and spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting. He said, 2 "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When any of you brings an offering to the LORD, bring as your offering an animal from either the herd or the flock. 3 "'If the offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he is to offer a male without defect. He must present it at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting so that it will be acceptable to the LORD.

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- 4. KINGDOM INVESTMENTS:** Kingdom investment is all about giving to sponsor the gospel and Church projects on a regular basis.

2 Chron 29:1-9

29:1 Hezekiah was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years. His mother's name was Abijah daughter of Zechariah. 2 He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, just as his father David had done. 3 In the first month of the first year of his reign, he opened the doors of the temple of the LORD and repaired them. 4

He brought in the priests and the Levites, assembled them in the square on the east side 5 and said: "Listen to me, Levites! Consecrate yourselves now and consecrate the temple of the LORD, the God of your fathers. Remove all defilement from the sanctuary. 6 Our fathers were unfaithful; they did evil in the eyes of the LORD our God and forsook him. They turned their faces away from the LORD's dwelling place and turned their backs on him. 7 They also shut the doors of the portico and put out the lamps. They did not burn incense or present any burnt offerings at the sanctuary to the God of Israel. 8 Therefore, the anger of the LORD has fallen on Judah and Jerusalem; he has made them an object of dread and horror and scorn, as you can see with your own eyes. 9 This is why our fathers have fallen by the sword and why our sons and daughters and our wives are in captivity.

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HOW TO GIVE

1. Give willingly.

2 Chron 29:5-6

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2. Give wholeheartedly.

2 Chron 29:9

9 This is why our fathers have fallen by the sword and why our sons and daughters and our wives are in captivity.

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3. Give cheerfully.

2 Cor 9:7

7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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4. Give with a heart full of thanksgiving, gratitude and praise to God.

2 Chron 29:10-20

10 Now I intend to make a covenant with the LORD, the God of Israel, so that his fierce anger will turn away from us. 11 My sons, do not be negligent now, for the LORD has chosen you to stand before him and serve him, to minister before him and to burn incense." 12 Then these Levites set to work: from the Kohathites, Mahath son of Amasai and Joel son of Azariah; from the Merarites, Kish son of Abdi and Azariah son of Jehallelel; from the Gershonites, Joah son of Zimmah and Eden son of Joah; 13 from the descendants of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeiel; from the descendants of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; 14

from the descendants of Heman, Jehiel and Shimei; from the descendants of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. 15 When they had assembled their brothers and consecrated themselves, they went in to purify the temple of the LORD, as the king had ordered, following the word of the LORD. 16 The priests went into the sanctuary of the LORD to purify it. They brought out to the courtyard of the LORD's temple everything unclean that they found in the temple of the LORD. The Levites took it and carried it out to the Kidron Valley. 17 They began the consecration on the first day of the first month, and by the eighth day of the month they reached the portico of the LORD. For eight more days they consecrated the temple of the LORD itself, finishing on the sixteenth day of the first month. 18 Then they went in to King Hezekiah and reported: "We have purified the entire temple of the LORD, the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the table for setting out the consecrated bread, with all its articles. 19 We have prepared and consecrated all the articles that King Ahaz removed in his unfaithfulness while he was king. They are now in front of the LORD's altar." 20 Early the next morning King Hezekiah gathered the city officials together and went up to the temple of the LORD.

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5. Give in faith expecting a harvest.

1 Kings 17:7-16

7 Some time 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.

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SUCCESS TIT-BITS

- 1. God wants to remove every limitation in your life, do not build mental barriers that will limit you. Remove the negatives and don't focus on**

- them, rather, give your mind to positive thoughts that will position you for miracles.
2. If you believe you cannot be limited, you shall not be limited. No man can stop you when you refuse to be stopped. Strong faith and positive mindset is what you need to breakthrough barriers and keep progressing.
 3. Greatness is a seed in each and every one of us that needs to be nurtured and developed to maturity and manifestation for the world to celebrate us to the glory of God. Draw near to God and let the word of God make you and help you manifest greatness.
 4. Knowledge enlightens, and enlightenment leads to self-discovery, which brings about the release and maximization of one's potential. Give time to studying and learning from those whom God has enlightened.
 5. God is too deep to be fully comprehended. To think that one can know God fully once or in a short period of time is deception. It takes a consistent searching and digging deep into the word of God, fellowship and close communion in heart felt prayers to grow in the knowledge of God and in His power. Make up your mind to dig deep into God, and be consistent in seeking Him.
 6. The value you place on anything determines the virtue you get from it.
 7. The value you place on God determines your commitment to Him. The way you see God determines the way you see and relate with His word. How do you see God? Who and what is He to you?
 8. A God fearing man judges himself from time to time to be sure that he is in the will of God and measuring up to standard. If you do not judge (critically assess your life) and make corrections where necessary, you leave God no choice, but to judge you, and when he does, you cry.
 9. When you walk in covenant with God as he has demanded of you, greatness will definitely be your portion. Every man is blessed as he relates with God in the covenant.
 10. A man's response to the word of God determines how God deals with the man. Obedience brings blessing, disobedience brings problems, complications and troubles.
 11. Jesus taught in the parable of the sower that believers bear fruit based on their level of acceptance and yieldedness to the word of God. A man's level of yieldedness determines his fruitfulness. And fruitfulness determines the level of promotion.
 12. You are where you are by choice. And you can also decide to move from where you are. It is a matter of choice.

WISDOM FOR ASSOCIATION

1. You must know yourself, to know who to relate with.

- 2 Keep away from the Jezebels who seek to overshadow you and run your life.
- 3 Samson's undoing was his unholy alliance with Delilah. Do not throw away your inheritance and life in the name of relationship.
- 4 Go where you will be honoured and not where you will be tolerated.
- 5 Where do people place your friends and associates? Where they place them is where they place you. What they call them is what they will call you.
- 6 Do not hesitate to break a relationship that is not supposed to be in the first place, or the negative impart is more than the benefits.
- 7 "I like being alone because I don't want to be hurt" is a statement that reveals immaturity.
- 8 Your associates impart you for good or for bad
- 9 In every relationship, give room for offence. It is human to offend and be offended.
- 10 Your vision in life determines who your associates will be. Keep that in mind.
- 11 Your associates to a large extent determine the flow of your life.

RENEWING THE MIND

- 1 With creative thinking, every condition can change for the better.
- 2 With creative thinking, advancement and prosperity is inevitable – it is a must.
- 3 Great thinkers are great achievers.
- 4 Every time there is a problem, put the brain to work.
- 5 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 thought.
- 6 It is said that man can create anything he imagines. Whatever the mind of man can imagine, or conceive and believe, it can actualize. So, don't throw away that idea that is forming in your mind.
- 7 A healthy thought life is necessary for the mind to be creative. Evil thoughts hinder the mind from being creative.
- 8 An excited man is a creative person. Excitement makes the brain function well. And when the brain functions well, the body experiences good health. Excitement is a state of the mind. The condition of your mind determines excitement. Without excitement, creativity is nearly impossible.
- 9 Your thoughts determine excitement. This calls for positive thoughts. Negative thought pattern should be abandoned to enable your creative ability to function very well.

- 10 If your mind is focused on God and not on the problem that confront you, you will not be shattered by it and you will be able to live an excited life in the midst of the problem.**
- 11 Excitement will bring out the best in you and set a crown of honour on your head. Excitement will make you a smart person. Excitement will make you an interesting and delightful worker. It will make you a sought after personnel. Excitement will win you many friends because people want to associate with people who are exciting and enthusiastic about life.**