

BREAKING NEW GROUNDS (Part 2)

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In our last edition, we started this great teaching on breaking new grounds. We looked at the motivating factors for breaking new grounds, and started considering how to break new grounds. In this edition, we are going to conclude this teaching. I pray you will begin breaking new grounds after reading this. God bless you greatly.

7. PREPARE TO SUCCEED

In as much as you want a change immediately, you must remember that preparation brings success.

Champions never hurry. The quality of preparation determines the quality of performance. It took Jesus 30 years to prepare for a 3 1/2 years ministry. I am not expecting you to wait that long; but I want you to make preparation.

Get education. Train and sharpen your skills. Improve your capability to win over challenges. Strive to be a master of the game that you play.

If you take time to prepare, your presentation will have believability. "Champions do not become champions in the ring. They are merely recognized in the ring. Their becoming champions happen in their daily routine". (Mike Murdock).

Great men are not made in the open but in the secret. Preparation chapters in your life are not delays in your future success. Each chapter and season has a benefit and a product, look for them.

Preparation time is never a wasted time.

Prov 4:5-9

5 Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. 6 Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. 7 Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. 8 Esteem her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. 9 She will set a garland of grace on your head and present you with a crown of splendor."

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Eccl 10:10

10 If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success.

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8. BE A MASTER

Prov. 22:29

29 Do you see a man skilled in his work He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.

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Know yourself – know what you are very good at, and concentrate on it. Sharpen your skills. Your gift will make you. It will make room for you.

Prov 18:16

16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

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Never expect to succeed unless you are thoroughly informed about your product. Your product is your job, company product, profession, message, goods and services.

Never misrepresent your product. Anyone who does business with you wants the truth – the total truth. People fear misrepresentation. Address the benefits. Focus on the advantages that your product or your business will offer to another person. But never forget that an honest relationship is worth one hundred sales. Your integrity will always be remembered longer than your products.

9. STAY IN THE CENTER OF YOUR EXPERTISE

Prov 18:16

16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

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Eccl. 3:13

13 That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil-this is the gift of God.

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Do what you do best. Your success and satisfaction lies in you're staying in the center of your expertise.

Your joy is determined by doing what you love – gifted and called to do.

Jesus associated with people of various professions, but he never wavered from his focus.

Acts 10:38

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

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Jesus knew his mission, and he stayed focused. Broken focus is the real reason why men fail.

What you love is a clue to your calling and talent.

10. BE WILLING TO START SMALL

Gen 17:4-7

4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

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Zech 4:10

10 For who hath despised the day of small things? For they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

KJV

Job 8:7

7 Your beginnings will seem humble, so prosperous will your future be.

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- Everything big starts small.
- Be willing to start small. Start with whatever you have been given and more will come to you.
- Whatever you have been given (talent, gifts, skill, education, finance) is enough to create anything you have been promised.
- Whatever you possess today is enough to create anything else you will ever want in your future.
- Do not compare yourself with those who started before you. You are not in competition with anybody.
- The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.
- To build a house, it is always a brick at a time.

11. BE A FINISHER

Prov 13:19

19 A longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but fools detest turning from evil.

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Eccl 7:8

8 The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride.

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Champions are finishers. Those who receive awards and prizes are finishers. Be an achiever of all your set goals. Don't abandon any project half way because of anything.

- It is fun to be creative. It is always exciting to be giving birth to new ideas. It is more exciting to be a finisher.
- Always finish one before another. Don't handle too many things at the same time.
- Always remember that your exit will be remembered longer than your entry.
- "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." (Matt. 10:22).

12. MAKE NEW FRIENDS

People have different contributions to make to your life. I believe you need different kinds of input into your life.

Someone needs what you possess. You need something that they can contribute to you. You are the sum total of your experiences.

Prov 13:20

20 He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

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- Personality and experience differs. Each person around you contains a different body of knowledge. It is up to you to “drop your pail in their well” and draw it out.

Prov 11:14

14 For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisers make victory sure.

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Hos 4:6

6 my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.

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- Be willing to listen to others. Everyone sees through different eyes. They feel with different hearts. They hear through different ears.
- Someone knows something you don't know that you should know. You will not discover it until you take the time to stop and hear them out. One piece of information can turn a failure into success.
- Pay any prize to stay in the presence of extraordinary people. Get close to those who are succeeding and you will learn something.
- Keep Company with those who are going somewhere, and you will get somewhere.
- Whom I spend my time with is time invested in my success and theirs.
- If your friendships and associations have not been rewarding, change your circle of friends as you break new grounds.
- Your rewards in life are determined by the problems you solve for others.

13. CHANGE YOUR DAILY ROUTINE

- You will never change your life until you change what you do daily.
- The secret of your future is hidden in your daily routine.
- Your life experiences is tied around your daily routine and habits.

Luke 4:14-17

14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. 17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

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- Be an early riser. And always start each day, with God in prayer and study of the word of God.
- Destroy slothfulness and procrastination from your life.
- Plan your day, week, month and year. Let it be your habit. Let it also be your habit to start and end each day with God and a positive note.

14. BE A TOMORROW THINKER

Isa 43:18-19

8 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

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Yesterday is gone. You can't repeat it. You can't re-live it. Stop bemoaning yesterday. Concentrate on today and tomorrow. Think of a better tomorrow and not bad yesterday.

Satan discusses your past. He uses it to bind and limit you. That appears to be the only information he has.

Jesus discusses your future. He enters your life to end your past and give birth to tomorrow.

Stop taking journeys into yesterday. Don't dwell on the past. Visualize tomorrow, see what God is doing. It will fill your heart with faith and hope, which gives energy to fight on to victory.

Be a tomorrow thinker. Don't allow the things that have been or are to becloud your vision. Certainly, tomorrow will be brighter and better than today and yesterday.

15. USE YOUR MOUTH TO CREATE WHAT YOU WANT

Prov 18:20-21

20 From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied. 21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

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Your world is created by your words.

- Words links people.
- Words are the bridge into your future.
- Words created the world. (Gen. 1:3-31)
- Your words reveal what kind of heart you possess.

Luke 6:45

45 The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

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- Jesus said words can move mountains.

Mark 11:23

23 "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

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- Your words matter. Conversation matters, every word counts.

Matt 12:36-37

36 But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. 37 For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

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- Your words can bring plenty or scarcity to you.
- Use your tongue to create what you want. By deliberate effort, speak what you want to see as a tomorrow thinker and not what has been or is that you don't want.
- Sow your words carefully, systematically, daily in faith, and soon the world you desire will be created.

16. MONEY IS EVERYWHERE

Prov 21:5

5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

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Prov 14:23

23 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

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- Money is everywhere.
- Money is everywhere you really want it to be.
- Money is anything of value. Your time is money. Don't waste it. Your knowledge is money. Use it to enrich yourself. Your skills, gifts, and talents are money. Use them.
- Stop seeing money as merely something you carry around in your wallet. View money as anything you possess that solves a problem for somebody.
- Money exists in the most unlikely place. Look for it.

Matt 17:27

27 "But so that we may not offend them, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours."

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- Money is a reward. Money is what you receive when you help other people achieve their goal or desire.

17. NEVER STOP BREAKING NEW GROUNDS

Keep expanding. Keep increasing. Keep investing. Keep going up. Never stop. When one goal is achieved, set another, keep setting higher goals and achieving them.

When you stop growing, life becomes boring. Break new grounds. Attain new heights. Attempt new things. God is with you, and success is yours.

God bless you in Jesus name.

SUCCESS TIT-BITS

- 1. 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.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. You are where you are by choice. And you can also decide to move from where you are. It is a matter of choice.**
- 4. It takes you changing to change your experience. The secret of changing your experience is in identifying why you suffered what you suffered, and going to work in that area to effect change.**
- 5. By your words, you will be justified; by your words you will be condemned. By your words you will be destroyed.**
- 6. You will make life better by the words you speak and you can make life bitter by the words you speak.**
- 7. There is sweet in your mouth and there is sweat in your mouth. If you do not speak the words that will make your life sweet, then you will speak the words that will make you sweat in life.**
- 8. Don't just know, but use what you know. Don't just understand, but walk in the understanding you have. Go and have dominion, reign and rule your world. It is your portion in Christ.**
- 9. Success starts with a decision to succeed. Where there is no firm resolve, there can be no achievement.**

10. You can only have what your faith can deliver to you.

WISDOM FOR ASSOCIATION

1. There are those who add to your life, and there are those who subtract from it. Pay attention to those who add to you.
2. God does not relate with a man except on the basis of a covenant. Pay attention to your covenant with God and make sure that you are faithful to it.
3. You need good willed people to get to where you are going. Learn to nurture and keep relationships that are clean and rewarding.
4. Just as you are a solution to someone's problem, someone is a solution to your problem.
5. You will always attract the kind of person you are.
6. There are those who are difficult to relate with. Are you one of them?
7. Kind people always get connected to people that will greatly bless their lives, though that is not their motive for showing kindness.
8. The one who shows favour will be favoured.
9. Respect other people's feelings and your feelings will be respected.
10. Getting along well with people is not a gift, but an act that must be learned and practiced.

RENEWING THE MIND

1. Sadness is a depression of the mind.
2. Emotions dictate world events, and thoughts create emotions.
3. Every feeling is a product of your thoughts.
4. The mind will always resent what it cannot master.
5. As long as you see with the eyes of God, you will be what he wants you to be.
6. I cannot change your experience, except I change the way you think.
7. You can if you think you can.
8. Superiority and Inferiority complex are products of misinformation and wrong interpretations of events and the facts of life.
9. How you think is how you see. And how you see determine how you live.
10. "Our life is what our thoughts make of it" (Marcus Aurelius).