

ENDORSED FOR GREATNESS (Part 2)

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In our last edition, we began our study on Endorsed For Greatness, in this edition, I bring you the concluding part of this teaching. I hope you will be blessed in Jesus name. You can check our archives for our last month's edition if you did not read it before now so you can understand fully this teaching.

CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE

You need to have your mind renewed with the truth I am passing across to you now so you can be well positioned to be great. Every man is limited by his own thoughts. Your thoughts determine your life. A change of attitude will guarantee a progressive change in your life and career towards greatness.

Renewing the mind is not just knowing what the scriptures says, but allowing what you know to so affect your thoughts and will that you become consumed with the truth and decide to live by it without wavering. From that point onwards, you now see all things from the point of view of God. You see as it were with the eyes of God. Only God's word and opinion matters to you – it becomes your own view and opinion of yourself and life in general. The degree of renewal of the mind determines the degree of success. Get rid of all the negative things in your mind so you can continue moving forward.

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 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; 27:19; Joshua 1:1-9; Gen. 30:25-43.

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.

A man with such a mentality can never break new grounds and be great in life. He will always be limited by his own thoughts.

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 God 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.

FOUNDATION FOR GREATNESS

The strength of every foundation determines the size, height and durability of the building. A strong foundation is a guarantee for a strong, durable and gigantic building.

The foundation for biblical greatness and prosperity is love for God. A strong practical love for God is the foundation for a strong and durable greatness and prosperity. There is a durable prosperity and there is a fleeting prosperity.

Prov 20:17

17 Food gained by fraud tastes sweet to a man, but he ends up with a mouth full of gravel.

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Prov 21:6

6 A fortune made by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a deadly snare.

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Prov 8:12-21

2 "I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion. 13 To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. 14 Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have understanding and power. 15 By me kings reign and rulers make laws that are just; 16 by me princes govern, and all nobles who rule on earth. 17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. 18 With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. 19 My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. 20 I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, 21 bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full.

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Your level of commitment to God determines your level of prosperity and greatness in God.

1. Abraham prospered and became great because he loved God.
2. Isaac prospered and became great because he loved God enough to obey him and stay in the famine stricken land and farm. And God blessed him with a hundred-fold yield same year. (Genesis 26:1-6)

3. David prospered and became great because he loved God so much to worship him the way he did and put his faith in him.
4. Every man or woman that prospered and became great in the bible was a lover of God.

WHAT TO DO

Matt 6:25-34

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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1. Seek to be an active member of the kingdom of Christ.
2. Seek to understand and practice the righteousness of the kingdom – laws and principles of the kingdom.
3. Promote the kingdom of Christ – work for the expansion of the kingdom.
4. While you do this, every other thing you need will be added unto you.

Mark 12:30-31

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. 31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

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Matt 10:37-39

37 "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

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John 21:15-17

15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." 16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

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The principles of biblical prosperity and greatness involves chiefly, giving of tithes, offerings, seed faith and sacrifices. And without a strong foundation of love, you can't practice giving with the attitude that will procure you the much needed blessings.

Without a strong foundation of love, selfishness, greed, avariciousness, covetousness and stinginess will dominate a man.

The deeper the love, the higher the believer will fly.

The more love you have for God, the more success and greatness you will attain.

It takes prompt and consistent obedience to prosper God's way. And it takes a heart filled with love for God to obey God

John 14:15-24

15 "If you love me, you will obey what I command. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever- 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

22 Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

23 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 He who does not love me will not o

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NECESSITIES FOR MANIFESTING GREATNESS

- 1.** Prayerfully find out the purpose of God for your life and start pursuing it with all your heart and might.
- 2.** Develop skill. Master your job or profession. Be the best there is in your area. Don't be a quack. Invest time in your training and your skill acquisition. Have a mentor teach and train you. Learn from those who know it more than you – those with experience you don't have.

3. Don't be a carbon copy of another person, be an original. Be whom called and designed you to be. Make that unique contribution to society that no one else can or is anointed to make.
4. Maintain focus no matter the distractions from people and what is happening around you. Stay focused. Stay in your calling and don't border about what others are doing. Stay in the center of your expertise.
5. Be bold and courageous. Prepare yourself to meet all the challenges that will come your way fearlessly.
6. Be prepared to start small. Do not despise the days of little beginning.
7. Don't be in a hurry to get to the top. There is a difference between speed and haste. Don't make haste, but let God grant you speed. Make steady progress and don't take short cuts.
8. Seek good associations that will help you make it to the top. Associate with people who will inspire you to greatness, and yet not loose your salvation but get closer to God. You are not designed to succeed alone. You need people – the right people. Seek them out.
9. Be a tomorrow thinker. Be optimistic and positive about tomorrow no matter the obstacle that comes your way. Never live as if life ends today.
10. Use your mouth to create what you want to see in your life. Constantly prophesy into your own life and work.
11. Walk by faith all the way to the top. Greatness is a faith walk. Never panic about any situation. Never worry about any situation. Keep your eyes on the Lord who promised to be with you at all times and in all situations.
12. Keep upgrading yourself to be relevant and progressive. Attend seminars when necessary. Read every new thing that comes up in your field and profession. Make sure that you are current at all times.
13. Spend time to plan and re-plan when necessary. Be diligent in your planning. Failure to plan is invitation to crisis.
14. Be a hard worker. God hates laziness. Don't be lazy. Be a hard worker. Be a purposeful worker. Promotion is earned and not just a right. You will be promoted by someone whose instructions you have followed. You will only be promoted when you are overqualified for your present position.
15. Never accept negatives into your mind. Guard your mind with diligence for out of it are the issues of life. Your life is a reflection of your thoughts. Success and failure lies in the use of your mind. Be a creative thinker. Believe there is always a way. Never quit. Never believe there is no way. There is a always a way. Find it. Remain unstoppable in Jesus name.

Greatness is yours. Believe and work it out. Pursue God with all your heart and you will manifest greatness.

SUCCESS TIT-BITS

TITBITS FOR WORKING TOGETHER

1. **Be driven by love, vision and the desire to see the kingdom of God expand in relating and working with others.**

2. **You will not succeed in life unless you are connected to people.**
3. **Apart from God and your vision, the next thing is people who will help you succeed. Helpers (people) come before money.**
4. **If you are not accessible you cannot relate with others well enough to succeed with them.**
5. **Your dream is connected to people.**
6. **Just as others need what you contain, so you need what others contain.**
7. **Goals and dreams last longer than rejection, injury and pain. Therefore be willing to endure pain to create and enjoy an eternity of gain through working with others. Do not be scared of hurts, they won't kill you. Be motivated and driven by the assignment.**
8. **Fill your heart with love for your team mates. Let your heart reach to them in prayer daily to the Almighty God, and your relationship with them will be fantastic and richly rewarding.**
9. **Close your ears to gossips about your team mate's personal life and what people say they said.**
10. **Be willing to help your team mates recover from their weaknesses and failures, remembering that you too do fail at times, and still pursuing perfection.**
11. **Keep your eyes on the assignment and not on the leadership position.**
12. **Do not be envious of another. Just play your part, and you will celebrate the success as a team. Knowing that your labor of love is not in vain, keep your hands on the plough and work with all your might until the work is done.**

WISDOM FOR ASSOCIATION

1. **No individual has sufficient experience, education, talents, skills and knowledge to ensure the accumulation of a great fortune without the cooperation of other people.**
2. **We were created to be a blessing to someone. We were born again in Christ to be a blessing to someone. Be a blessing everyday.**
3. **Be a giving friend and not a taking friend.**
4. **A true friend can hurt you from time to time. It is normal.**
5. **Sincerity is a necessary ingredient in relationships.**
6. **You cannot trust the one you don't love. You cannot obey the one you don't love. Obedience and trust are the proofs of love.**
7. **It takes commitment from all concerned in a relationship to make it work.**
8. **Anyone who wants to sleep with you before marriage does not fear God, and is not worthy to marry you.**
9. **Jealousy is an invitation and open door to distrust.**
10. **Your thoughts towards your partner determine how you relate with him or her. Watch what you think.**

RENEWING THE MIND

1. **Wisdom teaches that a biased mind will not allow you to see the good in a thing.**
2. **Never learn about a thing with a pre-conceived notion or belief about that thing. Always empty out the former for you to see well.**
3. **Mental preparation for any venture is more important than financial and material preparation.**
4. **The mind is where the battles of life take place.**
5. **He who controls your mind, controls your life, whatever dominates your mind, directs the course of your words and actions.**
6. **A man's life is the product of his thoughts.**
7. **There is a strong connection between the state of your mind per time and your health. Your thought can give you health and it can destroy it.**
8. **Success in life is tied to the use of the mind.**
9. **When you fail to recognize your personal limitations, you become blind to the gifts hidden in those around you.**
10. **Your perspective to life is a function of your mind.**