

RESOURCEFUL THINKING

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All achievement, all earned riches, have their beginning in an IDEA! An idea is the starting point. The idea when accepted will develop to become a vision.

The power that signals success is the power of your mind. How to make life say yes, instead of no to your plans and purposes resides in your mind. There is life and death in your mind.

Prov 23:7

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.

KJV

Prov 27:19

19 As in water face answers to face, so the mind of a man reflects the man.

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1. The brain is the most valuable asset in life.
2. It is the use of your mind that makes men to mind you.
- 3 The mad man has no working mind, so he has lost his worth - no one minds him.
- 4 Until you have a working mind, you don't have a working life.
- 5 The mind is the principal factor in the school of success.
- 6 The mind is the seat of wisdom and wisdom is the principal thing, hence the mind is the principal factor.
- 7 Everything that assesses your spirit must pass through your mind. The mind is the door way between the spirit and the physical.
- 8 Without a functional mind, destiny is closed.
- 9 The mind is the seat of understanding. And understanding brings faith.
- 10 Faith is as easy as your depth of insight and understanding – your depth of faith.
- 11 It is understanding that makes a man outstanding.
- 12 You can't be anything without a working mind.
- 13 The healthier your mind, the higher you fly.
- 14 The state of your mind determines your ultimate status in life.
15. Your thoughts determine your conclusion, your conclusion determines your decision, and your decision determines your experience.
16. The mind of man was created for resourceful thinking and not for worrying. Worry is the wrong use of the mind, while resourceful thinking is the right use of the mind. Use your mind resourcefully to create solutions to the problems and challenges of life.

It is therefore your responsibility to make use of your mind positively and creatively to generate resources for success and riches.

THE FOUR PRINCIPAL FUNCTION OF THE MIND

1. **The mind is the centre of learning.**

Prov 1:5

5 let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance--

NIV

The mind has the ability to acquire information. Abraham Lincoln said” When a man stops learning, he starts getting old”. T.L Osborn said” when a man stops learning he starts to die”.

- The act of learning is the act of information acquisition.

2. It serves as an information bank. It has a memory.

3. It is the reasoning centre.

Reasoning is the act of logical, rational and analytical thinking.

An American research revealed: 5% of human populace thinks. 15% think they are thinking. 80% would rather die than think.

In the church more than 80% would rather pray than think. Bishop Oyedepo said, “God gave you a mind, so you can give him rest”.

Solomon was a dedicated thinker, an addicted thinker, a celebrated thinker (Eccl1:12-17). All great achievers are great thinkers. You can’t make it to the top without exercising your mind.

4. Imagination is another function of the mind.

Imagination is the act of mental image formation. Imagination is what sets the pace for your destination.

Gen 11:6

6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

KJV

Until you see it, you can’t have it. Imagination is the act of mental projection. It is dreaming or visualizing. Imagination is the ability to create picture of the things you desire.

GENERATING RESOURCE THROUGH THINKING

Thinking is a function of the mind. Thinking is putting the brain to work. How do I know that you are thinking? By the results you produce. We think to generate results. And the level of thoughts determines results. All human brain is the same worldwide. Putting it to work is where the problem is.

We think to generate answers to the puzzles of life. We think to analyze problems, identify the core, and come up with workable and effective solutions to them. Thinking is exercising the mind.

Thinking is making the brain work. It is placing a demand on the brain to come up with the answers and solutions you need. Until you make the brain work, nothing works for you.

It is your thinking that moves you forward Thinking involves collation of information, analyzing, sorting, imaging and formulation of ideas and plans. Thinking is exploration of the mind. What you don't explore you don't discover.

Ps 42:7

7 Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me.

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When you think, you are reasoning and when you reason, understanding is achieved; and understanding determines your altitude- Prov.23:7.

Problem causes or propels a man to think. Problems create mental reactions. Negative mental reaction is injurious to man. But positive mental reaction will create solutions.

Problems don't leave you the way they met you. They help to move you forward. A positive thinker does not in the face of a problem react, he responds to the challenge through resourceful thinking to overcome. All the scientific breakthroughs and products today are results of solving or tackling a problem

REQUIREMENT FOR RESOURCEFUL THINKING

1. CURIOSITY:

Resourceful thinking begins with curiosity. Curiosity is a desire to know the why and how about life. Curiosity is finding out why things are the way they are. Curiosity is craving for answers. Curiosity is passion for solutions.

2. CONCENTRATION:

Problems first day is simple, a little later becomes hard, later it becomes difficult, later it becomes impossible. Concentration is enhanced by narrowing down the problem by possibly writing it down and identifying the core.

One thing at a time is concentration. Problems are not solved by allowing it to lie down, but by giving it time - attention. If you are not a good thinker you cannot be a good praying man.

3. THINKING COMPANIONS (THINK –TANK GROUP).

- No one man has monopoly of ideas.

(a) Name physical people you can relate with by talking and observation and listening. Improve on what you have seen or heard from these people. Before adopting what you have heard or seen, adapt it to suit you person or situation.

(b) Rub minds through the books you read. Through books we have mental relationship. Through books you encounter the thoughts of the writer. Your thoughts pattern is molded after a man's book that you have read.

CONCLUSION

Success demands creative and resourceful thinking. You need to place a demand on your mind to come up with some ideas that will give you the break you need, in times of difficulties and problems don't despair but think on how to come out of the problem.

If you will diligently apply what you have just read, you will experience endless and ever increasing success. Remember to share your testimonies with me.