

TAKE OFF THE LIMIT

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Many are not able to achieve success and greatness in all of life endeavours because of the several barriers before them. People talk about breakthroughs showing that there are forces and things limiting them, so they want the mighty power of God to break the limiting barriers before them. The truth is that most of the barriers are manmade. They are invisible walls that we through negative thoughts have built in our minds that limit and stop us from taking positive and powerful steps that will bring success and accomplishments. Negative thoughts build barriers that limit the thinker. You cannot go higher than your thoughts will permit you. You cannot be greater than what you think and believe you can. Jesus taught that all things are possible to him that believes that it is possible.

Mark 9:23

23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

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This shows that man is always limited by his thoughts. If a man will not believe a thing is possible, it means he can't do it or attain it. If you will not believe you will be healed, it doesn't matter who prays for you, you won't be healed. If you don't believe the money you are looking for will come by God's intervention, it won't come. If you do not believe that the project you are handling will be completed according to the original plan simply because there is a shortage of funds, it will be as you think. If you do not believe you can come out of lack and poverty, you will remain in that condition. If you do not believe you can be great though you came from a poor family and no one in your family has ever made it to the top or attained greatness, you will remain small, insignificant, poor, and a non-achiever. If you do not believe you can forgive the one who has hurt you and move on with your life, you will continue to be tormented by the experience. If you do not believe you can overcome depression and enjoy your life, you will remain depressed all your life. If you do not believe that you will be promoted and continue to climb the ladder of success, you will remain on that spot. The truth is that every man is limited by his thoughts and beliefs. That is why it is important that all have their minds renewed through the words of God and believe what it says and teaches.

Your thoughts limit the resources that will be made available to you. Your thoughts limit the grace of God in your life. Your thoughts limit what the anointing of God can do in your life no matter who ministers to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Your thoughts limit what God can do for you or with you. God responds to our thoughts and He judges us by what He finds us thinking. Your thoughts prove faith or unbelief, and God responds only to faith. If your thoughts are positive, God will definitely bless and keep His promises in your life.

Prov 23:7

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

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Heb 11:6

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
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CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE TO LIFE AND SITUATIONS

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 and position himself where he wants to be. 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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Joshua was encouraged by God to be positive and be filled with courage and get ready for challenges that will come his way as he leads the people of Israel 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. God spoke to Joshua this way to prepare his mind and not to place limitation on his own path and make it difficult for God to support him and give him victory and success.

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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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.

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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It took a positive mindset to make it happen. He could have said to himself that no one has ever made an animal to breed the color he wanted. He chose to trust God and God proved Himself faithful. He didn't limit the power of God through negative thinking about the revelation God gave him on how to breed the colors he wanted. You can change your condition too if you can break all mental barriers you have in you. If you will take off the limit, you will make it to the top and live a happy and successful life in every endeavour of life through Christ.

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,
15. Family background,
16. Bitter experiences.

A man with such a mentality can never accomplish greatness or break new grounds. A man with negative mentality is a prisoner of his own thoughts and will always be limited by them except he decides to change his mental disposition and become positive minded.

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. Take off the limit now.

- 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.

CONCLUSION

Be an optimist. Expect the best all the time. When you meet with an obstacle, never believe you have come to a dead end. Always believe you will get out of every tight corner with God's help. Do not limit yourself anymore through negative thinking. Focus on God and His promises and not on the negative circumstances that you find yourself in. No condition is permanent. After every night season, there will be daylight. You can be successful and great. Believe you can change your adverse circumstance to something better and exciting. Think and believe you can be anything you want to be, and you can change anything you don't want in your life any more. Never limit God in your life. Never limit yourself through negative thinking. Be always positive in thoughts, words and actions. That is how life is supposed to be lived. Let your thoughts and faith be in God and in who you are in him. Do not allow inferiority complex or low self esteem to have a hold on you. Have a proper understanding of who you are from the Bible. Carry yourself the way God has described you and you will reign in life and not be limited any more.

Take off the limit and never limit yourself again for with God all things are possible. Don't forget that all things are possible only to those who believe it is possible. Live a limitless life in Jesus Christ.