

THE POWER OF DESIRE

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To desire is to want very much. It is a strong longing for something or someone. Strong desire is a powerful, firm and forceful longing for something or someone. Without strong desire, no dream can be achieved.

- What you do not desire, you will never have.
- What you do not desire, you will never pursue.
- What you do not desire, you will never accomplish or achieve.
- What you do not desire, you will never appreciate.
- And what you do not place value on, you will never desire.
- Desire is a product of the value we place on a thing or person.
- What you do not desire, you will not have energy and zeal to pursue and possess.
- Strong desire fires a man up to action. It is the motivating force that drives a man to pursue and achieve his dream.
- A burning desire to be and to do is the starting point from which the dreamer must take off. Dreams are not born of indifference laziness, or lack of ambition - it is born out of a strong desire.
- Desire is a living force that can trigger a man's brain to create ideas by which the desired can be actualized.
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To become an achiever therefore, you must develop strong desire for the actualization of your dream.

DREAM AND DESIRE

Do you have a dream? Do you have something you want to become, do or achieve? If you do, then you need a strong desire for its actualization before you can achieve it. Desire puts fire (zeal) inside of you for accomplishment. If you are cold, passive and nonchalant about it on the inside of you, it will remain a dream and never become a reality.

Desire is fire that stirs a man to action. It is the engine that will power your dream to reality. There must be keen and definite desire for your dream to come to pass. Dreams come true when

desire transforms them into concrete action. Strong desire produces strong determination which places a demand on the mind of man to come up with ideas on how it can be actualized, thereby triggering creative ideas and plans for achievement.

Wishing will not bring the achievement of a dream or a set goal. But desiring success or achievement with a state of mind that becomes an obsession, leading to the planning of definite ways and means to success, and backing those plans with persistence which does not recognize failure and setbacks will bring success.

DEVELOPING A STRONG DESIRE

Desire is a state of mind. It can be developed through the thought process. First, you must evaluate the idea or that thing if you really want it. The value placed on the idea or thing will determine if it will become a desirable dream or not. So you must ask yourself, "do I really want it", "Do I really want to be this or that?" If it is positive, then you can develop desire for it.

God placed so much value on mankind that he was ready to do anything to get man reconciled to himself - He sacrificed his only begotten son Jesus Christ to save man.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting Life" (Jn. 3:16).

God's value of man made him sacrifice his son. Your value of that your dream or goal will determine the level of desire and enthusiasm for its achievement.

Do you really want that Job? Do you really like that course you are applying for? Do you really want to be in that profession? Do you like that job? Do you really believe in that idea? Do you want to see it actualized? Do you really want to be a success or a failure? Do you want to be somebody or nobody in the society? Do you want to be a voice in your generation? You need to answer these questions and many more that will help you determine what you really want, and place a value on what you call or will call your dream.

Secondly, start feeding your mind with the desire to want to have what you want, become what you want to become, get to where you want to get to, marry whom you want to marry, create what you want to create, start what you want to start, set up the business you want to set up, produce what you want to produce.

The more you desire in your thoughts, the more the desire grows. If you concentrate on the benefits of your dream, the desire for its actualization will grow. If you concentrate your mind on the financial rewards, change in status that will come, and the joy of accomplishment, the desire for accomplishment will increase.

Thoughts are things. They always materialize.

"As he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7).

If you think good, you will become good. If you think evil, you will manifest evil. If you think negative thoughts, you will attract to yourself negative results and experiences. If you think positive thoughts, you will attract positive results and experiences. The dominant thought in a man's mind, always manifests itself. So when you fill your mind with the strong desire for the actualization of a dream or goal, it will trigger the forces of God in nature to attract and bring to you the ideas, people, materials and events leading to the actualization of that particular dream or goal.

There are spiritual laws that God has programmed into nature that causes a man's thoughts to materialize. No one can fully understand how it materializes thoughts, but one thing is clear, it does materialize thoughts. Your desire will come to pass. God our Father promised us in his word,

"Delight yourself in the LORD and he will grant you the desires of your heart" (Ps. 37:4).

Develop strong desire for the accomplishment of your dream while you delight yourself in the Lord by seeking and following his word and will. He has promised and he cannot fail. Your desire shall come to pass. It shall come to pass in deed in Jesus mighty name. Follow Jesus as a faithful disciple and he will grant you the desires of your heart.

SEVEN STEPS THAT TURN DESIRES INTO ACCOMPLISHMENT

1. You need to give God priority in your life.

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You need to set your life straight. Build a strong relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Make him LORD and SAVIOUR of your life. Read the scriptures daily and pattern your life after its teachings and instructions. Be a functional member of a local church. Communicate with Him daily through prayer. Obey His voice promptly. Follow His leading in your daily life. In all things, always put Him first. Seek to please and glorify Him always. Tell others about Him. Put in your time, talent and resources for the development and expansion of the kingdom of God especially through your local church. If you follow these instructions, you will please Him enough to make Him support the actualization of your dream.

2. Be definite about what you want to become or have or establish.

Fix your mind on that dream. Think about it often. I am not saying you should worry about its actualization, but that you set your mind on the fact that you want to see it materialize. Desire it greatly, focus on it. See it happening already. Picture yourself getting there. Picture yourself as having achieved the dream or goal.

3. Determine exactly what you want to give in return for the success you desire.

Nothing goes for anything. You must give something to get something. It is in giving that we receive. Count the cost of achievement, and determine how much of these costs you are ready to bear. You must find out the prize for accomplishment, and determine to pay it. If you need staff or people to help you accomplish your dream, how much are you willing to pay them for their services? Count the cost first.

4. Establish a definite date when you intend to have achieved your goal or dream.

A date will help you to get to work and prevent laziness and procrastination.

5. Create a definite plan for carrying out your desire at once.

A plan is a working detail of how you intend to achieve your dream or goal. You must be ready to put this plan into action. You must plan well to succeed. If you fail to plan, then you have no intention of succeeding. All achievers are planners. So you must plan to succeed. Let it be a workable and simple plan not taking too much at a time. Let it not be a plan that will put you under pressure and tension.

Research to get your plan. Pray to get a workable plan. And determine to follow the plan through, making adjustments as the need arises.

6. Put everything in writing.

Write down your dream, the time limit for its actualization, what you intend to give in return for the success, and describe the detail plan for accomplishment.

7. Read your written statement aloud twice daily.

Read once, just before retiring at night, and once after arising in the morning. As you read - see and feel and believe yourself already in possession of your heart desire.

DON'T QUIT

There are bound to be challenges and obstacles to progress in the pursuit of your dream. No one prays for or wants them, but they do come. But you must understand that victory is already guaranteed by God.

"For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith". (1 John. 5:4).

As long as you are a child of God, you have overcome the world - all the challenges in this world. Jesus has overcome for you. You have what it takes to overcome. Your faith in God, his word and in yourself in the light of what God says you are and have in Christ Jesus will give you the victory. Be courageous. Do not accept failure, setback and disappointment as the end of your heart desire. **No one is ever defeated until defeat has been accepted as a reality.** You are born in Christ a winner and a success. What you start you will finish successfully. Jesus our Lord finished successfully his mission to the earth. He said "It is finished". Like father like son. If he finished successfully, you will finish successfully also. Therefore, do not be moved or shaken by disappointments and failures. You will make it. Your dream will still come to pass. Do not quit. Quitters don't win, and winners don't quit!

Strong desire will make you not to quit. Thomas Edison dreamed of a lamp that could be operated by electricity, began when he stood to put his dream into action, and despite ten thousand failures, he stood by that dream until he made it a physical reality. His burning desire for accomplishment sustained him. Practical dreamers don't quit!

Remember that all who succeed in life get off to a bad start, and pass through many heart breaking struggles before they "arrive". Their strong desire for accomplishment sustained them.

The turning point in the life of those who succeed usually comes at the moment of some crisis, through which they are introduced to their "other self" (hidden talents, abilities and ideas) that brings about a change in their life. When Laban cheated Jacob of his wages, the creative faculty of Jacob was unlocked to breed striped, spotted and speckled sheep and goats for himself. John Bunyan wrote Pilgrims Progress, which is among the finest of all English books, after he had been confined in prison and surely punished because of his views on the subject of religion. O. Henry discovered the genius which slept within his brain after he had met with great misfortune and was confined in a prison cell in Columbus, Ohio, USA. Being forced, through misfortune to become acquainted with his "other self" and to use his imagination, he discovered himself to be a great author instead of a miserable criminal and outcast. Joseph mounted the throne of Prime Minister in Egypt next to Pharaoh by the gift of interpretation of dreams and visions which started to manifest while he was in prison for an unjust cause. If he had not discovered his ability to interpret dreams, and used it in the prison, he would never have ascended that throne. "Tough times never last, but tough people do".

Determine to make most of every opportunity and condition you find yourself. Let nothing deter you from being great in this life. Let nothing stop your dream. Keep the dream alive. **If they made it despite failure, obstacles, poverty, imprisonment, you can make it.** Let nothing take life and enthusiasm out of you. You will make it. Don't quit! You will make it. Your desire will come to pass. Don't give it up. If one method doesn't work, try another. Your desire must surely come to pass in Jesus name. Amen. Shalom.

SUCCESS TIT-BITS

- 1. You are where you are by choice. And you can also decide to move from where you are. It is a matter of choice.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. By your words, you will be justified; by your words you will be condemned. By your words you will be destroyed.**
- 4. You will make life better by the words you speak and you can make life bitter by the words you speak.**
- 5. 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.**
- 6. 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.**
- 7. Success starts with a decision to succeed. Where there is no firm resolve, there can be no achievement.**
- 8. You can only have what your faith can deliver to you.**

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WISDOM FOR ASSOCIATION

1. Mentorship is the master key to extraordinary success – You need a mentor in your life.
2. Treat people right, you may meet them somewhere where you will need them to give you a helping hand.
3. A kind gesture can open a million Naira door for you.
4. Meeting people is exciting, maintaining a relationship is hard work and rewarding.
5. Stop pre-judging people. Your first impression is always limited. Time will reveal the personality with whom you have been dealing with. Give every relationship time.
6. The proof of true love is the investment of time. Invest time in the life of people God brings into your life.
7. Nobody is ever as they first appear. Until you get close to people without a bias mind, you will never get to know who they really are.
8. Only fools make permanent decisions about a person without adequate knowledge which comes with an investment of time.
9. There are two kinds of people: Dream killers and Dream fertilizers. Positive and negative people. Those who add and those who subtract from you. The right company are the people who will help you get to your dream.
10. Your rewards in life are determined by the problems you solve for others.

RENEWING THE MIND

1. **The nature of strongholds is that they are not easy to tear down. They don't easily go away. So you have to apply force to tear it down. The strongholds in your mind require more than will power. You need the help of God. This is the reason the name of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are given to us.**
2. **The mind of man was not designed to be a prison, but for many people, their minds have become their own prison. You cannot live above your thought life. Your thoughts determine how you live. Enthusiasm is a product of positive thoughts about life. Depression and bitterness are reflections of the conditions of the mind of man. When a man's thoughts are centered negatively on the hurtful past, there is the likelihood that his mind will become a prison. The thoughts of your mind limit you. It binds, oppresses, torments, beclouds your vision, cuts you off from good things and good people, makes you bitter and damages your health. It is important that you count the cost of allowing the evil past to dominate your mind before you do so.**
3. **Bitter people are prisoners of the past. Depressed people are prisoners of the past. Those who feel rejected are prisoners of the past. Those who never stop talking about losses they suffered are prisoners of the past. Those who cannot get to forgive themselves for the mistakes they made that cost them, are prisoners of the past. Any one who has lost his or her fighting zeal is a prisoner of the past. Any one who has thrown in the towel and is not willing to dream again because of past failure is a prisoner of the past. Any one who refuses to forgive the one who offended him and is terribly bitter in heart is a prisoner of the past. Anybody who has become negative about life in thoughts and words is a prisoner of the past. Any one who has become weakened and discouraged in his pursuit because of an experience, is a prisoner of the past. Any one who has lost his enthusiasm for life, work, marriage and family life is a prisoner of the past. Any one who has lost joy and interest in marriage and wonders why people marry at all is a prisoner of the past. Any one who has become bored with life and is considering suicide or turns to alcohol, is a prisoner of the past. Any one who is haunted by the past is a prisoner of the past. Anyone who can no longer trust people and does not believe anybody's integrity is a prisoner of the past.**
4. **You may fit into any of the above description. I just want you to know that there is hope for you. It is not over until you say it is over. No one can say it is over for you. God has not given up on you, so you must not give up on God. Don't give up on yourself. If no one believes in you, I want you to know that God believes in you. I do too. I believe in you because I know that God made all men to be winners especially those born of the Spirit of Christ. You must know that you have not come to the end of your world. There is hope for you.**

