

# WHAT TO DO WHEN THERE IS A ROAD BLOCK

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Roadblocks are obstacles, hindrances, oppositions and challenges. Road blocks normally come up. No one wants them, but they suddenly appear when one is not expecting them, or even ready for it.

You can't wish it away. You can't pray it away in the sense that your prayers cannot stop roadblocks from appearing. But your prayer will help weaken its power and help you to overcome it completely without injury.

Jesus Christ said, "Temptation must surely come". Jesus said to His disciples: *"Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come. It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied round his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin"*. (Lk. 17:1-2)

By this statement and many more, the Lord prepared the mind of his disciples for roadblocks that will suddenly appear to discourage and if possible stop them completely.

*"Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves."* (Lk. 10:3)

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* (Jn. 16:33)

Read also Matthew 10:5-42.

In Joshua 1:6-9, God prepared the mind of Joshua so that the road blocks will not stop him.

*"Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the laws 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. 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. 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."*

No road block will stop you. You will overcome them all in Jesus name!

They will always appear from time to time, but, be strong and courageous, for you are destined in Christ an overcomer. Joshua took God's advice, braved up himself and took the land of Canaan and divided it amongst his people. Get ready to face challenges, they will always come. Jesus told us to expect them, so that when they do appear, you will not be taken unawares or think God hates you. There is nothing like a challenge or problem free life. Only those in the grave are free from challenges. Overcome challenges as they come.

## 1. Don't panic.

To panic is to be taken by fright (fear) and act accordingly. When a road block appears, don't lose your mind, be composed. Don't let fear into your mind, fear will cause you to panic.

**2. Maintain your cool.**

Always be conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit who is in you and standing by you. Be at peace, you are destined an overcomer.

**3. Always remember that every challenge is to bring out the best in you.** Challenges help you to think more creatively and make you more mature. So every problem has something good to offer and not completely bad. Problems don't always leave you the same way it met you, it makes you better.

**4. Never doubt God's ability and readiness to help you overcome.**

*"He that is born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith." (1 Jn. 5:4).*

*"...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Mt. 28:20).*

God is with you always even in crisis time. You are never alone. And above all, you are born again in Christ Jesus an overcomer.

If you are reading this material and you are not born again, surrender right now to Jesus Christ, so that you will be supernaturally made an overcomer. For all born of God through Jesus Christ are born overcomers. Make that decision right now.

Always remind yourself that there is nothing that will come before you that you cannot overcome. It is your faith in God, His word and yourself that will deliver victory into your hands. Have faith, every roadblock before you will be dismantled.

**5. Never doubt your own ability to overcome.**

Never doubt your own ability to overcome any and every challenge that will come before you. You are more than a conqueror. You are created in Christ an overcomer. You can if you believe you can. You cannot overcome because you don't believe you can. *"All things are possible to him that believes" (Mk. 9:23).* You have all it takes to be a winner any day, any time. You are mightily loaded by God.

**6. Be positive in your thoughts.**

Never think negative in the face of opposition or danger. Always be positive. When you are negative, you help the devil to destroy you.

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

The devil always seeks to control man's mind in order to destroy him. When the devil is in charge of a man's mind, fear, doubt, unbelief, worries, anxiety reigns supreme. Think victory to

have victory. Think love to manifest love. Think holy to live holy. Think faith to manifest faith. What dominates your thought is what you are going to manifest.

**7. Study to understand the nature of the road block and the easiest way to dismantle it without injury and time waste.**

To dismantle any road block, you must have some light about that particular road block – who set it up, the materials used, the shape and nature of the road block, and how to dismantle it. Problems differ from each other, so approach to each problem should also differ. Take time to research, think and pray.

**8. Attack the problem and don't procrastinate in laziness.**

Redeem the time for the days are evil. Problems at first day is simple, a little later becomes hard, later, it becomes difficult, later it becomes impossible. Confront every problem; don't leave it to get worse. Don't run from problems, face them and overcome.

**9. Bind the spirit behind the problem, break his power and destroy his works:** If you bind the demon and you don't destroy his works, you have not completed the deliverance process. Binding the devil is arresting him, but his works remain untouched until you destroy it. Don't forget to loose anyone or thing or situation that hitherto has been under influence of the devil behind the problem.

**10. Speak to the situation.**

Address the problem. Say what you want to see.

*"I tell you the truth, if anyone say 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'".*  
(Mk.11:23)

Speak in faith with authority as a son of God to the road block, and it will be dismantled.

**11. Act upon the word of God.**

The laws and the principles of God must be acted upon. It is in acting on the word of God that you cross the enemy lines. Break the barrier. Demolish or bulldoze the road block and fulfill your destiny. Locate the right scripture and act on them diligently and faithfully, and the barrier will be broken.

**12. Praise the Lord all the way.**

Jehosaphat the king of Judah and his people provoked God to defeat Moab, Ammon and Mount Seir when he appointed the praise singers to lead the soldiers to the battle ground. By the time they arrived, all their enemies lay dead. Praise the LORD all the way.

**CONCLUSION**

If you will put these principles to work each time you are confronted by a roadblock, you will testify of the goodness of the Lord. What you make of this knowledge will determine your experience from now on.

## **SUCCESS TIT-BITS**

1. Praying is good, fasting draws God's attention, but giving is the God-given pathway to prosperity.
2. Giving guarantees open heaven. And when the heavens open, anointing, wisdom, ideas flows.
3. When you give out what you have, you open the door for more to come. The widow of Zarephath had to give out what she had left for her to gain more
4. When you give, expect to receive God's promises as a reward for your giving. When you give, you give with the hope to receive the blessings promised.
5. God never asks for anything or a job to be done without promising a reward. In the case of giving, God promises a replacement accompanied by an extra. He promises enlargement and prosperity.
6. You don't have to wait till you have more than enough before you give. You give from the little you have. If you don't give, how do you get the "more than enough" you need to start giving?
7. You must be mentally programmed for success and for prosperity. Your mind must be renewed and filled with the word of God on prosperity. You must know, understand God's word on prosperity and work in the covenant principles.
8. God does not want you to be anything less than great. He wants you to be successful in all that you do in life. This is the reason why he gave us laws and principles to help guide man to success and greatness. Failure to abide by these principles will bring failure and defeat.
9. Ignorance is the main problem that has kept many Christians from attaining greatness in life. When a man is knowledgeable in any area of life, he makes steady progress because he makes bold to take hold of his inheritance.

## **WISDOM FOR ASSOCIATION**

1. You must know yourself, to know who to relate with.
2. Keep away from the Jezebels who seek to overshadow you and run your life.
3. Samson's undoing was his unholy alliance with Delilah. Do not throw away your inheritance and life in the name of relationship.
4. Go where you will be honoured and not where you will be tolerated.
5. Where do people place your friends and associates? Where they place them is where they place you. What they call them is what they will call you.

- 6 Do not hesitate to break a relationship that is not supposed to be in the first place, or the negative impart is more than the benefits.
- 7 “I like being alone because I don’t want to be hurt” is a statement that reveals immaturity.
- 8 Your associates impart you for good or for bad
- 9 In every relationship, give room for offence. It is human to offend and be offended.
- 10 Your vision in life determines who your associates will be. Keep that in mind.
- 11 Your associates to a large extent determine the flow of your life.

## **RENEWING THE MIND**

1. Winning does not start around you – it begins inside you. Change your thinking.
2. He who controls your mind controls your life. He who controls your thoughts controls your experience. What occupies your mind will occupy your life. What dominates your mind will manifest in your life.
3. There is no man with a greater creative power. All brain has the same capacity. It is the use and exercise of the brain that makes the difference.
4. Creative thinking is hard work and requires time and effort. It calls for deep thought in concentration. Creative thinking is putting the brain to work positively.
5. Positive use of the mind brings happiness, good health, success, prosperity and long life.
6. Negative use of the mind brings sadness, depression, high blood pressure, sickness and diseases, failure, poverty and untimely death.
7. Necessity is the mother of invention. It unlocks the brain causing ideas to flow in order to meet the need on the ground. Necessity is the mother of creativity. When a man is in a tight corner, he thinks of the way out.
8. Problems give birth to creative thinking. The desire to solve a problem, change a situation, leads to creative thinking. When there is a problem, there will always be a way out. Every invention is a solution to a problem. Every creation of God or man is to meet a specific need, which was a problem at that time to someone or some people.
9. The pursuit of excellence causes a man to think creatively. There is nothing in its finished stage. There is always room for improvement. The desire to improve on your achievements will make you think creatively.