

# WISDOM FOR EXPANSION

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Expansion has to do with becoming larger, spreading out; enlarging your coast, coverage territory and borders. Expansion is all about going beyond your present level to a higher and better level that you dream of.

Another word for expansion is enlargement.

*"Sing, O barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband," says the LORD. "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities. "Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. For your Maker is your husband--the LORD Almighty is his name--the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth." (Isa 54:1-5 NIV)*

God's desire is for his people to keep expanding and growing. He never intended that man should be static and unfruitful. Expansion is a by-product of many principles that we apply in life. God is always concerned when his people are not making progress in life's assignment. The purpose of God through the teaching of his principles is to show how to keep expanding and increasing in every area of life. It is therefore the duty of man to learn these principles and apply them and see himself move from one glory to the other.

## MAKE UP YOUR MIND

1. Until you are tired of your present position, you can't go beyond your present level.
2. Until your present position becomes too small for you, and everything in you craves enlargement, there can be no enlargement.
3. A man who is satisfied with the "status quo" can never make moves to get out into a better realm of living.
4. Winners are simply ex-losers who got tired of failure and decided to do something about it.
5. The day you get tired of failure is the day you start winning. Winning doesn't start around you, it begins inside you.
6. Prosperity and growth in your Christian walk and in your career are all a matter of choice. It is a result of a decision.
  - The decisions you will make about what you are about to learn will determine your next line of action.
  - The choices you make in life determine how you channel your energy, and where you channel your energy.

- What you decide about this subject determines what your experience will be in the nearest future.
7. Life is a result of the collection of choices (decisions) we make daily.
  8. Your dissatisfaction of the present state of things in your life will fire up a desire in you for expansion. Without a strong desire, there can never be an expansion.

*“Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” (Mark 11:24 KJV)*

9. Until you see the need for a change, you won't desire a change or expansion.
10. Necessity is the mother of invention.
11. It is only those who want change that get changed.

*“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matt 11:28-30 KJV)*

12. You need a decision, a major decision that will move you forward.  
The prodigal son continued suffering until he had to make a major decision to return to his father in repentance and ask him for forgiveness and work for him not as a son, but as a servant. That decision ended his suffering and he got more than what he thought he would get from his father. He was received and restored as a freeborn son. Read Luke 15:11-32.
  - What you do with all that you are going to learn in this publication will determine your future experience.
13. It takes a tired man to be fired up. When you get tired of your present situation, you will be stirred to a decision that will lead to a change.

### **BUILD A STRONG DESIRE FOR EXPANSION**

1. What you don't desire you can't see. And what you can't see you can't possess.

*“The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, “Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.” (Gen 13:14-17 NIV)*

*“Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”(Mark 11:24 KJV)*

2. If you can't see it, you can't have it. You must desire what you see to make a move towards accomplishment.

3. Desire is a product of the value we place on a thing or person.
4. What you do not place value on, you will not desire.
5. What you do not desire you will never accomplish.
6. What you do not desire, you will not have the energy and zeal to pursue and possess.
7. Strong desire fires a man up for action. It is the motivating force that drives a man to pursue and achieve his dream.
8. Strong desire keeps dreams alive. It charges, energizes, propels and pushes a man to go, and go, and go till it is a reality.
9. Build your desire around your dream. You must have a defined vision.

### **HAVE A VISION OF A BETTER TOMORROW**

1. Paint a picture in your head that you will focus on.
2. Paint a picture that will keep going even when things are rough.
3. Paint a picture that will not allow you to be static in life.
4. You must live for something at every given point in time. Have a vision that can be reached.
5. Jesus had a vision that he pursued and fulfilled. So also, Abraham, Isaac, Israel, Paul and Peter, etc. Have a vision of a better tomorrow.

### **BECOME A POSITIVE AND HEALTHY THINKER**

*“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.”(Prov 23:7 KJV)*

*“As in water face answers to face, so the mind of a man reflects the man”. (Prov. 27:19 RSV)*

*“You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.” (Matt 12:33-37 NIV)*

1. You are what you think.
2. Your life experience is a product of your thoughts.
3. Your mind is the drawing room for tomorrow’s circumstances.
4. What happens in your mind will happen in time.
5. Mind management is the first priority for the overcomer.

*“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things.” (Phil 4:8 NIV)*

6. Your words create your world. Your thoughts determine your words. Control your thoughts and you will be able to control your words.

7. Your feelings are manifestations of your thoughts.
8. Desire is a product of the meditations of the mind.
9. Success and failure are determined by the thoughts a man thinks.
10. Your thoughts determine your focus.
11. Your thoughts determine your level of zeal and energy for expansion.
12. The mindset of a man determines how he approaches life, manages problems and challenges, and what he accomplishes.
13. Your thoughts increase you or reduce you.
14. Your thoughts put barriers before you and limit you if they are negative.
15. Taking on the mentality of God as a son of God guarantees your success in every area of life.

*"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus." (Philem 6 KJV)*

16. Always believe you can achieve whatever you set your mind to achieve with God's help.

*"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." (Mark 9:23 NIV)*

*"I can do everything through him who gives me strength." (Phil 4:13 NIV)*

17. If you believe you can, then you can. If you think you cannot, then you cannot.
18. Believe you are who God says you are, that you have what God says he has given you, and that you can do what God says you can do.
19. See yourself in the light of the scripture, and you will be unstoppable.

*"See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc; no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD." (Isa 54:16-17 NIV)*

*"I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you." (Luke 10:19 NIV)*

*"And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." (Mark 16:17-18 NIV)*

*"I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot change it. "No misfortune is seen in Jacob, no misery observed in Israel. The LORD their God is with them; the shout of the King is among them. God brought them out of Egypt; they have the strength of a wild ox. There is no sorcery against Jacob, no divination against Israel. It will now be said of Jacob and of Israel, 'See what God has done!' The people rise like a lioness; they rouse themselves like a lion that does not rest till he devours his prey and drinks the blood of his victims." (Num 23:20-24 NIV)*

- No one can stop you. There is no challenge that you will not overcome. There is no goal, you cannot achieve.

### **RE-EXAMINE YOUR RELATIONSHIPS**

*"Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." (1 Cor 15:33 NIV)*

*"Remove the wicked from the king's presence, and his throne will be established through righteousness." (Prov 25:5 NIV)*

*"Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered." (Prov 22:24 NIV)*

*"He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm." (Prov 13:20 NIV)*

1. Who you relate with matter a lot to your destiny.
2. Every relationship in your life moves you closer to your dream or far away from it.
3. There are two kinds of people: they that add to your life and they that subtract from your life.
4. Re-define every relationship you are involved in to know the kind, and level of relationship each person deserves.
5. Associate with those who will help you fulfill your dream.
6. You will not succeed in life unless you are connected to people.
7. Success involves people. People who enable you to succeed may not always come to you. In fact, they rarely do. You must go to them.
8. Learn the art of maintaining a relationship.
9. What is lacking in you is in others. And what is lacking in others is in you. Recognize this and cherish relationships.

### **BECOME A PROBLEM-SOLVER**

1. You are a solution to someone's problem. And someone is a solution to your problem.
2. Everything God created was created to solve a problem or meet a specific need. You are a solution to a problem in this world.

3. If you work just to make money, you will not make all you are worth. But, if you work primarily to solve problems and meet needs, then you will get more than you bargained for.
4. Problem solvers are seed sowers. Seed sowers will always have a good harvest. They will receive based on the measure they have given.
5. Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's chief bottler and chief baker's dreams not for a price. It earned him a recommendation to Pharaoh when he needed to interpret his dream. He interpreted Pharaoh's dream not for a price. He went beyond the task of interpretation and offered counsel on how to exploit the revelation and avoid starvation in the land. At the end, he got his freedom from prison and slavery and became Prime Minister over all Egypt immediately (Genesis 40 & 41).
6. Remove your eyes from the price and reward and focus on meeting needs and solving problems.

### **PLAN HOW TO GET TO YOUR DESTINATION THROUGH GOALS**

1. Without a working plan, a dream will remain a dream.
2. Set smaller goals that will gradually bring you to the fulfillment of your larger dream, vision or goal in life.
3. A little at a time is the way to get to the top.
4. Make your goals **Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Tangible**.
5. You can't manage what you can't measure. When performance is measured, performance improves.
6. Smaller goals help one to measure success.
7. Time your goals.

### **GIVE YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS**

1. Seed sowing precedes harvest.
2. Giving provokes God to bless a man. When a man is blessed, he is empowered to succeed and expand.

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:38 NIV)*

*"Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:14-19 NIV)*

*“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written: “He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!” (2 Cor 9:6-15 NIV)*

*“One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. People curse the man who hoards grain, but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell. He who seeks good finds goodwill, but evil comes to him who searches for it. Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.”(Prov 11:24-28 NIV)*

3. Giving guarantees open heavens. And when the heavens open, anointing, wisdom, ideas and favour flow.

*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” (Mal 3:10 NIV)*

4. Giving is the covenant way to increase.
5. Consistent giving makes room for abundance.
6. When giving becomes your lifestyle, the fruit of giving becomes visible.

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## SUCCESS TITBITS

1. **Successful people are committed people. Without commitment you can’t achieve anything.**
2. **Live every moment in the consciousness of who you are and success will always be yours.**
3. **It takes understanding to stand.**

4. It takes understanding to succeed.
5. Labouring without understanding wearies the body.
6. You must believe in yourself and in your product to be a good sales person.
7. If you do not believe in a vision, you cannot follow the visionary.
8. Follower-ship is all about following someone that you believe in and agree with his vision and purpose.
9. The law of follower-ship demands that you: (1) trust your leader's sense of judgment, (2) where you lack understanding, you seek insight, (3) never confront or challenge your leader, that will amount to rebellion.
10. The man who takes instructions will always be promoted and favoured.
11. The way of humility is the way to the top. The proud always go down.
12. The Lord orders the steps of a good man. And when the Lord orders your steps, success is inevitable.
13. Following the Holy Spirit is following the road map to success and victory. Failure will be a taboo for such a person.
14. Skill and knowledge are very important for success, but the anointing and favour brings the supernatural to help us overcome the enemy, gain speed and accomplish our goals.
15. The consciousness of the presence of God motivates one to victory.

## RENEWING THE MIND

1. Positive minded people always make it to the top.
2. A man is what he thinks of himself.
3. The thoughts you think today and the words you speak today will determine your tomorrow.
4. Your words create your world. Your thoughts determine your words. Control your thoughts and you will be able to control your words.
5. Your feelings are manifestations of your thoughts.
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## WISDOM FOR ASSOCIATION

1. Your friends contribute to the direction of your life.
2. Identifying a worthwhile relationship and an unproductive and unnecessary relationship takes skill and the help of the Holy Spirit of God.
3. Getting rid of a friend that is having a negative influence on one is a task many people are not willing to undertake, but necessary if one must be who he or she is supposed to be.
4. Time wasters kill your dream and your life.
5. Those who are always asking from you but not giving to you have no contribution to make in your life.
6. It takes a humble heart to relate well and maintain relationships.
7. Never see yourself more highly than you ought to.
8. Storing bitter feelings in the heart is building a stronghold against your offender.
9. Every acquaintance always leaves a part of him or her in your life.
10. How much of you are from you, and how much of you are from those around you?