



Introduction

RECEIVE GOD'S REVELATION _____

Every new level of manifestation in destiny requires a new revelation from God. Any truth God shows you has the power to change you. Revelation is the key to transformation. Revelation is the fuel for manifestation. Abraham and Sarah (then called Abram and Sarai) had been childless for years but God was about to change their situation. Every time God wants to do a new thing, He looks for a man who can receive His word with faith.



God's word empowers change. Receive God's word and you will see God's work.

And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. Genesis 15:5

All God needs is one person that can receive the revelation of His word. One person from a family, community, city or nation. One person pregnant with a divine revelation of God's word can make a difference. Any man that can see what God is about to do can become a partner with God in destiny transformation.

Earlier, God had called Abraham to lift up his eyes from his present condition and look. Every time God asks you to look, there is something new to see. "Lift up now thine eyes and, look from the place where thou art ..." (Genesis 13:14).



CHANGE YOUR FOCUS _____

Look away from shame, fear, frustration, failure and difficulty. Look away from your past because it is time to see a better future. There are some who have accepted defeat, hopelessness and impossibility. They have given up the search for a better future. But if you can rise up in faith, to see a new possibility, then you can receive the change God has for you.

You cannot focus on failure and arrive at success. You cannot focus on your past and see your future. The wrong focus limits your potential and frustrates your progress.

God had to change Abraham's focus so He can give him the new revelation that will change his situation. You have to look up before you can go up in life. Only those who can see ahead will get ahead in life. To go beyond where you are in life, you must begin to see beyond where you are.

How you look determines how you will see things, and how you see affects how you will end. Moses sent out 12 spies into the land of Jericho, ahead of the rest of the people of Israel. Rather than see the greatness of God and their victory through God, they saw themselves as grasshoppers weak, feeble and defeated. That was how they ended. How you see things affects how and where you will end.

³¹ But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. ³³ And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight. Numbers 13:31, 33

SEE YOURSELF AS GOD SEES YOU —————

God is interested in how you see yourself. He created you in His image after His likeness. God has His own picture of who you are, and who you were created to be. Every seed is a potential plant, and every plant is a potential tree. We can therefore say that the seed is a tree waiting to manifest. God created you with hidden potentials. He knows the possibilities locked up inside you.

It takes great revelation and understanding to see the seed not just as it is, but to appreciate its true potentials. God sees you as you really are, in your full potential. Do not stop at what you look like now, see yourself as God sees you. Look with the eyes of revelation. Look beyond where you are and see yourself as God sees you.

Every seed that must become a tree has to grow tirelessly,

upward, in the direction of light. Though buried deep down under the dirt, it keeps pushing and growing upward. Life might have buried you in a hole, under a pile of dirt. Keep pushing upward towards the light of a new revelation. Keep growing tirelessly towards the light.

You are not a failure until you accept and settle for defeat and hopelessness. Where there is a will there will be a way. A strong will always finds a way or creates one. Jeremiah saw himself as a child until God corrected him and gave him a new revelation of how He sees him.

⁶ Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. ⁷ But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: ... Jeremiah 1:6-7

Do not see yourself the way negative people see you. Do not see yourself as your current condition wants to portray you. Look to God and His word for a true revelation of who you really are. Your maker knows your make up. Your creator knows your capability. Only your maker can truly define you not people, situations, circumstances or experiences.



God works through revelation. God always declares His plans before beginning His work. God has plans about your life that He wants to reveal to you. He revealed His plan to create man before He began the work of creating man. In Genesis 1:26, He said, "Let us make man", then in Genesis 2:7, "The Lord

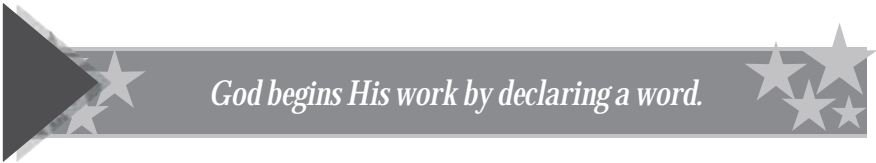
God formed man ...” God begins His work by bringing forth a revelation of His plan. God begins His work by declaring a word.

⁷ Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants Amos 3:7

The word of God is full of blessed revelations of who God says you are. God's picture of who you are can be seen in His word. God first declares before He does.

When God is set to bring change into your life, He begins by giving you a new revelation of what He is about to do. That is why God brought Abraham out to show him the stars.

God had a plan to bless a man and make him a blessing to all the families of the earth. He was looking for a man that could see and believe in His divine plan. When Abraham received and believed the revelation of God, his fruitfulness, increase and enlargement began.



BELIEVE GOD'S REVELATION_____

God is not asking you to change yourself by your human ability. Receive and believe the revelation of God about who you are, and God will bring it to pass. Everything God reveals He performs.

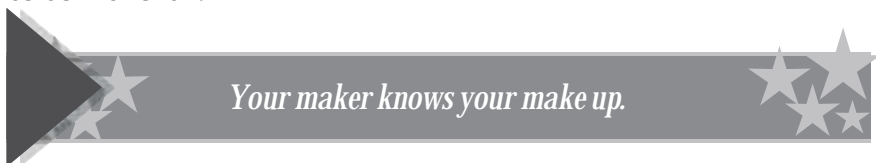
Then said the Lord to me, you have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over my word to perform it. Jeremiah 1:12 (AMP)

I declare to you under God, that a divine change begins in your life now as you open your heart to receive God's revelation about who you are.

God has been looking for a man in your family, willing to receive His revelation; ready to see himself as God sees him.

You are that blessed person. Glory to God!! You are that world changer, pacesetter, pathfinder, record breaker and history maker. Do not reject, condemn or put down yourself. See yourself through God's eyes. Your maker knows your make up. Agree with God, not with your enemies, detractors or mockers.

See yourself as God sees you, and begin to call yourself all that God calls you. Just as there is a tree inside the seed, there is a great person inside you. Look beyond where you are; see beyond all you have been through in life. God does not look at where you are today, He sees the potential inside you waiting to come forth.



God began a new thing in Abraham's life by giving him a new revelation. The God who did it in Abraham's life is able to do the same for you. God has been looking for someone to bless with a glorious change. I believe you are that person. That is why you are reading this book now.

⁹ *For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of those whose heart are (in alignment) with Him. 2 Chronicles 16:9*

Get your heart and mind into alignment with God's revelation for you. God can see the greatness inside of you. Begin to see it too. If any man will align with God's revelation, the power of God will be released to work out a glorious change in him.



Your creator knows your capacity. He can see the champion that is still locked up inside you. Begin to see yourself as God sees you. All the failures and setbacks of your past has not damaged what God put inside you. You are who God says you are. You can become all you can believe from God's word. You are a success in God's eyes. You are a champion not a failure. You are a victor not a victim. You are a king destined to reign. You are more than a conqueror. **YOU ARE A STAR!!!**

BEHOLD, BELIEVE, BECOME _____

God said to Abraham, "Look now towards heaven and count the stars". Do not look down at where you are. Do not look back at where you failed and fell yesterday. God is also saying to you look up and receive a new revelation of who you are.

Whatever you behold you will become. Whatever you keep looking at, you will start looking like. In the kingdom of God your meditation programmes your manifestation. Whatever you meditate upon continuously, you will manifest eventually.

When Abraham looked away from his old, aged and wrinkled body, to keep beholding God's revelation of children like the stars of heaven, he became what he beheld. He became what he believed. He became the father of many nations.

¹⁸ Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken...Romans 4:18

You are to receive and believe what God, your creator, has seen and spoken concerning you. Receive and believe God's revelation about who you are, and you will become that which He has spoken. Let us see how another version puts that passage.

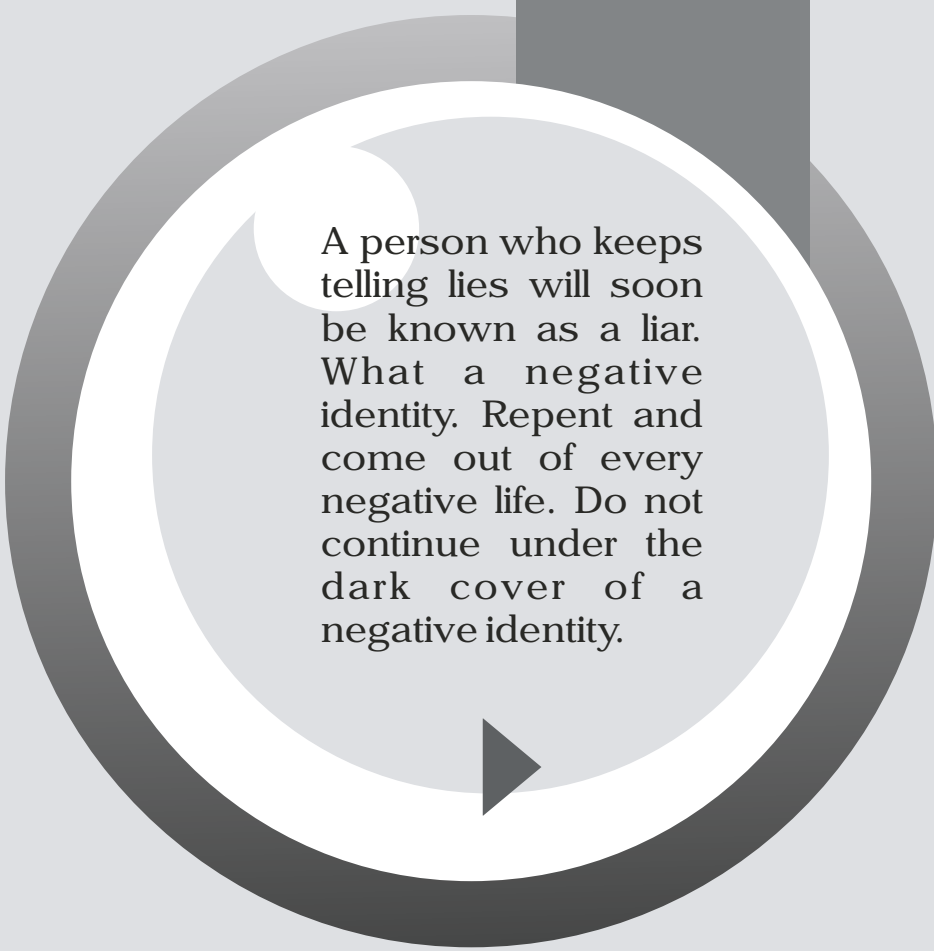
Hoping in spite of hopeless circumstances, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations” just as he had been told:

Like Abraham, it is time to declare by faith, “*I am what God says I am, I am a success, a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden. I am a star*”. God began a new thing with Abraham and He can do same with you. If you can see it, you can have it. If God can show it to you, He can perform it for you. He will do it in your life.



GOD MADE
THE STARS >>>





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★ CHAPTER 1 ★

GOD MADE THE STARS

When God was planning creation, He made provision for stars. The night sky is not complete in beauty without stars. Stars play a great role in creation, nature and the weather. Beloved, God made provision in creation for stars.

¹⁶ And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: HE MADE THE STARS ALSO. Genesis 1:16

God never created anything that was not needed. God only makes provision for things that supply solutions. Stars were created to supply light and shape seasons.

God has given us another revelation about stars in the scriptures. By the Abrahamic blessing, the children of Abraham are called stars.

And He brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: ... SO SHALL THY SEED BE. Genesis 15:5

Stars are not just objects, stars also refers to people. The children of Abraham are stars. All believers in Christ are the children of Abraham, therefore all believers in Christ are stars. We need to know this. In Galatians 3:7, we read:

⁷ Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

Galatians 3:29 also says

²⁹ And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

God told Abraham, “So shall thy seed be”. We the spiritual seed of Abraham are stars. God has called us stars, and that is what we are. We are what God says we are. We are stars!! What a revelation of divine identity. Knowledge of your supernatural identity unlocks your extraordinary destiny.

GOD REVEALS OUR TRUE IDENTITY—————

The true identity of a thing is determined by its maker. A genuine encounter with God reveals a man's true calling and identity. It was after Abram met God that he became Abraham, the father of many nations. When he discovered his true identity in God, he was empowered to fulfill destiny.



Jacob 'the person' became Israel 'the principality.' From being an individual he became an institution; he became a nation. One revelation from God can change your identity and open

up your destiny.

²⁷ And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. ²⁸ And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. Genesis 32:27-28



It is God's revelation for your life that determines your glorious manifestation in life. If you are born again, God says you are a star. Receive it and believe it.

Identity affects destiny. When people do not know who they are, they act and behave inferior. Awareness affects boldness. Enlightenment affects accomplishment.

You are more than a male or female. You are not just a man or woman. **YOU ARE A STAR!** The God that cannot lie says you are a star. What you know determines what you show forth. What you believe affects what you become. Shout it out loud **"I AM A STAR"** *Pause and pray now!*

A divine revelation of identity always triggers an explosion of destiny.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOURSELF? _____

Only God can reveal your true identity to you. A wrong identity will limit your destiny. A wrong identity almost aborted Moses' call from God. God called him to be a deliverer

but he struggled with ignorance and doubt.

¹¹ And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? Exodus 3:11

Do not doubt who God says you are. Come out of your past mentality of ignorance and inferiority. Divine revelation is the force behind destiny manifestation.

Inside Moses the murderer was the deliverer waiting to be revealed. Inside Joseph the prisoner was the prime minister. There is more to your destiny than your natural identity. When God created man, He blessed man with more than a physical body “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ...” (Genesis 1:26) God blessed man with a deposit of divine identity. Only your maker can reveal your true makeup. Don't let life cover you with a wrong identity. You are more than what you look like. Your divine identity is more real than your physical identity.

Saul saw himself as a struggling wanderer, but God saw a captain over a nation. God spoke to prophet Samuel concerning Saul:



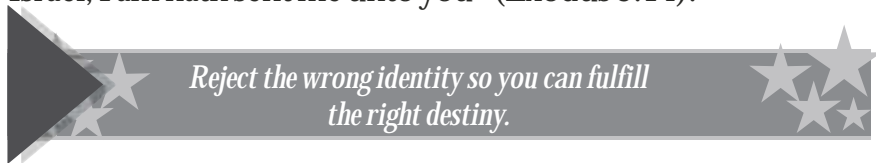
¹⁶ To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over my people Israel, ¹⁷ And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over my people. 1 Samuel 9:16, 17

When God looks at you He sees your divine identity, not just your physical identity. Everybody else saw Gideon as small and weak, but God saw a mighty man of valour (Judges 6:12-14). Others saw David the shepherd, but God saw the king in him waiting to be unveiled (1 Samuel 16:1, 12).

Every circumstance that contradicts what God says you are is a wrong identity that must be resisted and rejected. You cannot live under a wrong identity and fulfill your rightful destiny. No one lives wrong and ends right. Jeremiah saw himself as a child, but God saw him as a prophet to the nations. Therefore God said to him, "... say not I am a child ..." (Jeremiah 1:6-7). Reject the wrong identity so you can fulfill the right destiny.

KNOWING YOUR IDENTITY MATTERS —————

God took the time and effort to reveal His name and nature to people, because identity matters. "God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM:... Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I am hath sent me unto you" (Exodus 3:14).



God has promised to bless those who know Him deeply and intimately. Identity matters to God and should also matter to you.

I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
Psalm 91:14

God declared Jesus' identity openly because knowing your divine identity matters.

³² *He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest:*

... that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. Luke 1:32, 35

... A voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved son ... Luke 3:22

Jesus asked his disciples, “Whom do men say that I the son of God am?” (Matthew 16:13-18). Your divine identity matters both to you and others around you.

Your divine identity affects your exploits capability. If satan can get you to doubt your divine identity, he has succeeded in limiting your exploits capacity. In Matthew 4:3 the bible says:

And when the tempter came to Him, he said, if thou be the son of God.

“If thou be the son of God ...” Satan knew He was the son of God. Jesus did not need to prove anything to the devil. Satan wanted to plant a seed of doubt, fear, uncertainty and unbelief. He lost the battle. Jesus rebuked and defeated all his tricks.

Satan used the same tricks against Paul the Apostle, to question and create doubts about the apostleship he received from the Lord Jesus. Receive the grace to operate in confident faith and conviction:

Am I not an apostle? ... are not ye my work in the Lord? ² If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord. ³ Mine answer to them that do examine me is this, ... 1 Corinthians 9:1-3

God says you are a star. Do not let satan raise questions and doubts about your divine identity. Believe what God says about you. Stars are not just objects, the seed of Abraham, the child of God through Jesus Christ is a star.

REPENT OF EVERY NEGATIVE IDENTITY _____

A negative identity refers to anything a person practices and is known for, that offends and displeases God. Sin corrupts destiny identity.

All acts of sin gives a person a negative identity before God, and very soon before men. After Adam sinned, there was an instant change in the spirit of man; a fall from God's nature and a loss of God's glory.

Adam knew there was a negative change of identity, he saw that he had lost the covering of God's glory and was now naked.

⁷ And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; ⁸ and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God ... Genesis 3:7-8b

Anything that robs you of peace, purity and boldness in God's presence is a sin. It will stain, corrupt and defile your glorious identity. Sin stains the soul. Sin corrupts a man's mind. Sin defiles a man's spirit. Sin gives a negative identity.

WHO ARE YOU? _____

My mentor Dr. Pst. Paul Enenche wrote a book titled WHO ARE YOU? That is a book everyone should read. In the book he says that the question "WHO ARE YOU?" is one of the

most crucial questions anyone should answer in life?

It is a question of inner personality, character and integrity. “WHO ARE YOU?” is a question of identity. Are you still bound by a negative identity of sin and iniquity?

Be true to your heart and soul as you search your heart for the answer to “WHO ARE YOU?”

God already knows who you are. Satan also knows who you really are. He does not respect and obey everybody. Your heart also knows the truth about who you are. Those close to you will one day get to know who you really are (i.e. if they don't already know). Society will one day insist on knowing who you truly are.



Friend, God is bringing this book to you, to bless and change your life. Do not lie to, deceive, or harden your heart against the truth. Repent today and ask God to change who you are, and make you the kind of person He wants you to be.

A person who keeps telling lies will soon be known as a liar. What a negative identity. Repent and come out of every negative life. Do not continue under the dark cover of a negative identity.

The bible says in 1 Peter 4:15

But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

It is time to repent and return to God for mercy, cleansing and forgiveness. Any sin you cover up will dry you up. Until sin is confessed it cannot be cleansed. Repentance is a great blessing from a merciful God.

David covered his sin from God; he tells us the torment he suffered in Psalm 32:3-5

³ When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. ⁴ For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah. ⁵ I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

HAVE A DIVINE IDENTITY _____

In Acts 19:13-15, the seven sons of a priest called Sceva; vagabond Jews the bible calls them. They had no knowledge of God therefore satan was able to defeat and destroy them shamefully. That shall not be your portion in Jesus name. You shall not be defeated like this.

And the evil spirit answered and said Jesus I know, and Paul I know: but who are ye? Acts 19:15

Possibly they did not even have a divine identity through Jesus Christ. Most likely they were not even born again because the bible says in verse 13, “they took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, we adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth”.

Take note they did not say “Jesus Christ whom we know”.

Neither did they say “Jesus Christ whom we have believed”. They lacked the knowledge of God. They lacked the blessed experience of soul salvation. They lacked a divine identity from God. They were not born again.

When a man knows God, satan will know him and recognise his authority. When you know God, satan must know you. Satan is still challenging a lot of people today, asking them “WHO ARE YOU?”

Coming to church often is not enough. Being religious, prayerful and morally committed will not suffice. Jesus said to Nicodemus, a religious man, “Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again”.

To have a divine identity with God, you must be born again. To receive the image of God and life of God, you must be born again. Pray this prayer now and receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and saviour

SALVATION PRAYER _____

Lord Jesus, I recognise I am a sinner. I need your mercy and forgiveness. I believe you came in the flesh and died on the cross for my sins. I believe God raised you from the dead to give me eternal life.

I repent, confess and forsake sin today. I receive you Jesus, as my Lord and Saviour. I confess you as Lord over my life. Thank you for saving me. I am now born again, in Jesus name.

Now that you are born again, it is time to discover, believe and

declare your divine identity boldly. God says you are a star. Reject the lies and limitations of the devil. It is time to manifest the glory of your divine identity in God. It is time to make impact and affect your world.

YOUR WORLD IS WAITING _____

Beloved, your world has been waiting for the revelation of your identity. In John 1:19, the Jews sent priests and levites from Jerusalem to John the Baptist to ask him, “Who art thou”? “Who are you”?

John had an answer for them. He knew who he was not, and he knew who he was. Verse 22 says

Then said they unto him, Who art thou? That we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

Your generation is waiting for your revelation and manifestation. Your world wants to know what you know and say about yourself.

¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. Romans 8:19

How can you come into this world and not care to discover who you are in God? How can you go on spending years on earth and not find out from your maker the secret behind your making. Your maker knows your makeup. Call unto Him and He will answer you and show you who you are (Jeremiah 33:3)

Moses asked God, “When I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, the God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? WHAT

SHALL I SAY UNTO THEM? (Exodus 3:13). God gave him a revelation, and that was his answer to his world.

¹⁴ And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. Exodus 3:14




Ask God to show you who you are and what you were given to manifest to your generation. He answered Moses and He will answer you. Your generation is waiting for your revelation. You shall not disappoint them. Divine revelation will trigger destiny manifestation. Revelation of identity will command explosion in destiny.

You are a star!



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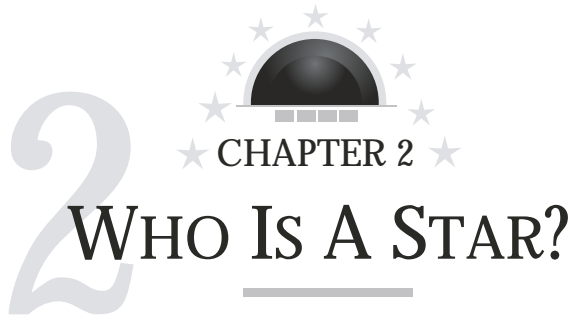




Excellent performance
always delivers excellent
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by the caliber of results
that follows their
performance.

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★ CHAPTER 2 ★

WHO IS A STAR?

The stronger your revelation, the greater your manifestation. The clearer your understanding the brighter your shining. You need to understand what it means to be a star. Understanding makes a man outstanding. The bible says

⁵ Get wisdom, get understanding: ... ⁶ Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. ⁷ ... get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. ⁸ Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour... Proverbs 4:5-8

A clearer understanding of what it means to be a star will bring greater manifestation, promotion, exaltation and honour to you. A greater revelation of your identity will eliminate frustration in destiny. Who is a star?

1. AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMER A STAR IS AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMER

To perform means to carry out a task, execute a command, or accomplish a function. It means to discharge a responsibility

or fulfill a duty.



Every person performs tasks, but not everyone performs outstandingly. Starts perform tasks outstandingly. God says you are a star; that means you are an outstanding performer. Nothing shabby should be mentioned after your performance.

What does it means to perform outstandingly? First it means:

- To perform prominently above your equals or peers.

Do not perform poorly and shabbily just because others around you are doing same. Rise above the culture of mediocre performance. Be different, exceptional and outstanding in your performance.

David was such an outstanding performer. 1 Samuel 18 says

David went out withersoever Saul sent him, and behave himself wisely ... Verse 5

The bible goes on further to say

David behaved himself wisely in all his ways: and the LORD was with him Verse 14

Finally we read concerning David:

It came to pass ... that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by Verse 30.

Beloved, rise above the shabby performance of those around you. Be an outstanding performer.

Secondly, to perform outstandingly means

- To be noted for superior quality

An outstanding performance is a performance of quality. High quality people perform with quality. High quality wisdom will always produce high quality works. Never perform below your highest and best ability. Always do your best in all things and at all times.

Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. James 3:13

Let everything you do show high quality wisdom. Joseph was such a high quality performer.

His master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. Genesis 39:3

Even in prison, Joseph was noted for quality. Genesis 39:23 says

The keeper of the prison looked not to anything that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

What a testimony of quality: this must be your own testimony in Jesus name

Thirdly, to be outstanding means

- To be celebrated preferred and promoted above others by an unbeatable performance.

Outstanding performance is star performance. It will make you stand out of the crowd, be distinguished and celebrated above others. Daniel and his 3 friends stood out above others in a class of smart and gifted pupils. Daniel 1:9 says

And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Misheal, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

Outstanding performance is the key to exceptional promotion. Do not seek or give promotion based on sentiments, partiality or favoritism. Be a person that performs with quality and demand quality performance from others around you. Only promote people base on quality performance.

Verse 20 further confirms that "... in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in his realm." They were men of unbeatable performance.



Beloved, do not practice or patronize falsehood and partiality. Be a person noted for quality and integrity. Daniel was

preferred and celebrated because of his unbeatable performance. God will not bless mediocrity. Stand out in performance and you will be celebrated with promotion.

Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. Daniel 6:3

Fourthly, to be an outstanding performer means

- To deliver exceptional and excellent results consistently with every performance



Excellent performance always delivers excellent results. Every person's value in life is determined by the caliber of results that follows their performance. Outstanding results make a person stand out and above the crowd.

Excellent result eliminates reproach. Excellent result commands respect, and attract reward. Excellent performance brought Jacob recognition and promotion in Laban's house. Jacob said to Laban "... *thou knowest my service which I have done thee ...*" (Genesis 30:26). Laban then replied:

... I have learned by experience that the LORD had blessed me for thy sake. Genesis 30:27

Give yourself no rest until you are generating excellent results.
Excellence is the key to eminence and prominence.

Joseph's performance was so excellent that his master handed over all management and control to him.

You are a star, an outstanding performer.

2. A STAR IS A LEADING PERSONALITY

Man was created as the crown of all God's creation. He created the best last. Everything about man is special, unique and exceptional. No other creature carries the image of God except man. No other creature has enjoyed God's care like man. Man is the central object of God's love.



To all other creatures God is only a creator; but to man God reveals himself as creator, Father, Healer, Provider, Helper, Lover, Friend, Teacher, Guide ... and lots more.

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him. Psalm 8:4

Man was created to be the star of God's creation, the leading creation of God. It is an abomination for a man to be down and out in life. You were not created to be an outcast.

In your career field, family and society, strive to be the leading light that others can follow. A star is a leading personality, a pacesetter, a front-liner. The back or the bottom was not meant for you.

Now, amongst men, all those that God chose for himself are

called to be leading personalities.

Abraham was called to show case the goodness and greatness of God for all to see and follow. God said to him:

I will make of thee a great nation. I will bless thee and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing.

... In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 12:2-3

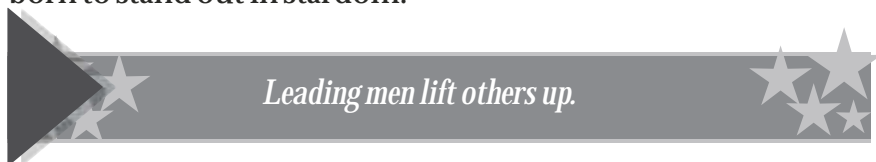
Every child of God is called to greatness and leadership. You are to show the way for others to follow. You are to succeed and reproduce success in others. The seed of Abraham are stars. You are part of the spiritual stars Father Abraham looked up and said in the heavens

And He brought him outside (his tent into the starlight) and said, Look now toward the heaven and count the star if you are able to number them. Then He said to him, so shall your descendants be. Genesis 15:5 (AMP)

Father Abraham saw generations of spiritual sons and descendants. He saw you too child of God. Refuse to live and die as a failure or a local champion. Greatness and stardom is in your spiritual DNA. You belong to the family of stars. Leading personalities have come out of this family.

You follow in the line of people like Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Caleb, Deborah, Ruth, Rehab, (yes, Rehab, the former prostitute, who became a front line mother in the genealogy of Jesus Christ). Men like David, Daniel, Elijah, Elisha carried that same seed of stardom. The list is endless.

So shall your name be mentioned among the leading people in your family, city, nation and generation in Jesus name. Arise and shine child of God. Light up the night sky for helpless humanity. Let your world celebrate your arising. You were born to stand out in stardom.



Your world must hear your voice and read your success story. You must be known for something good and great. Be the head and not the tail, be above only. Rise up out of obscurity. Come out of shame and reproach.

Read what God has already spoken concerning you as a seed of Abraham.

And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in Isaiah 58:12

You are not a liability to your world. Why should people pity you? Refuse to be the problem or concern of your family. You are the solution provider they have been praying and waiting for. You were born to bring hope and rejoicing to the broken hearts in your family and community.

I curse the spirit of calamity and uselessness to break its grip off you and your family. I command your past limitations to give way for your glorious manifestation. It is time for your light to break-forth as the morning and your health to spring forth speedily (Isaiah 58:8).

In Job 29, a star in this great family was speaking. See the testimony of his impact. Leading men lift others up.

When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me. Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. Verse 11-12

That is the kind of testimony your life shall generate from today. You will be an answer to the cry of the poor and helpless. You will not be the one crying in poverty and helplessness. Release your faith and claim this decree right now. Change your mind and God will change your life.

Leading men rise up and are used to raise others up. They come out of failure and bring others out with them. When Abraham came out of failure, Lot that went with him came out too. Servants in Abraham's house were travelling with camels and bags of gold.

Job continues his testimony of impact.

The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.

I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out Verse 13-16

This shall be the testimony of your life in Jesus mighty name.

Leading men are foundation repairers and bridge builders. They show others the possibilities that had eluded them for long. They revive hope and faith in others by their care and

compassion. How can you be down in life when you were born to lift up others?

The anointing of God is coming upon you now the anointing that raises men out of the dust of failure and poverty. Receive that anointing for greatness and stardom.

He raiseth the poor out of the dust, and lifted up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes and to make them inherit the throne of glory; for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them. 1 Samuel 2:8

The God that lifted others is lifting you now. I command every chain that bound you in captivity to be broken now. I release your legs to run and yours wings to fly. I command all your closed doors to open from today. You shall feed the hungry and cloth the naked. Many will smile again because of you.

You were born to be a star, a leading personality in your generation.

Every born again Christian is a seed of Abraham through Christ. All that Jesus came to do is what you too have been called to do. Isaiah 61 is a Messianic passage prophesying the life of Jesus. From the day you became born again, you became a part of this messianic move of impact. Part of that prophecy says:

And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities the desolations of many generations. Isaiah 61:4

Say Amen to that prophetic word. Claim it and receive it. Let your heart be enlarged to accommodate this calling.

3. A MAN OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE

A STAR IS A PERSON OF SURPASSING WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE

Wisdom and knowledge makes a person a shining star. Men like Joseph and Daniel stood out for their depth and command of wisdom. Pharaoh said to Joseph, "... there is none so discrete and wise as thou art ..." (Genesis 41:39).

Concerning Solomon the bible also says: "Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men ..." (1 Kings 4:30-31).

Be wise and you will shine. Wisdom is the secret of shining. The bible confirms this:

And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament... As the stars forever and ever.. Daniel 12:3

Wisdom is the possession and command of quality knowledge, acumen and astuteness in a chosen field. It is the sound application of relevant knowledge put to profitable use.

Any one shining in any field has a command of wisdom and knowledge in that field more than others. Daniel had answers others in his field did not have.

In all matters of wisdom and understanding that the king inquired of them he found them ten times better than all that were in his realm. Daniel 1:20

To be a star you must be a person of vast and outstanding knowledge and wisdom. Know your work well. Learn all that

is relevant to your chosen field excellently. Read wide and learn much. Wisdom makes men shining stars.

Eccl. 8:1 says

Who is a wise man? And who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine...

Do you want to shine in life? Then go after much knowledge and wisdom. Take advantage of every learning opening and opportunity. Read reason and learn.

The bible also says in Isaiah 33:6

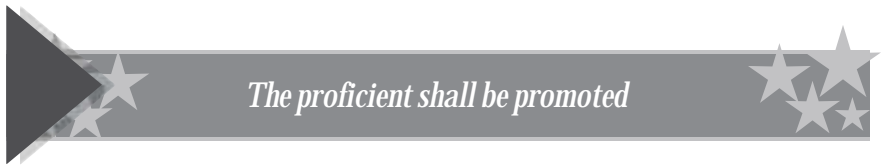
And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation:

The wise will win in the race of life. The proficient shall be promoted above others

There are three levels of wisdom to go after:

a) The wisdom of God.

This is the wisdom that is from above, the highest wisdom of all. This comes by an impartation of the spirit of God and the life of God.



And the spirit of God shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding... (Isaiah 11:2a).

God, the most high, orders all his works by wisdom. “O Lord, how manifold are thy works in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of riches” (Psalm 104:24). God has ordained that by this dimension of wisdom, our greatness and glory in life be realized.

We speak the wisdom of God... even the wisdom which God ordained before the world, unto our glory: (1Cor 2:7).

Every other kind of wisdom is foolishness in comparison to the wisdom of God. Unlimited success and wisdom in all realms of life is only possible by the wisdom of God.

We speak wisdom among the perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princess of this world that comes to naught. (1Cor 2:6).

How can we get the wisdom of God?

Be born again

The wisdom of God is imparted into us as we repent and accept Jesus as our Lord and personal Saviour.

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us Wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. (1Cor. 1:30).

Be full of the word of God

The word of God contains the wisdom of God. Every word from God's mouth is loaded with God's wisdom.

Prov. 2:6 says

For the Lord giveth wisdom; out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

Apostle Paul speaking in Colossian 3:16 says

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom...

To know God's word is to know God's wisdom. Have it and it will make you wise. "And... from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise..." (2timothy 3:15a).

■ Be full of the Holy Spirit

The spirit of God is also called the spirit of wisdom. He teaches men wisdom; he impart wisdom into men.

Isaiah11:2 says,

"And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom ..."

Joseph's wisdom was traceable to the spirit of God that was in him.

And Pharaoh said unto his servants, can we find such a man as this is, a man whom the spirit of God is? Genesis 41:38

Joshua, the bible says, was full of the spirit of wisdom ... (Deuteronomy 34:9a). Paul prayed for believers to receive "... the spirit of wisdom and revelation ..." (Ephesians 1:17).

■ Be passionate and persistent in prayers.

Ask God for wisdom in passionate prayers. Let your heart cry

out to God in desperate desire. Solomon prayed and sowed sacrificial seeds to God for a baptism of wisdom. His prayer was “Give me now wisdom and knowledge ...” (2 Chronicles 1:10). God's answer came in verse 12 “Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee”. You too can ask and receive wisdom from God.

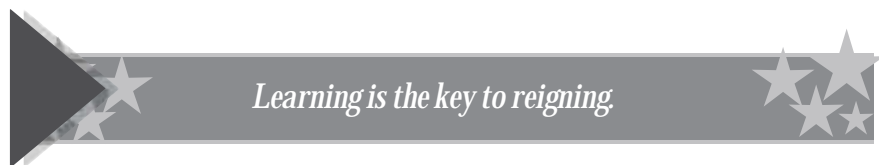
If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

James 1:5

b) Intellectual Wisdom

This is the second level of wisdom required to shine as a star. It is the wisdom acquired through learning, training, and education. Education sponsors promotion in life and destiny. Learning is the key to reigning.

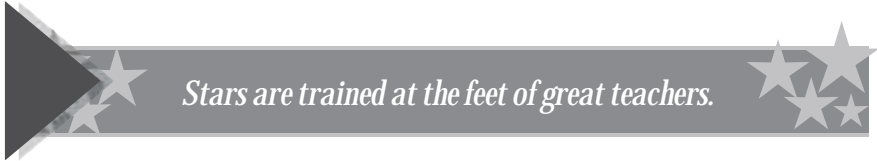
1 Corinthians 2:6 calls it the wisdom of the princes of this world. James 3:15 calls it ... sensual wisdom ... i.e. the wisdom of the mind and senses. You must go to school to get this.



Solomon had the spirit of wisdom, but he also took advantage of sound teaching and training from capable masters and teachers. In Ecclesiastes 12:9-12, Solomon celebrates the impact of ... masters of assemblies ... and their books in his life.

Moses was trained in the schools of Egypt (Acts 7:27) and Daniel was taught in the schools of Babylon (Daniel 1:3-4).

Stars are trained at the feet of great teachers. Paul was trained at the feet of Gamaliel (Acts 22:3, Acts 5:34-39).



c) Natural Wisdom

This is wisdom and knowledge acquired by exposure to current information and facts of life. It is called the wisdom of this world (1 Corinthians 2:6), or earthly wisdom (James 3:15).

Natural wisdom refers to the wisdom of positive experiences. It can also be called common sense.

Natural wisdom can be acquired and sharpened through

- Good parental and family upbringing
- Constructive exposure to opportunities
- Supervised exploration of potentials
- Company of positive friends
- Inspiration from role models
- Practical exercises for self development
- Consultation and feedback with seniors

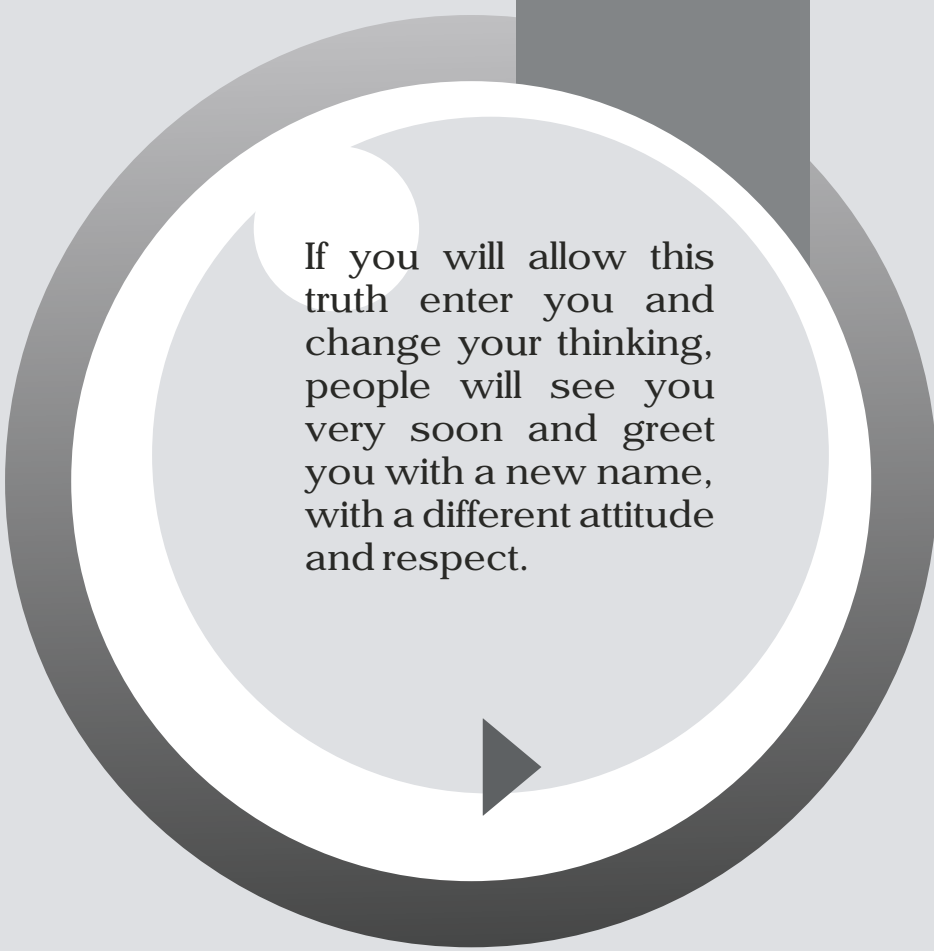
He that walketh with wise men shall be wise ...
Proverbs 13:20a

It is time to shine with wisdom.



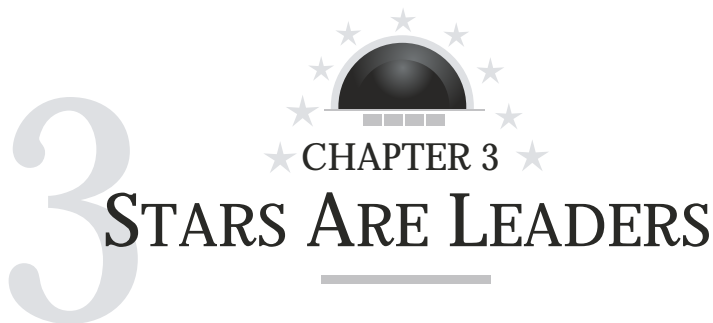
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If you will allow this truth enter you and change your thinking, people will see you very soon and greet you with a new name, with a different attitude and respect.

THREE



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★ CHAPTER 3 ★

STARS ARE LEADERS

Let's consider another description of a person who can be said to be a star in any chosen career of field.

Who is a star?

4. A Leader and pacesetter

A star is a leader worthy of being followed by others. They know what to do and inspire others to do same.

Stars were created by God to give light. Light talks about direction, illumination and leadership.



A leader is one who knows the right thing to do, is doing it, and is influencing others to do it with him willingly, successfully and profitably. He knows the right way to go, is going there, and influences other to go with him willingly.

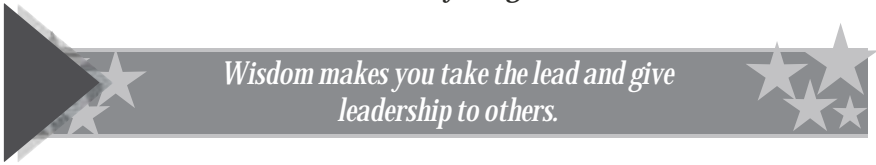
Stars in any field lead, and others follow. They set the pace and

others copy them, to reproduce their success. Others know what to do, by following what they do.

It was a star that led the wise men from the east, to where (baby) Jesus was.

Matthew 2:9 says

“... lo the star which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was”.



You cannot be lost and stranded in destiny. You need to always know what to do, and where to go. One of the benefits of wisdom is direction. Wisdom makes you take the lead and give leadership to others. You cannot be comfortable in stagnation and inactivity. You cannot be comfortable where people are confused and don't know what next to do. People rejoice when true stars show up. Stars are leaders.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy
Matthew 2:10

God created you to radiate His glory, and He called you a star. Change your mind today and accept this divine identity. If you will allow this truth enter you and change your thinking, people will see you very soon and greet you with a new name, with a different attitude and respect. I command double honour to rest upon you right now.

CREATED TO LEAD

Man was created to lead in creation. Dominion is the language of kingship, rulership and leadership. Creation existed without leadership and coordination until man was created and put in charge.

And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness and let them have dominion over ... Genesis 1:26a



Other synonyms (words similar in meaning) of the word dominion are: authority, control, government, management, rulership, jurisdiction.

God created you to provide control, rulership, government, management and leadership over creation.

Leadership is not a title, post or position. It is influence and performance with success and productivity. God created every one of us to be great and successful leaders over our lives, relationships and environment.

We all have the potentials, capacity, resources, energy and opportunity to influence people and things around us. Rise up in self recognition and begin to see yourself as a star, a leader, a pacesetter.

RISE TO LEADERSHIP

No leader was born great and successful. Even children born into privileged royal, rich and influential families need to grow

and rise into personal success and leadership.

It was the job of your parents to bring you to this world. It is now your job to rise up and become a person of influence, relevance and significance. It is not your fault how you were born; but it is your fault if you accept to remain how and where you are.

Leaders are ordinary people who saw the need and accepted the call to rise up, be different, and make a difference in their lives, families and society.

Many times in the bible God will call on people to arise. That meant come out of ordinary existence and rise into leadership.

To Abraham:

Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breath of it; for I will give it unto thee. Genesis 13:17

To Moses:

Arise, take thy journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land, which I sware ... to give unto them.
Deuteronomy 10:11

To Joshua:

Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them ... Joshua 1:2

Receive God's prophetic word to you today.

Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee Isaiah 60:1

Rise up and accept the call to leadership. You are a star! Your light has come. The light and glory of God, through Jesus Christ the bright and morning star, is upon you now.

GIVE AND ACCEPT NO EXCUSES

There is no excuse for living a life of excuses, failure, insignificance and mediocrity.

How and where you were born is no excuse. The potentials and qualities you do not yet have is no excuse. All great qualities can be aspired to and attained through self development and training.



The same way God has created and called others to be great, He has called you too. There is no sovereign divine providence reserved only for a few chosen, appointed and privileged people. We all do not have the same call, but we all have a special call from God to influence, lead and impact our world.

Read these words in Romans 2:1

Thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art . . .

There is no excuse for a life of failure and mediocrity. You are not a push over, the potential for success is inside you. You carry leadership ability inside you. God is the greatest leader of all, and He created you in His image and likeness. You might

have had a terrible beginning but you are not finished yet.



You might have attempted and failed at some things in the past. That does not make you a failure. A person that falls, but rises up again, is not a drop out. He is still in the fight. Rise up from where you fell. It is time to show forth the capacity for leadership God deposited inside you.

Forget about your past, and focus on who you are now in God, in Christ. Who you are now is more important than who you used to be.

Those who make excuses never make progress in life. Jesus told the parable of a great man who called all his servants and gave them talents, before undertaking a long journey:

And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one: to every man according to his several ability ...
Matthew 25:15

Those who make excuses make no profit in life. Every potential given to you by God has imparted into you the ability for success and leadership. We all do not have the same thing, but we all have something. Others ... went and traded with the same, and made ... profit and impact.

But "... he which had received the one talent came ..." making excuses. He must have said things like:

- Life has not been fair to me.

- How can I succeed in these hard circumstances?
- Others have more than what I have
- I do not have the help and support others have had.

Excuses blind men to their potentials. Excuses block and waste opportunities. Excuses paralyse possibilities. Excuses limit performance. Excuses erode profit.

Do not give excuses, give out your best. Those who make excuse make no impact. Stars are leaders not excuse givers. They rise to duty and responsibility despite limiting circumstances.



Those who make excuses, make nothing out of opportunity. All David had was a catapult with five stones. Opportunity came knocking and there was no time to be giving excuses. Hear him declare:

All this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's . . .
1 Samuel 17:17

Those who rise to duty and responsibility, without excuses, will end up as leaders.

GROW THROUGH REVELATION _____

One of the ways God brings people to an awareness of their divine identity as stars is through a revelation. Joseph had a

divine dream and realized he was a star.

*And he dreamed a dream, and told it his brethren, and said,
Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun
and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.*
Genesis 37:9

That dream was a revelation from God about Joseph's call to leadership. He saw himself and his brothers as stars. All the seeds of Abraham are called to be stars; leaders, pacesetters and impact makers.

It does not matter the kind of family background you came from, it means little what you look like now, where you are today. Receive God's revelation that you are a star.

Job was in a revelation encounter with God, and he heard God call all the children of God stars.

*When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God
shouted for joy? Job 38:7*

The children of God are called morning stars by God. Grow into this divine understanding today. Tell yourself "I am a star, because God says so". Do not let the circumstances of life, or people put you down. Revelation on your inside powers transformation on the outside.

Refuse to be behind in life and destiny. Reject everything backward. Backwardness is not your identity. You are a star, a leader and pacesetter in destiny.

GENES OF REDEMPTION _____

It is the genes of the father that determines the genetic makeup of the child. Parents donate the seed that determines the nature and peculiarities of their children. That is what God did for all born again children of God. We are born again of His incorruptible seed.

Jesus is called the star that came out of Jacob, the bright and morning star. That is the seed that gave you your spiritual genetic makeup.

*I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not night:
there shall come a star out of Jacob ... Numbers 24:7*

In Revelation 22:16 Jesus introduces himself as a star.

*I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in
the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, and the
bright and morning star.*

Jesus, the bright and morning star, has given birth to sons through redemption. That divine seed dwells in you, to reproduce after itself.

*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become
the sons of God*

*Which were born not of blood, nor of the will of flesh, nor of the
will of man, but of God John 1:12-13*

Say it out loud: "I am born of God's seed; I am a star". To be born again is to be born a star, after the order of Jesus Christ.

*Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible,
by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

1 Peter 1:23

Glory to God! You are a star in Christ.

Do not join the complainers and excuse givers. Do not join those who are saying “nothing new is happening in my life and in my family”. Rise up and cause things to happen. Make the news! Make history! You are a news maker and a history changer. Be a solution provider to your family and society.

I decree over you today; you will make news in your life time. Do not join those that are saying, “if only we had somebody in this family, things would have changed for the better”. Rise up now and determine to become that world changer in your family. Things will get better from today because of you, in Jesus name Amen.


How did Naaman the leper become a general? How did Jabez the miserable man become an honourable man? By determination you will shine as the star God has called you.

Naaman, a leper, got married successfully, and a healthy brother is still saying he cannot find a wife to marry. That shall not be your portion. Resist satan's assault against your divine identity as a star. Refuse to be destabilized by satan's lies and deceptions. Stand your ground on the revelation of God's word. You are who God says you are. You have what He says you have. You can do what God says you can do. You are a star!!



THE DESTINY
OF STARS >>>





Shine on despite the hatred, jealousy and evil conspiracy of men. Their manipulations cannot stop you. Men only fear what they cannot stop. Hallelujah! They cannot stop you.

FOUR



★ CHAPTER 4 ★

4 THE DESTINY OF STARS

Destiny means a predetermined purpose behind an action. A fixed end set for a process. For everything God does there is an intended, predetermined purpose.

When God created the stars, He had a predetermined purpose he wanted to achieve. God always determines the end from the beginning, then he begins to work out his plans and purposes.

God is too purposeful to do anything without a glorious purpose. All of God's purposes are perfect. God's purpose is His good pleasure, determined in advance for our good. God wants us to discover and know the good purpose behind our making.

DISCOVER YOUR DESTINED PURPOSE _____

Purpose is not ours to decide, but to discover. God determines it in Himself, and we seek Him to discover it. Ephesians 1:9 says

Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He had purposed in Himself



Purpose is not ours to decide, but to discover.

Why should we discover God's purpose for our making?

- It helps us live in the will of God.

The will of God for your life is contained in the purpose of God for you. All things work out for the good of those who are in the plan, purpose and will of God (Romans 8:28)

- It ushers in all good things.

To miss the purpose of God is to miss the good plans of God. His plans for us are for good not evil (Jeremiah 29:11). The work He has began in our lives is a good work (Philippians 1:6). To miss the purpose of God is to miss the good things of God. No good thing can be withheld from those who walk in line with God's plan and purpose (Psalm 84:41)

Another scripture in Ephesians 1:11 tells us more benefits of discovering God's purpose and walking in it.

In whom we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will.

- It guarantees our divine inheritance.

Inheritance from God flows in the direction of the plan and

purpose of God. To miss His divine purpose is to forfeit your divine allocation. The provisions of God are for fulfilling the visions and purposes of God. Pursue His purpose and you will attract His provision.

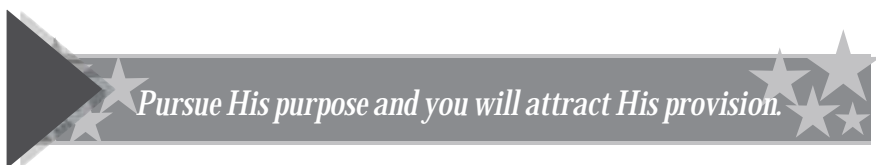
- It attracts the workings of God.

God works where His purpose is in place. It is the will of God that propels the works of God. God works, and compels things to work out for those who are in His will and purpose. Look to God who created you and called you a star, and discover the destiny behind your making as a star. Let us now consider some reason God created stars, and also called you a star.

DESTINED TO SHINE _____

God created stars to supply light. He created stars to shine. Jesus is called the bright and morning star. The star that can shine in day light must be a very bright star (Revelation 20:16).

The sun is the major star that shines during the day. Jesus is also called the Sun of righteousness that rises with healing in His wings (Malachi 4:2).



God set stars in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth (Genesis 1:17). God has called you a star. You are destined to shine. Do not exist in silence. Your presence must be felt in this world. Give light to your world.

Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee Isaiah 60:1

Do not let anything cover your light. Arise and shine!! Ordinary, impactless existence is not for you. God told Father Abraham to be a blessing to all families on earth. How can you tolerate an ordinary, colourless existence?

Beloved, ordinary existence is a worse evil than total non-existence. The sun shines during the day, while the moon and other stars shine in the night. They refuse to be covered. Darkness might cover others, but not you. Darkness is not permitted to cover a shining light.

The Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it (put it out or absorbed it...) John 1:12 AMP

No darkness shall swallow or cover your light in Jesus' name. "... Darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee" (Isaiah 60:2)

Others might have been stopped, and covered from shining by the darkness of occultism, witchcraft and family wickedness, but you shall be different. Your light shall not be covered. Whatever cannot cover God, cannot cover your light. Say it out loud with me "I carry the glory of God. My light cannot be covered by darkness".

The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day Proverbs 4:18

I see you shining more and more. Nothing can stop you.

You are a star, destined to shine, and show forth the glory, praise and radiance of God. SHINE ON!. Nothing can cover or stop you.

Read what the bible says to you:

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Shine on despite the hatred, jealousy and evil conspiracy of men. Their manipulations cannot stop you. Men only fear what they cannot stop. Hallelujah! They cannot stop you.

Rise up and shine! Fulfill your divine purpose and destiny. You are God's answer to the darkness of your family and society. Shine on! Shine on!! Shine On!!!



The bible says that God has called us with a holy calling “... *not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began*” (1 Timothy 1:9).

He called and translated us out of darkness into the kingdom of His dear son; a kingdom of marvelous light (Colossians 1:13, 1 Peter 2:9). There was a purpose for that glorious call. LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE. SHINE ON STAR OF GOD!

DESTINED TO BE ON TOP _____

God created stars and positioned them on high in the heavens. Stars are never found on the floor. They are destined for the top. You are a star, and you are destined to be on top. Any one that wants to see you in your true position will have to look up, not down.

Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven . . .

Let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven . . .

God set them in the firmament of the heaven . . .

Genesis 1:14, 15, 17

God set the stars up in the firmament at the top. That is the place meant for you. People are meant to look up to you, never down on you.

You can never find any star on the floor. Their place is high up on top, in the sky. That is their permanent dwelling place. Abraham had to look up to see the stars of his vision.

And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now towards heaven, and tell the stars. Genesis 15:5

God positioned you on top, high up in the heavens. Father Abraham saw you (his divine seed) on top. You were created by God for the top, designed for the top, called to be above only.

The LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath. Deuteronomy 28:13

That is why God created and called you a star: you are destined to be on top. You might begin from the bottom, but you cannot remain down, at the bottom. God is your glory and the lifter of your head. No evil conspiracy can keep you down in failure and frustration. I see you breaking out, to take your rightful place at the top.

Do not use your mouth to confess where you are today. The God that brought you from where you used to be yesterday to where you are now, is still taking you farther and higher. Confess your new level. Call the things that be not, as though they are already.

When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, there is a lifting up and he shall save the humble person. Job 22:29

Say it and God will support it with His power. Declare your lifting up and God will demonstrate it in your life. Right in the midst of your casting down, declare that there is a lifting up. Say it continually till you see it ultimately.

Say it with faith “I am a star, destined to be on top. I cannot be down. I refuse to stay down. I cannot be tied down, held down or bow down!!” Pause and make that confession your prayer right now. Glory to God!!

Jesus crowned your salvation with a promotion. He blessed you with a change of position.

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:6

Awesome God! You have been raised in Christ, and have been made to sit at the top, in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Keep looking up so you can keep going up. Set your mind on things

above. Remove all the old, tattered, outdated and obsolete things that keep reminding you of the low place God brought you from. Clean out all the broken furniture out of your house. Old things must pass away, for new things to come.

Joseph refused to appear before Pharaoh looking like a prisoner. Some kind of clothes should not be found in your closet anymore. You are now born again. You are a star. Clean up so you can go up. No power shall pull you down in Jesus name. Amen!!

DESTINED TO BE VISIBLE _____

Stars are destined to stand out. They are designed to be visible, seen, known, noted and recognized. No matter how dark the night, the star still stands out in the sky.

The darkness always gives way for the star to be seen. The storm of the night or day will finally clear, so the star can shine and stand out.



You were created to be seen and known in your family, school, office, society and community; you shall be known. Your voice shall be celebrated. Darkness shall not cover you. You are not permitted to be hidden in life.

Moses fled from Egypt a wanted man; encountered God in the backside of the desert by the appearance of a burning bush. He returned to Egypt an honourable man, an ambassador of the

most High God. (Exodus 3:1-10; 11:3). It is time for you to stand out.

You are light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Matthew 5:14

You cannot be hidden. They might not like you, but they cannot stop you. In John 9 Jesus met a man that was born blind, and decided to use a miracle to decorate and introduce him.

The neighbors' therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, is not this he that sat and begged? Some said, this is he: others said he is like him: but he said I am he. John 9:8-9.



God is organizing a miracle turnaround for you, as you shout amen now. You shall not be hidden anymore. Receive a miracle that will confuse those who knew you before. Receive a miracle that will give you a new name and identity, in Jesus name. You shall return with a new glory, for the glory God shall be seen upon you. God called you a star because you are destined to be visible

And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the month of the Lord shall name. Isaiah 62:2.

Receive that new name of glory now in Jesus name. The God that wiped away bareness from Elizabeth and gave her a new

name, is also giving you a new name now!! I see you carry double honour.

Everyone referring to you now in past tense will soon return and congratulate you. "Used to be rich" "Used to be successful" I reverse that negative report now, in Jesus name.

Your story has changed.

Do not hide your gift and talent like the wicked served in Mathew 25:18, 24-25. Lift your head up, your glory has come. It is your time to shine.

DESTINED TO ATTRACT FAVOURABLE ATTENTION _____

The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Isaiah 60:3.

Stars are destined to attract favorable attention. The star lit sky is a beauty to behold. The beautiful reflection of the star is celebrated everywhere. Stars are created by God to attract favour. The brightness of your shining is meant to attract favour and blessings.

That was the dimension of favour that was upon Job.

When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye said me, it gave witness to me.

The light of my countenance they cast not down.
Job 29:11,24

From today your life will attract favour not rejection. People will bless you, and not victimize you. Even people you don't

know will be compelled to favour you.

The sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee. Isaiah 60:10a

Forget the disappointments of the past. The favour of God is upon you now child of God. The favour of God always attracts the flow of good. Favour promotes, protects and preserves. The favour of God is a shield of defense.

For thou Lord, will bless the righteous; with favour will thou encompass him as with a shield. Psalm 5:12.



Favour is one of God's blessings, bestowed upon the righteous. Another word for favour is grace. The grace of God is upon the believer. Jesus came with fullness of grace, to bestow upon all children of God. Grace and favour was a part of our salvation package. Say it out loud, "I carry the favour of God."

Of His fullness have all we received, and grace for grace.
John 1:16.

Carry that favour consciously from today. It is a new day for you.

DESTINED TO CHANGE TIMES AND SEASON ———

God created stars to indicate, demarcate, rule and change seasons. Seasons differ and there is a season for everything.

And God said, let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons and for days, and years. Genesis 1:14

Another name for season is days, or years. It refers to a measurement of time in a person's existence.

You are a star, and God has ordained that you change unfavourable seasons to favourable seasons.

There are different seasons in life. Our God is a God who “Changeth the times and the seasons” (Daniel 2: 21). He created stars as divine agents for changing times and seasons. If the season is negative and unfavourable, you can change it.

Change poverty to prosperity. Change sickness to total health. Change family stagnation to promotion. If the season is contrary to the plan and purpose of God for your life, you can change it. You can change defeat to victory.

Joshua had God's battle to fight. In the course of the battle, the sun began to set.

Joshua did not complain about the setting sun, he changed the season by the word of faith.

And he said in the sight of Israel sun stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. . . .

The sun stood still in the midst of heaven and hasted not to go down about a whole day. Joshua 10:12-13

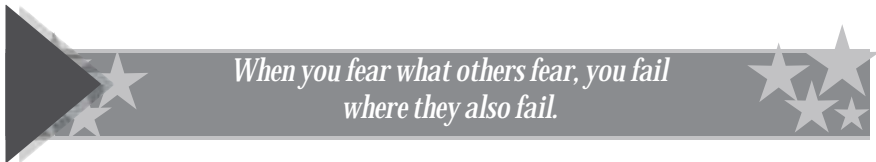
Stars are ordained to change seasons. The seed of Abraham has the authority to change unwanted situations. Isaac was about fleeing from famine. God spoke to him to stand and change the situation.

The Lord appeared unto him and said, go not down into Egypt; Dwell in the land, which I shall tell thee of Sojourn in this law, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee. Genesis 26:2-3

By faith Isaac over-ruled famine and became very rich. What is limiting others is not permitted to limit you. You are a star, you do not surrender to negative situations; you change them.

When you fear what others fear, you fail where they also fail. It is time to walk by faith, not by sight. Let God's word dictate your response and reactions. For every problem of life, there is a promise from God. Face the problem with God's promise, and you will come out with victory.

If you don't like it, change it. If you don't want it, change it. If that is not what God's word says about you, change it!!

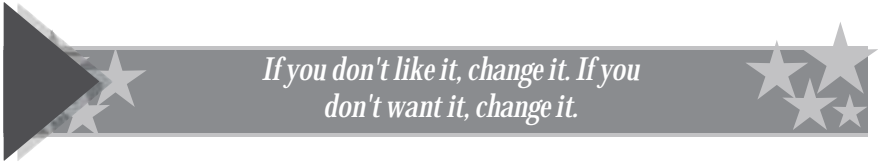


Pharaoh kept God's people in captivity, until Moses rose up and change things by faith. Goliath intimidated the army of God's people until David arrived and changed the situation. Nehemiah heard how his home land was in rains, with the city walls broken down and the city gates burnt down with fire. He prayed, believed God, rose up and changed things despite

conspiracies and oppositions. It is your turn to command a turn around.

This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel saying; not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Who art thou o great mountain? Before Zerubbable thou shalt become a plain Zechariah 4:6-7


You are a world changer, a trail blazer, a history changer, a news maker. You are not ordinary. Your existence shall not be in vain.





THE SECRET OF SHINNING >>>





God created us with
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“Oh God, make me a
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★ CHAPTER 5 ★

5 THE SECRET OF SHINNING

Success in any field is sponsored by secrets. Every pace setting company operates with certain trade secrets. You will often hear outstanding performers being asked, “What are the secrets to your outstanding performance.” There are secrets to shinning in any sphere of life. When you know what others don't know, you shine where they cannot shine.

Job was a shining star in his generation. The bible calls him, “the greatest of all men of the east.” His success was tied to some divine secrets.

As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle; Job 29:4

The secret of God was Job's advantage in life. The secret of God makes men shining stars in life.

When His candle shined upon my head, and when by His light I walked through darkness. Job 29:3

WHAT IT MEANS TO SHINE _____

To shine means

1) To be lit up or set on fire: The sun shines because it is made of burning gases. It is a blessing to be on fire for God. In the bible, God revealed Himself and His glory to Moses through a bush that was set on fire. Moses turned aside to see that glorious sight and was never the same again. This world has seen lots of men, but they are yet to see enough men 'set on fire' by God. They have seen lots of men of God; but they need to see men of God on fire for God. The secret of shining is in burning.

A missionary of old by the name of David Bremaid, used to cry out to God in prayer, "that I might be a flaming fire in the service of the Lord." He prayed with a passion not many have brought before God; and God answered with a power, not many have received from God. Burn with God's fire and you will shine with God's glory.

David Bremaid did not just pray, he wrestled with God in prayers. Daily he would spend hours in the woods. His constant cry was, "I long to be a flame of fire continually glowing in the divine service, building up Christ's Kingdom to my last and dying breath."

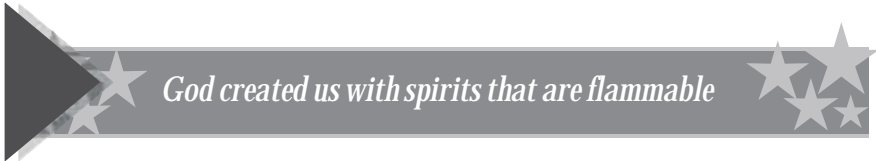
Moses saw the burning bush and became a man on fire for God. His world could not deny his existence. His generation could not ignore his ministry and manifestation. It was John Wesley that said, "if the preacher will burn, others will come to see the fire." Friends, that is why I refuse to exist ordinary and normal. I want to be lit up, set on fire by God and for God.

God appeared to Moses like fire that burns but does not consume its carrier.

He went before Israel as a pillar of fire.

God appeared to Abraham in Genesis 15 as a burning lamp. Both David and Solomon saw the fire of God fall upon their sacrifice. Elijah's life and ministry was characterized by fire. “

If I be a man of God let fire fall.” The fire of God fell and his world was subdued for God.



The Holy Spirit fell on the apostles like an appearance of cloven tongues of fire.

We need to be lit up, set ablaze by God's holy fire. That is what it means to shine for God. Do you remember Elijah's altar on Mount Carmel? What was the difference between his altar, and that of the false prophets of baal? FIRE!!! It is not enough to have the altar, stone, wood, offering and all that; we need to have the fire. LORD, LET YOUR FIRE FAIL!!!

God created us with spirits that are flammable, so we can be set on fire for Him. “Oh God, make me a burning bush to my world. Make me a flaming fire in my generation.” May that also become your constraint heart cry. Pause and make that your prayer upright now.

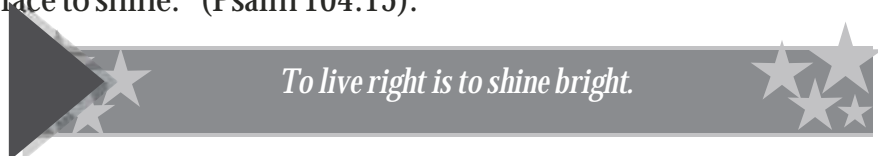
2) To release brightness and radiance

The answer to darkness is brightness.

Wisdom and knowledge will make a man release brightness to his world. “A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine” (Eccl. 8:1). That is an aspect of the brightness you must release to your world.

Good character and good works is another aspect of brightness you have to release to your world. “*let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glory your Father which is in heaven*” (Matt. 5:16)

Oil in the bible refers to the anointing, power and glory of God. The anointing of God upon the believer make him shines with divine glory and brightness. “oil makes a man's face to shine.” (Psalm 104:15).



Your society is waiting to be blessed, influenced and impacted by your brightness and radiance.

The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Isaiah 60:3

Righteousness will make a person shine with brightness and radiance. If you are not releasing brightness that attracts men to God, check your character and righteousness. To live right is to shine bright.

3) To break forth in brilliance and excellence.

No veil of failure will cover you in the name of Jesus. Seeds become plants by breaking forth through the pile of earth laid over them. I see the talents and gifts inside you breaking forth

with brilliance and excellence. Your brilliant future must break forth with success despite past failure. Creation is waiting for your manifestation.

And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.
Isaiah 25:7.

I see a new brilliance spring forth out of your life from today. God is speaking to you right now, “behold I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth.” (Isaiah 43:19).

Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily.

Then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday. Isaiah 58:8, 10

Joseph broke forth from prison to promotion and prominence. Daniel rose from slavery to stardom. David the shepherd became a world renowned preacher man. Nothing shall cover you.

WHY STARS SHINE

There are factors that determine how bright a star shines. There are some principles to apply, to enjoy a life of shining glory. For any door that is closed locate the key and the door must open. Shining is possible, all that is required is for you to find out what it takes. So what are the secrets that make stars shine?

1) SUPPLY OF LIGHT FROM THE SUN

Stars shine by receiving light from the sun and reflecting some outwards. The sun generates enough light for other stars to receive and radiate. God called the sun “the greater light” and called the moon “the lesser light”.

Therefore by positioning themselves properly to the sun, stars receive the light they need, to shine and radiate beauty and brightness. As it is in the physical, so is it in the spiritual. God calls Himself the sun, and calls us stars.



The Lord God is a sun... the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. Psalm 84:11

God is a sun. He is generating and radiating all the glory and good things we need to live a shining life.

Your connection to God affects your shining in life. Return to God today. Recognize and reconnect with Him as your sun. Receive His light and you will shine in your world.

David, the shepherd that became a king tells us his secret in scriptures.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid.
Psalm 27:1*

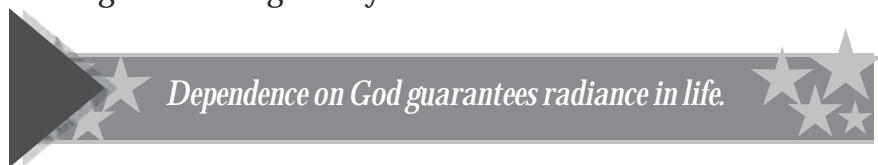
Know God as your sun and source, and you will enjoy the supply of all good things of life. Give God the glory as your source and you will never run out of supply.

Dependence on God guarantees radiance in life.

David shows us his dependence on God in Psalm 36:9

For with thee is the fountain of life in Thy light shall we see light.

He was saying there that his shining in life is totally dependent on God's light flowing to him. Such a man will never stop shining. There is light for you in God.



David knew the secret that is why his greatest desire and pursuit was to dwell in the house of the Lord, to behold His beauty and enquire in His temple. (Psalm 27:4)

This was also the secret of Moses shining destiny: spending time with God to receive and radiate divine light. Consider Moses prayer to God.

I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee. I beseech thee, show me Thy glory.
Exodus 33: 13,18

What was the outcome of such a desperate heart cry for more of God?

And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh

unto his friend. Exodus 33:11

The bible later tells us that after a while, Moses face was shining both spiritually and physically.

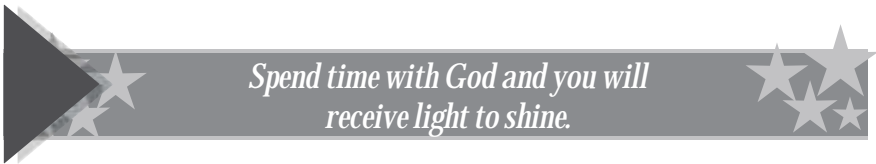
And it came to pass when Moses came down from mount Sanai... that Moses wist (knew) not that the skin of his face shone white he talked with God. Exodus 34:29.

Spend time with God and you will receive light to shine.

The bible also reveals Jesus Christ as the sun of righteousness (Mal. 4:2), the day star that has arisen (2 Peter 1:19) and the bright and morning star (Rev. 22:16).

Jesus is our sun of righteousness. Like the sun that is bright enough to shine during the day, even in the morning; He shines so brightly that His name is THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR.

When He suffered and died on the cross, He was paying the price for all men to come to Him and receive the life that shines as light.



In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

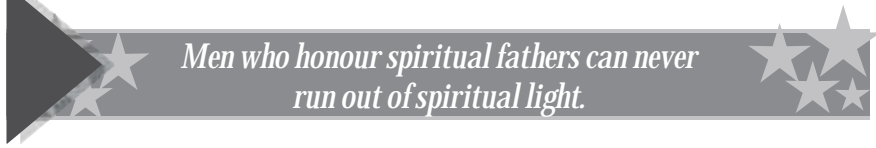
And the light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not. John 1:4-5

The light of Jesus is bright enough to make any man shine and

stand out in this world.

That was the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. John 1:9.

No one has any reason to be covered by satanic darkness. Come to Jesus and receive light. Stars shine by receiving light from the sun. Reject a life of failure, frustration and



backwardness. God can light you up.

All the men that did exploits in the bible from Adam all the way to Apostle Paul; it was the light of God that lit them up. Return to God now.

Wherefore He saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. Ephesians 5:14

Spiritual Fathers and mentor are also privileged to be suns, stars shining brightly enough to supply light to others. In Gen.37:9 Joseph saw his father as a sun, while he and his siblings were stars.

Those whom God has endowed with higher grace than you, can add light to your destiny. Every child of God ought to be firmly planted in a spiritual family under the covering of a pastor. Every pastor also needs the covering and impartation of a higher grace carrier and light bearer.

Men who honour spiritual fathers can never run out of

spiritual light.

Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, David, Paul and Timothy were all men that honored and celebrated the grace of fathers that lifted them.

You need a spiritual Father over your life, a person you will be submitted under and be accountable to. No man has all the



grace and light he needs. May your heart and spirit be genuinely connected to the spiritual Father God places over you.

2. SOURCED BRIGHTNESS FROM WITHIN

Stars have the ability to generate light and brightness from within themselves. Stars are made of materials that are luminous in nature. God's stated this in Genesis 1:15

Let them be for lights ... to give light ... and it was so.

Stars do not only reflect the light of the sun outwards; they also generate and give out light from within themselves. The very make up and nature of stars makes them able to generate and give out light.

Luminous materials are light generating materials. Child of God, do you know the divine materials you are made of? Do you know the divine nature you have received from God?

What you do not know places a limit on you. The shining of

every star is tied to its making.

You will not shine until you know that you can. The nature of God in us is luminous; it is light generating in nature. You need to know the divine nature you have received from God.

From the word of God, we discover who we are in God. 2 Peter 1:4 tells us that we are partakers of God's own nature. Jesus the bright and morning star, has given us His nature. We have become born again of His incorruptible seed. We are now a type of His first fruits; children of the light.

You have the luminous, light generating nature of the sun of righteousness. Just as Jesus is the light of the world (the greater light); the bible also calls you the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). There are different ways we can generate light internally:



- Generating light from your good works. Be good and do good to others.

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:15

- Generate and radiate the light of a burning ministry. Serve God with massive impact. The life and ministry of John the Baptist was prophesied to be a light that will lighten others.

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1:79

- Generate the light of the knowledge of God and of His word. The knowledge of God makes you a guiding light to others.

Thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness.

An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast a form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.

Romans 2:19-20



- Generate and radiate the light of God's love to your world. Let God love others through you.

He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him 1 John 2:10

- Generate and radiate the light of truth. Be truthful in all things. Stand for truth always. Be known as a person who speaks and does the truth in all things. Let no falsehood or lies be found in you.

But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Ephesians 5:13

You are God's star to your world. May you not fail God, yourself or your own generation. Be a shining star.

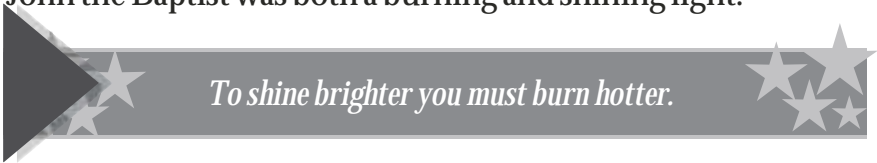
3. SURFACE AND INNER TEMPERATURE

Stars generate light by building up a high temperature. Anything that is hot and burning will always generate light. The hotter the star the brighter it shines. The sun shines brightest because it burns the hottest. Other stars also generate light equal to the degree of their temperature and heat. The coolest star is still a hot and burning star. The star that desires to shine cannot afford to be cold.

Your spiritual temperature affects your shining. All stars are made of flammable, combustible materials. To shine brighter you must burn hotter. If you are not satisfied with your level of light, increase your heat. Until you do something about your heat you can't do anything about your light.

Beloved, darkness is escapable. As far as the sun is from the earth, we still feel such heat and receive such light from it. It generates much heat; therefore it radiates much light.

John the Baptist was both a burning and shining light.



He was a burning and shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light John 5:35

In the bible we have divine materials that are both heat and light generators. They burn hot with fire and shine bright with light. The more you are saturated with them the hotter and brighter your life will be. Let us point out some of them.

- The word of God is both fire and light. Increase your accumulation and operation of God's word.

The word as fire:



Jeremiah 23:29

Is not my word like as a fire? Said the LORD Jeremiah 20:9

*But His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in
my bones . . .*

The word of God as light:

Psalm 119:105, 130

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

*The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding
unto the simple.*

- The Holy Spirit is both fire and light. Be full of the spirit and you will burn hot and shine bright.

Acts 2:3-4: The spirit as fire

*And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and
it sat upon each of them: And they were all filled with the Holy
Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit
gave them utterance.*

Ephesians 1:17-18 (AMP): The spirit as light

That He may grant you the spirit of wisdom and revelation; of insight ... deep and intimate knowledge of Him.

By having the eyes of your understanding flooded with light..

- A life of prayer and fasting makes a person both a burning lamp and a shining light. Be a person of much prayers and fasting. Fervent prayers make a man both hot and bright.

Isaiah 62:1: Pray to be a burning lamp.

For zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

Isaiah 58:8: Pray and Fast till your light breaks forth

Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily.

- Doing good to people is both a burning fire and a bright shining light. Your good works is a burning fire to those who hate you. Proverbs 25:21-22

If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

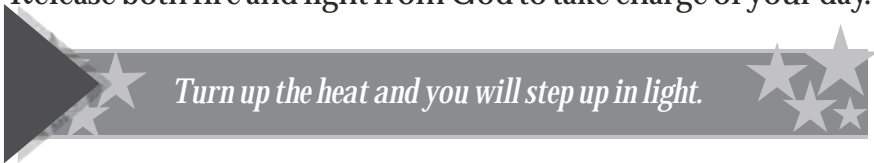
Good works is also a sweet shining light to men of good hearts who love you and love God. Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Therefore you can increase in both fire and light, heat and brightness. Turn up the heat and you will step up in light.

Beloved, you cannot burn hotter and not shine brighter. When a car is moving fast the engine cannot be cold. The pilot of the plane keeps the engines running while passengers are boarding. He is building up heat preparatory for flight.

You cannot begin the day without prayer and study of the word, and not have a bad day. You must begin the day right, with burning word, prayer and tongues. God did not call you to frustrate you. Soak your life with these flammable and lightable materials. Burn hot and you will shine bright. Release both fire and light from God to take charge of your day.



Many years ago, while serving as a pastor in Aba (a city in South East Nigeria) and also doing my final year in the University, I boarded a bus from Aba to go to Calabar. That was the day I was to write one of the courses in my final exams. The bus was nicely painted on the outside but the engine was faulty and bad. The bus was practically moving with crawling speed. A journey of two and a half hours was about to take us four hours. I was about to arrive very late for my exams. "What can I do Lord" I cried to the Holy Spirit. Glory to God, he hears and speaks.

That is why you must be burning hot in prayer and tongues. The Holy Spirit said to me, "If you cannot speed up the bus, you can hold up the exam". Awesome God!! Light broke forth

out of the heat of tongues rumbling in my spirit. You shall never be stranded again in Jesus name. I said thank you Holy Spirit, and began to pray more in tongues. “Lord I hold up that exam, they will not start till I get there”. I prayed in violent tongues till I felt a relief in my spirit. “These signs shall follow them that believe; In my name... they shall speak with new tongues.” (Mark 16:17).

I arrive about two hours late, after the exam was scheduled to start. The invigilator was there on time (I was later told), but before they could start the exam, someone entered and whispered something to him in the ear. He turned and told all the waiting students, “Instructions reaching us is that we should not begin the exam yet”. They all just sat there and waited. A few minutes after I arrived, I saw the same person enter and whisper something to the invigilator. He turned and said, “People, we are now free to begin the exam”. Glory to God! You cannot burn hot and not shine bright.

I prophesy over your life a fresh fire from God: catch and burn with a hotter fire in the spirit. What belongs to you will wait for you. You will not miss your seasons of blessing anymore. Begin to pray and speak in tongues right now. Glory to God!

Pastor, do not preach a sermon just because the title is cute, or because you have a fancy phrase or quote to give. Pray in tongues till your spirit hears a fresh and specific word from God. It must come fresh and hot from the spirit, for it to deliver fresh life and fire to the church.

Sometimes I will give a title or theme for a meeting, and while they are at the press for printing of publicity materials, I will call them and change it. It is better to get it right late, and be in

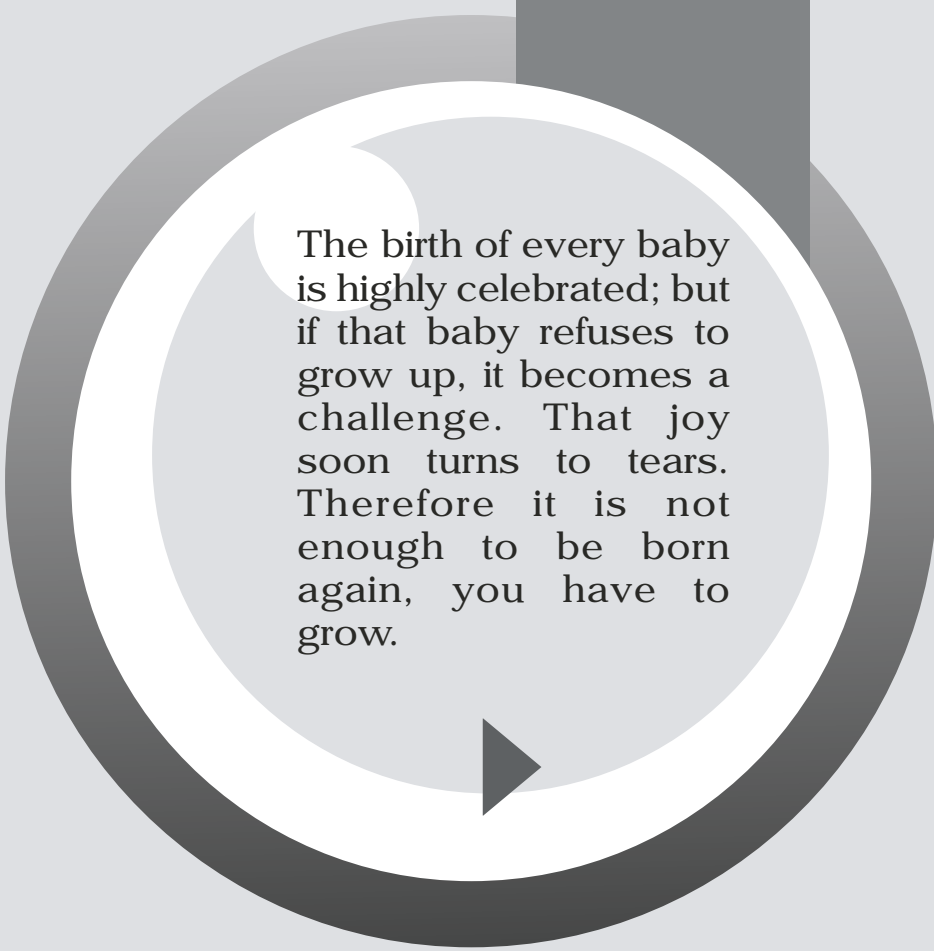
tune and flow with the fire of the spirit; than to be cute and colourful, but miss God and the season of harvest He has for you.

May your fire burn hotter! May your light shine brighter!



MORE SECRETS
OF SHINING >>>





The birth of every baby is highly celebrated; but if that baby refuses to grow up, it becomes a challenge. That joy soon turns to tears. Therefore it is not enough to be born again, you have to grow.

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★ CHAPTER 6 ★

6 MORE SECRETS OF SHINING

Let us consider other factors that make stars shine

4. Size and massiveness of surface area

The size of a star affects its shining. The larger the star, the bigger the surface area available and used for shining. In the operation of stars size matters. The bigger the better. The bigger the brighter.

In life size is a function of growth. To get bigger you must keep growing. Bigger stars have a bigger surface area for receiving and reflecting light from the sun. Bigger stars also have a bigger surface area for burning luminous materials to generate and transmit light. Bigger stars shine brighter than smaller stars.



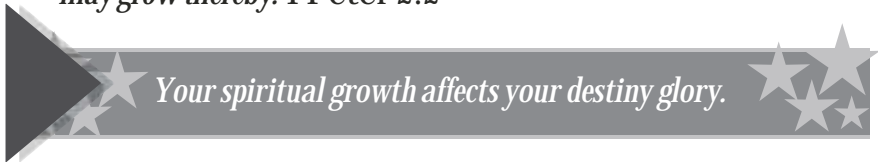
As it is in the physical, so it is in the spiritual realm. Your growth in God affects your radiance in life.

Now I say, that the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant though he be lord of all Galatians 4:1

Your spiritual growth affects your destiny glory. No growth, no glory. Little growth little glory. More growth, more glory. Put in all the effort and investment required to achieve spiritual growth. Size in the spirit affects success in the spirit. Do not neglect your spiritual growth.

The word of God commands us to pursue spiritual growth seriously.

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby. 1 Peter 2:2



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But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18

Grow up spiritually. Grow in grace and faith. Stars that grow bigger glow brighter. Every aspect of our lives can grow bigger and better. Our faith, grace, anointing, knowledge and wisdom can grow and improve. The word of God can grow and increase in us. Our prayer life can grow in duration, depth and quality. Skills for ministry and leadership can grow. We can grow in our level of maturity, understanding and

excellence. We can grow and increase in destiny impact and result.

Value and protect every atmosphere and association that helps you grow. Pay every price required for your destiny growth. There can be no stagnation in the spirit. The day you stop growing you start declining.

Invest in inspiring materials that will fuel your spiritual and mental development. In every area of life, growth is a function of quality input and inspiration. In Ephesians 4:14-15, the bible exhorts us to "... henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine". Rather we are admonished to grow up into Christ in all things.

12 keys to accelerated growth

Take note of the following points, they will bring you great growth and increase:

- a) Fellowship more in church and you will grow bigger and stronger spiritually.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. Psalm 92:12-13

- b) Feed and study more on God's word and you will grow spiritually.

As newborn babies, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: 1 Peter 2:2

- c) Practice good and godly character and you will grow into greater grace

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things which is the head, even Christ: Ephesians 4:15

- d) Pray more frequently and fervently and you will grow in glory and power

And as He prayed, the fashion of His countenance was altered, and His raiment was white and glistering Luke 9:29

- e) Practice the life of sacrificial giving and you will harvest growth, increase and multiplication

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over; shall men give into your bosom. Luke 6:38

- f) Serve God more in His work, and you will enjoy the blessing of all-round growth.

If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity and their years in pleasures. Job 36:11

- g) Have more faith in God, and you will harvest more blessings from God.

And blessed is she that believe: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her of the Lord. Luke 1:45

- h) Speak more in tongues and you will grow bigger in the spirit.

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth (improves)

himself 1 Corinthians 14:4

- i) Return more praise, gratitude and testimonies to God and your favour from God will increase.

Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise thee then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God shall bless us. Psalm 67:6

- j) Receive more spiritual impartation of the anointing and your life will enjoy growth and increase.

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom: for Moses had laid hands upon him Deuteronomy 34:9

- k) Reach out and help the less privilege and you will enjoy a change of level.

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will He pay him again. Proverbs 19:17

- l). Learn from wiser men and you will increase in wisdom and impact.

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise.
Proverbs 13:20

5. Speed and aggressiveness of motion

Stars appear stationary, but they are always in constant motion. Stars are never stagnant or inactive. Different stars move at different speed and frequency. The vibration and motion of stars aid in their combustion of luminous materials and this combustion of luminous materials generates light. Speed

sponsors light. Aggressiveness aids brightness.

The faster the speed of motion and vibration of a star, the more luminous materials are burnt up to generate energy and light. Therefore the greater the speed of motion or vibration of a star the brighter the star generates light to shine.

To be a shining star in destiny you must avoid idleness and inactivity. Stars generate light by maintaining high level action, motion and vibration.

Men of high impact are men of focused, passionate, and urgent action. To make impact and stand out, you must be active. Immediately after God created man, God gave him a mandate for work and activity.

And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to DRESS IT AND KEEP IT. Genesis 2:15

Man was created to impact his world through his work. Every man that desires to command a shining destiny must be a passionate and diligent worker. Give yourself to passionate work and you will end as a shining star in destiny. Work is a blessing to man, not a curse. God is a hardworker and He made man in His own image. It is an abomination for any man to be idle, lazy and jobless.

There are no stagnant or idle stars in God's universe. No idle person will shine in life. Your promotion and profit in life is tied to your work ethics and attitude. How you work determines how you will shine in life. Your work will determine your worth. Your labour holds the key to your

lifting in destiny

In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury. Proverbs 14:23

Any man that will locate his area of work in life and give himself to it diligently will be rewarded with profit. Be known for your love for work. Be a person of passionate action and motion. Locate an area of work and apply yourself to it passionately. Do all things with passion and urgency.

All stars keep working to keep shining. They remain in constant action, motion and vibration. There is no place for idleness or stagnation. Beware! A life of leisure and ease leads to redundancy and backwardness. Stop working and you will stop shining and start declining.

- i) Value and celebrate work and labour: it is our God given key for potential development and expression. Work is a blessing from God. Never frown at work. Distaste idleness!
- ii) At every point in time have a particular work you are engaging yourself in. Never have a season of joblessness. Give yourself to either education, apprenticeship, occupation, or self-employment. There is always something to do; find it and give yourself to it.
- iii) Take prompt action on every idea or dream you have. Every genuine vision and inspiration should produce action and motion. Make up your mind on issues quickly. Take decisions promptly and act on them speedily. Men of high impact always act on ideas promptly.

And Caleb stilled the people ... and said, Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

Number 13:30

- iv) Avoid times wasters and time wasting. Do not waste your own time and do not let others waste it for you. Postponement and procrastination steals time and wastes destiny. Anything worth doing is worth being done on time. Do not waste time in endless, aimless analysis and considerations. Think, and think fast. Consider all your possible options quickly. There is never a perfect time for doing anything. Learn to make the best use of the time you have.

Do not just think about doing things; do not just plan on doing things. Rise up and do them. Do not just think and plan, take action. Act quickly and promptly. ACT NOW!!

In 2 Corinthians 6:2, the bible says

... now is the acceptable time; behold now is the day ...

- v) Do all things with passion and fervency.

Progress in life is for the passionate and fervent. Zeal is the force that fuels and propels accomplishment. Live life on the go. Do all things with zeal and zest. Anything worth your involvement deserves your utmost self investment. Do all things passionately. Dullness and slothfulness should never be mentioned after you. Show excitement in your work. Passionate performance will sustain your interest and supply others with inspiration.

- vi) Always improve on your last performance. No one has arrived at his best performance yet. There is always room for improvement. You can learn more, sharpen your skills and do better today than in the past. Never tell yourself that where you are is your best performance. Always add some upgrade and improvement to your next performance. Continuous self upgrade and improvement will keep you shining.



- vii) Never live in regrets; keep moving on. Regret is a worthless waste of today, over a yesterday, you cannot change. Living in regrets cannot change the past, yet it drains and robs your present of much needed passion. Move on promptly and position yourself to do better. Learn from the past, and let it pass. Use your today to improve on your yesterday. Live a life of daily gratitude, never regret.

6. Special difference and uniqueness:

Stars are different, one from another. They differ in several characteristics and qualities e.g. size, speed, surface temperature. All of these unique differences makes some stars shine brighter than others.

*There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon,
and another glory of the stars: FOR ONE STAR
DIFFERETH FROM ANOTHER STAR IN GLORY*
1 Corinthians 15:41

Discover and maximize your uniqueness. There is strength and glory in the qualities that make us stand out. God made us to differ from others, so we can stand out in our own peculiar glory. 1 Corinthians 4:7 says, “who maketh thee to differ from another”. We all have different gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4), given to everyman to profit withal (1 Corinthians 12:7).

It has been said, “you are your best when you are yourself”. You will shine the most when you stand and function in your area of strength. Discover your unique gift, talent, passion and potential, and cultivate same till your maximize them.

Do not admire what others have and ignore your own special ability. “... every man hath his proper gift from God, one after this manner, and another after that” (1 Corinthian 7:7). Do not ignore or bury your talent. God gifted us differently so we can shine brighter than others in our area of difference and uniqueness. There might be many things others can do better than you, but there is something you can do better than them.

Where you are better than others is where you will shine brighter than others. Learn to value, appreciate and celebrate what God has blessed and gifted you with. Ignore what you do not have and focus on developing what you do have. Develop what you have to its highest strength and performance capacity; it will make up and cover for other areas of weak or marginal performance.

People will focus on and celebrate you for what you are exceptionally good at. No one will be interested in the things you are not very good at. For example, a man will be celebrated for being an outstanding footballer. No one bothers to focus on the fact that he is not a notable medical doctor. Discover

your area of strength and be the best at it. Stars shine brighter than others by maintaining and maximizing their difference and uniqueness.

7. Strength of right company and team

Stars operate in companies called galaxies. The brightness of each star is boosted by the light that comes from other stars in the galaxy

There is strength in keeping the right company. Your company will affect your capacity for impact, positively or negatively. Your relationship will affect your relevance. Man was not created to be alone and function alone. Even God reveals Himself in a company called the trinity Father, Son and Holy Spirit. “It is not good that the man should be alone” (Genesis 2:18).

Great men are mentored, trained and sharpened in the company of other great men Moses, Joshua, Caleb. We also have Jesus, Peter, James, John etc. Throughout the bible being in the right company is celebrated. “Iron sharpeneth iron ...” (Proverbs 27:17). “How good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity” (Psalm 133:1). “And being let go, they went to their own company ...” (Acts 4:23).

Establish and maintain the right relationship with God. Know and worship Him personally and intimately as your Lord and savior. Relationship with God is the best, highest and greatest partnership any man can have in life.

Put yourself in a good local church. Your spiritual atmosphere affects your destiny well being. Where you are planted affects how you will flourish. You need the word of God and the

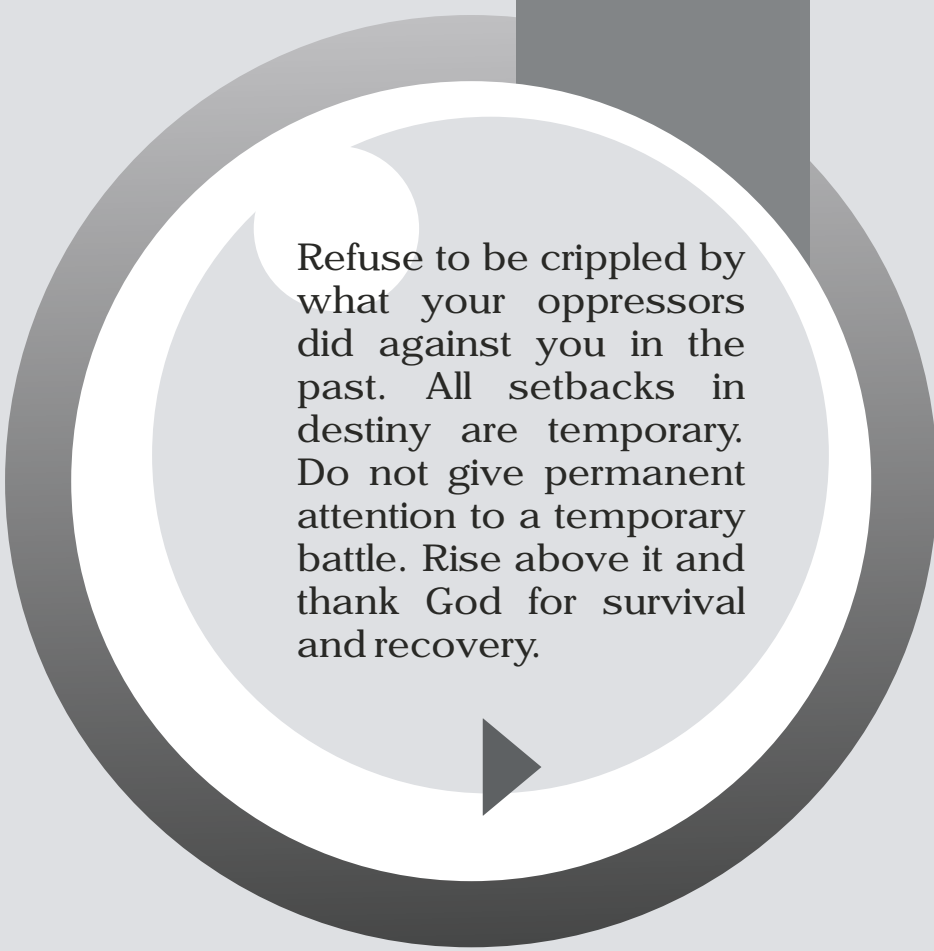
anointing of God constantly released upon your life. When you have access to good teachers and mentors, honour them with your recognition, submission, observation, celebration and appreciation. You will then see the shining benefit of their instruction, inspiration and impartation.

Also surround yourself with positive friends. Friendship must be by choice. Choose the right people as friends. Those who add to you positively will help you shine brighter in life.



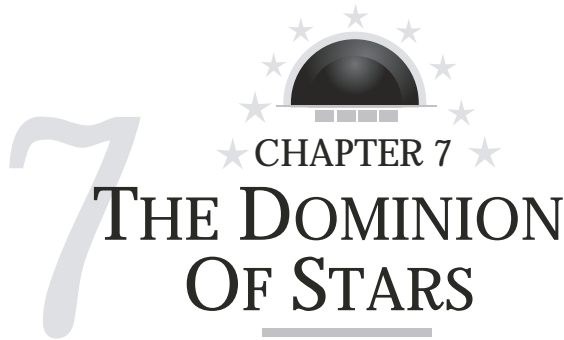
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CHAPTER 7
THE DOMINION
OF STARS

God created the stars to rule over the day and the night. To shine as a star there are things you must rule over, subdue and dominate.

The sun to rule by day: ... The moon and stars to rule by night: ... Psalm 136:8-9

ALL ROUND DOMINION _____

Throughout the bible, God commands man to rule and subdue all things. Confirm your status as a star by exercising dominion over life and creation.

- ... Let them have dominion ... Genesis 1:26, 28
- ... thou shalt rule over him ... Genesis 4:7
- ... Rule in the midst of your enemies ... Psalm 110:2
- ... Have rule over your spirit ... Proverbs 25:28
- ... Rule over your oppressors ... Isaiah 14:2
- ... Tread upon serpents and scorpions ... Luke 10:19

... Whatsoever is born of God overcomes ... 1 John 5:4

You are not at the mercy of oppositions and opponents. God said to Cain, "... thou shalt rule over him" (Genesis 4:7). He is saying the same thing to you today.

God says He has given you a rod of strength, for you to rule in the midst of your enemies. "... Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies" (Psalm 1110:2). Do not be terrified or intimidated by their hatred, jealousy and enmity. **RULE IN THEIR MIDST!**



You do not need their permission, support or agreement. Yes, they hate you; but rule over destiny in their presence. Promotion will always attract opposition and persecution. Greatness often attracts wickedness. It is better to become great and be disliked than to be small and have some people like you. Do not give importance or recognition to the bitterness of those who hate you.

Dominion mentality is not pride; it is a proper awareness of your true placement in life by God. God is also telling you to have rule over your spirit. Exercise dominion and control over your attitudes, character, feelings, moods and emotions. Do not surrender to fears and depression. Tell yourself, "I will not be sad. I refuse to be depressed". Be a star, supply light radiance and brightness everywhere you go. Depression is a weight. It will weigh you down, and others too. Be a catalyst

for joy, inspiration and creativity in others.

Do not permit strange and erratic behaviours to flow from you and frustrate others. No one can relate and bond successfully with an unpredictable and erratic person. Take charge of and arrest those destabilising mood swings. Have rule over your spirit. Don't be a slave to your emotions; rule over them. Do not be in bondage to negative habits, passions and appetites.

He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls. Proverbs 25:28

Are you poisoning the atmosphere with negative attitudes and toxic emotions? No one likes being around people with negative attitudes. In Nehemiah 2:1, Nehemiah says, "I had not been beforetime sad in the king's presence". That is the testimony of a star who is exercising dominion over his own spirit.

Have rule over your spirit; do not be like a city that is broken down with no control, discipline or order. Guard your heart with all diligence. Be a channel of blessing, not a source of tension. Your world is waiting for the brightness of your rising.

In Isaiah 14 the bible also says, "... They shall rule over their oppressors". Make up your mind that your life will not fulfill the evil prophecy of your attackers and oppressors. Where they want you to fail, make sure you succeed. You will survive and flourish despite their evil plans. Those who abandoned you will not come back to see you where they left you. You will rise above their manipulations.

See your life blessed and lifted. No matter the conspiracy against you, hold on to the vision of a better future. The vision

of a better future will help you recover and rise above today's maltreatment. The more Joseph was hated by his brothers, the more he dreamt good dreams about his future.

Refuse to be crippled by what your oppressors did against you in the past. All setbacks in destiny are temporary. Do not give permanent attention to a temporary battle. Rise above it and thank God for survival and recovery. Do not be cast down in spirit. Put your hope in God. You shall yet praise Him for His help. You shall again take root downwards and bear fruit upwards (Psalm 42:5; 2 Kings 19:30).

THINGS TO RULE OVER _____

To rule in life, there are things to confront and conquer. You must dare, defeat and destroy the obstacles that covered and hindred others. Decide to subdue rather than surrender. Be the one to rise up and correct what others are complaining about. Stars dominate and rule over all situations and seasons.

Let us consider some things every star overcomes and subdues in order to shine brightly.

1. DARKNESS

Every star subdues and dominates the darkness in order to shine. To shine, the star has to rule the night. In Genesis 1:2, darkness covered the face of the earth, but when light came it subdued it and took over. Light never negotiates with darkness, it dominates and rules over it.

There are different kinds of darkness in this life. A dark period of life refers to a time of battles, problems, difficulties, setbacks

and frustrating experiences. When a person says, “that was a very dark period in my life ...” those are the kind of negative experiences being referred to.

For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. Isaiah 60:2

Do not surrender to the darkness of negative happenings, setbacks, wickedness and frustration. The star subdues the darkness forcefully and violently. “The dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty” (Psalm 74:20). Satan and his demons are called the rulers of the darkness of this world (Ephesians 6:12). Overcome the darkness, and shine.



Do not surrender to the darkness. Refuse to be covered by the failure and frustration that has stopped others. Darkness shall cover the earth, but the glory of the Lord shall be seen upon you. You have been empowered to arise and shine. Refuse to “*walk on in darkness*” (Psalm 82:5).

No matter how dark the night, the determined star shines through it. “*The light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not*” (John 1:5). God has called you a star, the light of the world. Rise up in faith and attack every form of darkness violently with faith. God has given us His promise, even gross darkness cannot cover you.

Whatever kind of darkness has come against you, God

commands you to rule over it. do not surrender to it, or go under it. Rule over the darkness of frustration and depression. Enforce your authority over it and subdue it. Take your place as a star by faith, and rule over your territory. This is the mentality that empowers kingdom stars to rule over the darkness. God in you is greater than the devil that is in the world.

You will be confronted, but refuse to be overcome. You must rise above what other people surrender to.

2. DISTANCE

Stars overcome great distances to shine and be seen afar off. The nearest star to the earth is the sun yet it is 93 million miles away from us (150 million kilometers). Imagine the distance the sun has to overcome to get its light to us on planet earth.

The sun does not complain of that distance. It pushes its light and radiance right across that massive distance.

Beloved, do not complain about how far you are from your desired goal. It does not matter how far it appears, start now, and keep pushing towards your set goals. Start today and you will surely get there someday. The journey of a thousand miles still begins with a step. Do not be afraid of the distance. Stars don't complain about distance; they overcome it.

After the sun, the next star to the earth is 20 trillion miles away (i.e. 30 trillion kilometers). Friends whenever you lift your eyes and see the shining sun, or any other shining star in the night remember stars overcome distance.

Set your success goals, and start working towards them. You cannot allow yourself to be intimidated by how far out it appears. Start somehow, start somewhere, but start now. A person that decides to begin his primary education at the age of 40 years can still have a master's degree before he turns 60 years.

It is better to start and fail half way there, than not to start at all. To start means make an attempt at achieving your set goal. Those who make effort will accomplish exploits. In order to shine, stars must overcome distance.

In Genesis 11, some people decided to build a tower whose top was to reach heaven. It seemed impossible, but they began. See what God said about them:

... this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Genesis 11:6

If it is imaginable, it is achievable. Friend, once you can begin, and keep pressing towards your goal, no amount of distance will stop you from succeeding and shining. You can do whatever you set your focus on. Just believe and begin. Anything you begin, and continue towards, will one day be accomplished. Distance never discourages the determined heart.

3. DISASTERS

Stars are subjected constantly to a lot of violent forces and counter forces. These combined forces exert pressure on stars. These are some of the forces that act upon stars.

- Heat of burning gases
- Fusion force of exploding gas molecules
- Gravitational pull of the planets
- Storms caused by different elements
- High speed motion and vibration of the star itself
- Nuclear reactions.

All of these and other forces subject stars to a lot of pressure. Stars appear very calm and peaceful from a distance but they are subjected to the turbulence of a lot of storms.

You have to learn to be like the stars that keep on shining, despite storms. Learn to maintain a calm and composed outlook despite pressure. Learn to put a smile on other people's face despite personal battles. Stars overcome disasters to keep on shining.

It is possible to maintain inner peace and calm despite constant turmoil and storms. Do not surrender your shining to temporary storms and disasters. Refuse to be broken by the storms that come against you. Storms are a part of life. They will surely come. Therefore make up your mind to stand strong. In the face of storms and battles, be strong.

Life problems will try to break you down. People's negative attitudes and actions will pressure you to become mean and negative. Refuse to give in, give up or go under. Every star must overcome disasters to keep on shining. Nothing shall stop your shining. With God, you have all it takes to overcome all disasters.

What then shall we say to these things, if God be for us who can be against us. Romans 8:32

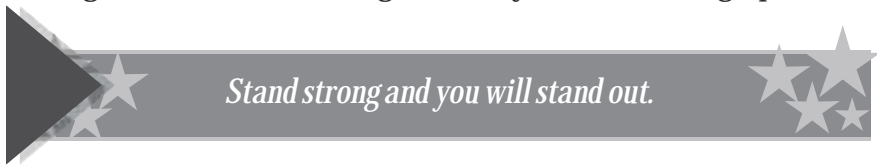
Ye are of God little children and have overcome them, because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.

1 John 4:4

Stand strong in God. You are an overcomer. No storm can swallow you. No storm can stop you shining. Overcome all your setbacks. Do not give in to oppositions and frustration. Stand strong and you will stand out.

4. DECREASE

Stars are made of gases that are constantly burning up. Therefore they are continuously decreasing in size. The sun, for example, burns up about 4 million tons of its mass per second. But to keep on shining, stars ignore their decrease. Every explosion causes stars to decrease, some disintegrate. But they keep shining. They maximize their existence. It is a race against time. Burn bright while you are burning up.



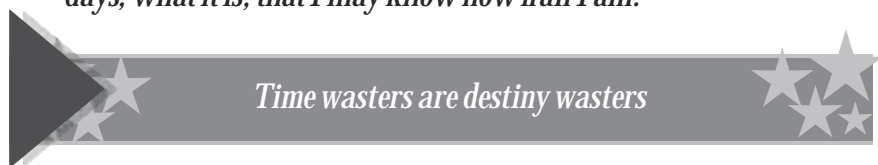
How effectively would you live your life, if you knew you were running out of time? To be a shining star you have to live life with a high sense of urgency.

To make maximum impact in life you must make the most of every moment. Those who maximize opportunity matter in destiny. Time wasters are destiny wasters. From the day a

person is born life starts running out, days start decreasing. You are like the star that has started burning up. Invest every moment of your life; make every day count. Any moment not invested has been wasted. You cannot avoid the using up of your life time, you can only ensure that it is invested profitably and purposefully.

David rose from the humble beginning of a shepherd unto becoming a king, a shining star. He lived life with a high sense of urgency. In Psalm 39:4, he prayed:

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.



The star maximizes its shining, while it is burning. No time for regrets, murmuring or complaining. Life is short, your days are running out; so shine brightly and let your world feel the impact of your existence.

To shine brightly in life, seize and maximize every opportunity; do your best at all times; give your time only to things that are profitable; avoid time wasters; have a written plan of work for each day; and ignore the negative things you cannot change.

Do not let the things you cannot do or change, stop you from doing the things you can and doing them well.

5. DIFFERENCES

Stars differ one from another. Some are bigger than others. Some move with greater speed and vibration than others. Some even shine brighter than others. All stars are not the same in glory. 1 Corinthians 15:41 says

*There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon,
and another glory of the stars: FOR ONE STAR
DIFFERETH FROM ANOTHER STAR IN
GLORY.*

Every star that shines, continues to shine despite differences. The shining of one star does not intimidate another star into silence and submission. To be a shining star, you must be ready to shine in the midst of other shining stars. There is a place for every star to shine.

The same is true about life. We all differ in gifts, potentials, grace, skills, talents, strengths, opportunities and results. We do not all have the same potentials working for us. We will not all be on the same level of success, impact and results. Some will shine more than others. But everyone has something valuable to showcase in life. Do not allow the shining of another person intimidate or threaten you.

Celebrate those that are succeeding along with you. Learn from those who are succeeding more than you. Encourage those who are less successful than you. Every star must keep on shining despite difference.

God does not give us all potential and results on the same level. Every man is endowed with gifts relevant to his or her calling in life. No one's gift is more special than that of another.

Difference and variety is part of the beauty in creation. Animals differ; plants differ, birds differ, stars differ. As human beings we differ from each other.

For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why does thou glory, as if thou hast nor received it?

1 Corinthians 4:7

All stars must decide to keep on shining despite difference in levels of glory. Do not give room for fear or arrogance. Give no place to despising those below you or antagonizing those ahead of you. Beware of jealousy or comparison. Do your best with what you have. Resist and reject all feelings of inferiority or superiority. Keep on shining despite differences.

To maximize your difference and use it to advantage

- Build inner conviction: i.e. know how wonderfully God has made you and believe it deeply. Conviction will clear all confusion.



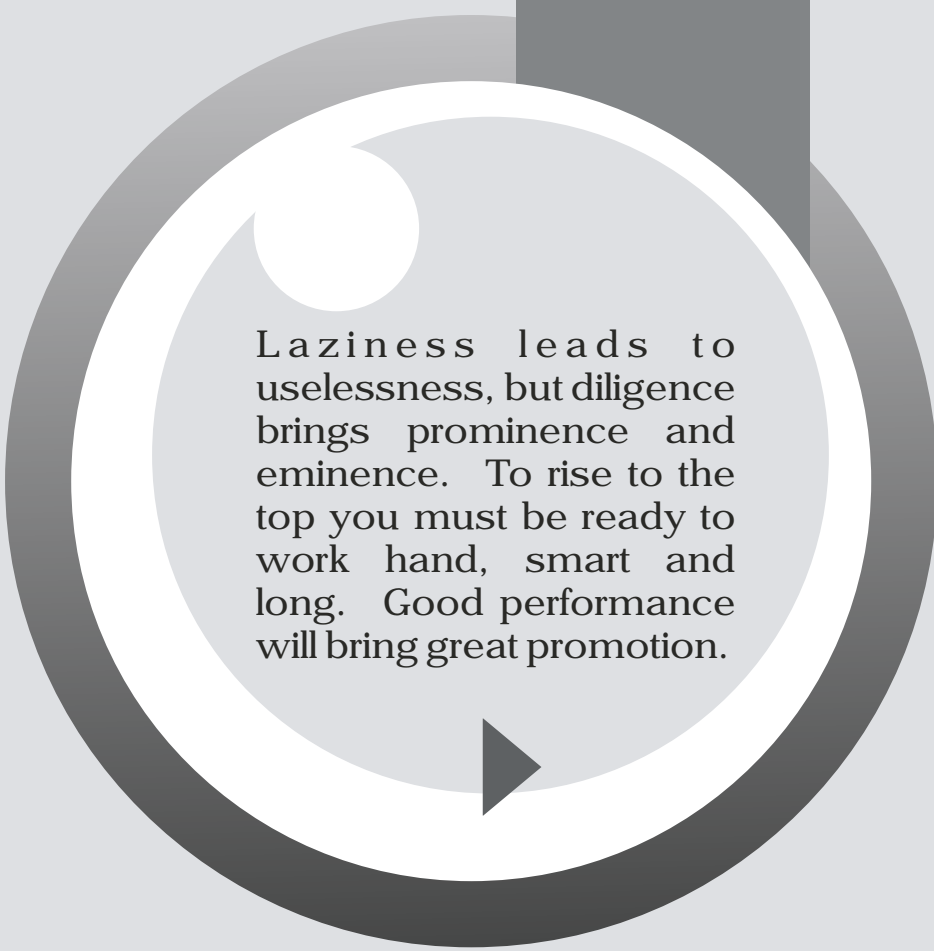
- Invest total commitment: Give yourself and your best totally to each call and task before you. Put in your best and you will grow to be the best.
- Engage full concentration: Focus fully on what you have and what you have been given to do. Face your work and your world will follow you.

- Boost your confidence: Be confident in God and in who He has made you to be. Reject all fear and inferiority.
- Maintain joy and celebration: be grateful and thankful for what you have and where you are. Celebration kills depression.



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Laziness leads to
uselessness, but diligence
brings prominence and
eminence. To rise to the
top you must be ready to
work hard, smart and
long. Good performance
will bring great promotion.

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★ CHAPTER 8 ★

8 THE IMPACT OF STARS

What does it mean to make impact? It means

- To cause powerful and dramatic effect
- To provoke positive change
- To contribute noticeable value
- To make outstanding difference
- To stand out in performance and results.

All stars are mandated by God to shine and make impact. That means shine and cause a powerful and dramatic effect. Shine and provoke a positive change. Shine and contribute noticeable value. Stars were not created to just exist, they were created to shine.

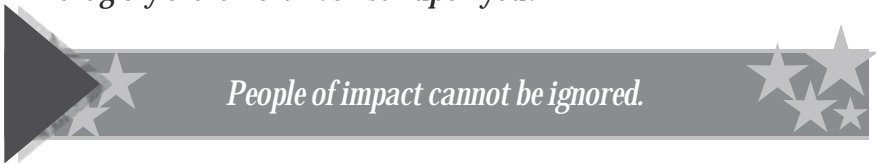
To make impact therefore means to shine notably and gloriously. In any field of human endeavour, impact makers are called stars. You were created to make outstanding impact, refuse an ordinary existence.

Abraham looked up into the night sky and saw multitude of shining stars, then God said to him “so shall thy seed be”

(Genesis 15:5). The seed of Abraham are shining stars. They are impact makers.

Isaiah 60:1, in the Amplified Bible says:

Arise (from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you rise to a new life)! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord) for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you?



God wants you to stand out. Be a city set on an hill that cannot be hid. Live a life of shining impact be a person of outstanding positive difference. People of impact cannot be ignored. They matter enough to be mentioned and counted.

And of Zion it shall be said, this and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her. Psalm 87:5

KEEP GROWING IN IMPACT_____

It is possible to grow and increase in impact. You can shine brighter and brighter, more and more.

The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day Proverbs 4:18

It's not enough to be a shining light. You should shine more and more.

Do not settle where you are. You can grow in impact; you can shine brighter. Success is in levels and God wants to take you

from glory to glory (2 Corinthians 3:18). Joseph in Egypt was successful as a private servant to Portipher; then as an overseer in prison; then finally as a prime minister over the whole land of Egypt.

Concerning David the bible says in 1 Samuel 18 “David behaved himself wisely ...” (verse 5). We also read “... David behaved himself wisely in all his ways ...” (verse 14). Then it says “... David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by ...” (verse 30). Wow! What a testimony of growing impact. Receive grace and wisdom to keep growing in shining impact.

KEYS TO SHINING IMPACT _____

How do stars generate and maintain shining impact. There are applicable lessons to learn from how stars operate in the sky.

1. UNIQUENESS

Stars maximize shining impact by locating their place or spot, and staying there. The sun was created to shine by day, so it keeps to the day and does not try to shine in the night. The moon was created to rule over the night. That is its area of uniqueness. So it sticks to shining only in the night.

Every star differeth in glory. No star can be exactly like another. We are all created different and unique. To maximize your shining impact, locate your unique gifts, talents, skills, passions and abilities; locate and maintain your place. Find and fill your spot. To move out of your place is to be displaced into irrelevance. To be displaced is to end up replaced.

It will be a big nuisance for the moon to try shining in the day. It will not be noticed or needed. Likewise the sun is too bright to be shining at night. Locate and occupy your place. Be in your place and your uniqueness shall be maximized and celebrated. Do not be jealous of another person that is succeeding and shining in his place. Whatever was not given to you by God will not benefit you much.

It is not every gift that makes room for a person. “Every man hath his proper gift of God, one offer this manner and another after that” (1 Corinthians 7:7). God gave you the gift(s) that best fit(s) you. Use what you have well; it will bring you to greatness and stardom.

A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men. Proverbs 18:16

Success is possible in any and every field. It is not in what you have or how much you have. Success is tied to how well you locate and utilize what you have. Read this warning from scripture “Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift ...” (Proverbs 25:14). To abandon your area of strength and uniqueness is to exist below your possible best. To be the best you must first be yourself. Be the best 'you' and you will not need to be like another person.

Discover your unique gift, talent, potential and area of strength. Locate it and occupy yourself there. Cultivate that gift; work it; develop it; improve yourself in it until you become outstanding in it.

David insisted on using the tool he was good at in his battle against Goliath the giant. It is your best gift that will bring

down your giant.

David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these (Saul's armour) for I have not proved them. And David put them off.
1 Samuel 17:39

“I have not proved them” can also be variously rendered.

- I am not used to them (Amplified Bible)
- I have not tested them ... (NAS)



Discover your area of unique gift and strength, and major there. You are at your best when you are in your place.

2. USEFULNESS

Stars maximize their impact by being and remaining useful to creation. Every star created by God is useful to life. The sun is useful for its light, heat and other qualities. Likewise the moon, and other stars.

God listed out areas of usefulness for the stars in Genesis 1:14-18.

- Give light upon the earth
- Rule over the day and night
- Divide the light from the darkness
- Influence and determine seasons
- Mark days and years

To be impactful you must be useful. To remain impactful you must remain useful. To be useful means

- be of service
- serve a useful purpose
- be helpful and beneficial
- contribute advantage
- help meet a need

You were created to be useful and fruitful. You are in existence to serve a useful purpose and meet needs. Your life must contribute help and value to others.

To be a shining star means to be a producer of good works for others.

*Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works...*Matthew 5:16

Your neighbours, family, friends, and generation should benefit from your good works. Jacob was very useful in Laban's house. When he wanted to leave, Laban said:

I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry; for I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake. Genesis 30:27

That is a testimony of usefulness. Joseph had such a testimony in Egypt. "... the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake ..." (Genesis 39:5). He was also of great usefulness in prison. Pharaoh had no fear handing the economy of Egypt over to Joseph.

Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do Genesis 41:55

Avoid a life of selfishness and self centeredness. Be fruitful, useful and liberal to your fellow men. Be productive and resourceful. Let value flow out of you to others. To be impactful, you must be useful.

Daniel enjoyed a lasting reign of shining impact because he was extremely useful and resourceful to the king and land of Babylon.

And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all ... that were in all his realm. And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus Daniel 1:20-21

Refuse to be selfish, jobless, valueless and useless. If your presence is not being celebrated by others, it raises a big question on your level of usefulness.

At the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar ... O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof. Daniel 4:8-9

Useful people are always valued and celebrated by others. You were created to be celebrated not tolerated.

3. DILIGENCE

To be diligent means to be active and busy with duty. It means

to be industrious assiduous and laborious. It means to be eager, attentive and steadfast on ones assignment.

To be diligent means to pursue a set task with painstaking and persevering attention. It means to remain tireless, indefatigable and steadfast in rendering service.

Stars are never weary or tired or shining. The sun rises with the same zeal and zest daily. To be impactful you must be diligent and tireless in your work. Nothing will work for the person who does not enjoy work. To end up as a shining star you must be unrelenting and tireless in your work. Greatness is for the diligent. Promotion is for the persistent.

Proverbs 12:24 says:

The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

Laziness leads to uselessness, but diligence brings prominence and eminence. To rise to the top you must be ready to work hard, smart and long. Good performance will bring great promotion.

Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men. Proverbs 22:29

To be a person of diligence

- Chose an area of work and give yourself to it.
- Take your work seriously at all times.
- Develop and deploy your best skills and effort in your work.

- Do your best always and in everything.
- Do not give or accept any excuse for underperformance.
- Make every sacrifice necessary to go the extra mile in delivering good performance.

Give yourself to diligence; and never surrender to weariness or tiredness.

But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

11 Thessalonica 3:13

4. DOGGEDNESS

To be dogged means be persistent in effort. It means to be stubbornly tenacious. It means to be adamant, bull headed, hard-nosed, preserving and insistent.



Only dogged stars overcome darkness, distance, disasters, decrease, and difference to keep on shining. A lot of things will try to stop you from rising to the top in life. Different factors and forces will try to discourage and dissuade you from becoming a person of impact. You must be steadfast to be successful.

Those who maintain consistent focus will attain ultimate success. Refuse to be stopped by what stopped others. Be unbending, unflagging and unyielding to setbacks. Rise up from setbacks and do your work all over again. Success is for

the resolute and relentless.

Stars do not shift around like clouds. They are always back at their spot with consistency and rigidity. Stars are so consistent that they are used to provide routes and direction to travelers. Those who maintain concentration will rise to distinction.

Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called
1 Corinthians 7:20

Do not jump about from one career to another; from one calling to another "... abide in the same calling". Face, cultivate and develop your own work. Let your eyes be single (Matthew 6:22-23). Be a person that gives yourself to the same thing long enough to succeed at it. It takes continuity to cultivate specialty.

Paul, the great apostle was a man of one thing. Hence he became a shining star.

Brethren ... this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before. Philippians 3:13

It takes doggedness to attain greatness. You must separate yourself from many things to succeed at the main thing of your life.

As they ministered to the Lord, the Holy Ghost said, separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. Acts 13:23

You have a call to pursue; a work to fulfill; a race set out for you to run. Be dogged and focused, and you will stand out with shining impact. Those who are unsteady, and unstable will not

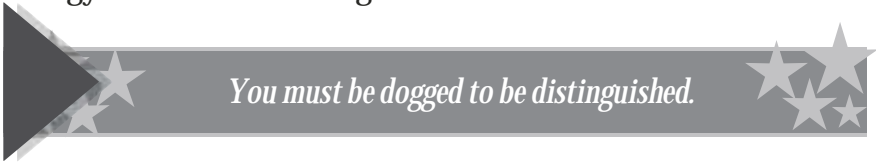
excel in life.

Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: UNSTALE AS WATER, THOU SHALT NOT EXCEL; Genesis 49:3-4

You must be dogged to be distinguished. Mind your work and your world will mind you. Face your work and fortune will find you.

5. FORCEFULNESS

The sun, moon, stars and indeed all the elements are full of energy. They are constantly radiating and transmitting energy light energy, heat energy, electrical energy, electro-magnetic energy etc. All these energies are forces.

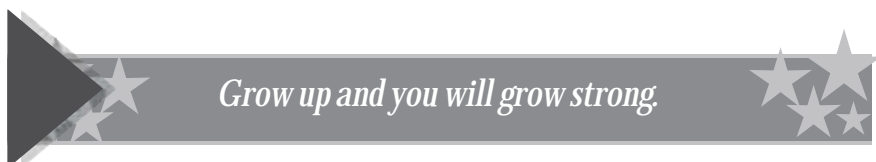


To be full of impact you must be full of force and energy. To be impactful you must be forceful. The force of nature is one of the most uncontrollable forces known to man. Natural disasters are some of the worst happenings on earth.

Learn from the stars be forceful and you will be impactful. Be full of energy, vigour and vitality. Be strong and forceful spiritually, mentally, emotionally, academically and in every other relevant area. Do not be weak, weary or slothful.

Not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving ...Romans 12:11

Do all things with passion and fervency. Moses at 120 years was still forceful, strong and energetic. “His natural force was not abated” (Deuteronomy 34:7). Stars shine to supply light, and light does not appeal to darkness before shining. It shines by forcefully attacking and pushing back the darkness.



Be zealous, fervent and forceful in all your life pursuits. To be impactful, you must be forceful. It takes force to overcome obstacles and setbacks. It takes force and strength to accomplish exploits.

Spiritual strength comes from spiritual impartation and empowerment. God gives strength to those who are weak, and come to Him in prayer.

Mental strength comes through education, information and revelation. The more you know the more mentally strong you become.

Emotional strength comes through mentoring, maturity and positive partnerships. Grow up and you will grow strong.

6. EXCELLENCE

Stars don't just shine, they sparkle with radiance. That's a function of excellence. Do not just shine, shine well and outstandingly.

Excellence here means commitment to top performance. It

means the pursuit of continuous improvement. It means brutal passion for perfection, settling for nothing less. It also means a drive for distinction and fineness.

People of excellence are people committed to high quality performance. They detest shabbiness and mediocrity. Tell yourself that nothing short of the best is good enough. Be exceptional in everything you say or do.

Radiate excellence and eminence in your work, actions, speech and dressing. It is not enough to perform; you must perform outstandingly well.

Pursue continuous self upgrade and improvement. Your best is still in front of you. Make sure you out do your last performance. Pursue excellence and do not settle for convenience.

Those who pursue excellence cannot miss making impact. Daniel was such a person.

This Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. Daniel 6:3

God bless you as you pursue a life of shining impact.

7. AGGRESSIVENESS

To shine and keep on shining, all stars must fight and resist everything that seeks to stop them from shining. Stars fight the storm to keep on shining. Light fights darkness to subdue it. The dawning of a new day forcefully subdues the darkness before dawn. To be impactful, you must be fighter.

Impact cannot be negotiated, it must be forcefully demanded. Life does not give you what you deserve, but what you demand. Every star is in a constant fight for success, survival and sustenance.

They fought from heaven the stars in their courses fought ...
Judges 5:20

Stars are in a fight. Fight or die. Fight or be subdued and silenced. Fight or you stop shining. Fight or surrender to the darkness. All of life is a warfare and only violent fighters will make it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 tells us that temptations and battles are common to man. There are a lot of negative happenings that will confront you, therefore fight to stand your ground and keep your place.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called ... 1 Timothy 6:12

Fight so you can subdue all the forces and factors that want to deny and dispossess you of your expectation.

... The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. Matthew 11:12



Fight so you can generate maximum force for speedy progress. It takes force to overcome friction, resistance, drag and weight. Force is the secret of momentum and acceleration. It takes force to cover distance.

Fight o

I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I ...

1 Corinthians 9:26

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, ...

2 Timothy 4:7


To run fast in the race of life, you must be a forceful fighter. It takes force to make impact.

Fight in order to be an example and an encouragement to others; a mentor to those who are still in darkness. Every shining star brings a ray of hope to a dark night.



DON'T STOP
SHINNING >>>





May you be a source of hope, help, and lifting to the hopeless and helpless around you. May God open your eyes to those who need to see and rejoice at the brightness of your rising.

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★ CHAPTER 9 ★

9 DON'T STOP SHINNING

“Day and night shall not cease”. This is what we read in Genesis 8:22. There will always be a night to confront and overcome. There will always be a time of darkness to subdue. Make up your mind never to stop shining. Your light as a shining star will always be needed in this world. Do not hold back your brightness. Someone somewhere needs the hope that a shining star gives.

You are the light that is sustaining someone's hope for the future. Your success is proof to them that their own day of success is coming. You are giving someone a reason to keep on standing strong, to keep on believing. Day and night will not cease.

*Darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people;
but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be
seen upon thee* Isaiah 60:2

You have not yet arrived, but God has brought you a long way from where you used to be. Many people around you can see and testify to the glorious changes God has wrought in your life. Your blessing has given them hope, that what God has

done for you, He will do same for them too. Don't stop shining! Your world needs the brightness of your rising.

God did not make you a star, so you shine for yourself. Stars shine to give light and hope to those facing darkness. Some lonely traveler through life, needs your shining light to find direction and draw hope for his journey. Do not stop shining!

Gentiles shall come to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Isaiah 60:3

Someone somewhere is in a dark place. Beloved, there are still lots of dark places in this world dark places of wickedness and cruelty (Psalm 74:20, 1 John 5:19). Someone around you is stuck, in a fix, not knowing what next to do, or where next to turn to.

He lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set . . . Genesis 28:11

May your shining give light, hope, help and direction to someone near you. May God give you a heart of compassion for those who are still struggling to find their feet in life. May you be a source of hope, help, and lifting to the hopeless and helpless around you. May God open your eyes to those who need to see and rejoice at the brightness of your rising.

Lo, the star which they saw in the east, went before them . . . when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy:
Matthew 2:9-10

Many will be blessed, lifted and transformed by your light. They will come to know God the true secret to success in life. They will see and receive Jesus; the bright and morning star.

He is the greatest star of all!!!

You are a star!

Don't stop shining!!