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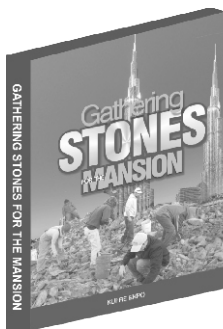
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ABOUT THE BOOK



This book, **GATHERING STONES FOR THE MANSION**, is a figurative illustration showing the processes required to develop an individual from nothing to something.

It is to challenge laziness and limitations among Christian youths and to awaken them to rise and face their dreams,

overcoming all manners of setbacks with focus on the things that will add value to everyone.

It is also meant to generate vision and the possibility of outstanding achievements in the life of every Christian youth thereby energizing them toward positive advancements in life.

The purpose of this book is to address everyone in order to help them look beyond where they are and to see where they deserve to be in the future as God has designed for everyone. It is meant to package and present an individual for greatness and to spell the reality "Greatness begins with great hunger" It should ignite anger from the inside of you causing you to rise and take charge of your life, receiving redemption and

breakthrough with a burning desire to go beyond limits. Where you become angry, it should be a good sign that it is working.

WHO SHOULD READ THIS BOOK?

- 1 Those who have the capacity to dream
- 2 One who needs a better future
- 3 Such that believe they could be better than they are at the moment
- 4 anyone who is ready to prepare for the future by laying a good foundation for a better tomorrow.

Figuratively, the book presents stones symbolically as the tiny qualifications, certificates, experiences, training, knowledge, etc, that an individual may add to his or her profile from time to time for the purpose of building a carrier,

profession, vocation, etc.

It uses the physical mansions of our world to illustrate the vision of a successful life applying it to an individual's carrier, profession, specialization, etc, that sustains life and can speak for all that he or she has achieved in life.

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Dedication

Dedicated to everyone
who wonders if I am writing about them,
YES, I AM.

1 CHAPTER ONE



INTRODUCTION

Everyone has a future, but the type of future a person will make depends on what he or she does in the present. An individual has a lot to do for his or her future to be successful. So the purpose of this book is to address everyone

in order to help them look beyond where they are and to see where they deserve to be in future as God has designed for every man. Gathering stones for the mansion should inform a child of God, especially the Christian youth, to prepare for the future by laying a foundation for a better tomorrow.

Every mansion is the product of stones put together and the type of stone you gather determines the type of mansion you intend to build.

The most interesting thing here is not the mansions of this world built by human hands, rather, the MANSION OF YOUR LIFE and to help you gather stones to build it. Henceforth, I expect everyone not to leave any stone unturned, you must begin to gather stones because you do not know

the stone that will prosper your house.

CONCEPTS

- **GATHERING**

Gathering in this sense implies an assembling of things together, it is the action of one that gathers, a collection and grouping of things such as tiny particles which enables them do what the tiny particles could not have done on their own.

- **STONES**

Stones in this context has to be with the tiny particles of rock meant for structuring or building. It symbolizes the tiny qualifications, certificates, experiences, training, knowledge, etc, that an individual may add to his or her profile from time to time for the purpose of building a carrier, profession, vocation,

etc. The importance of a stone can be seen in its capacity to withstand for a very long time. They hardly break or get destroyed despite intense heat and pressure. These little qualifications, certificates and training are bound to strengthen, reposition and present an individual strong enough to stand the taste of time, especially, in a fast growing and competitive world such as we have today.

- **MANSION**

Mansion includes a large dwelling place, fine and comforting. It implies one's life carrier, profession, specialization, etc, that sustains life and can speak for all that you have achieved in life. It has to do with who you wish to be and what you stand for. Your LIFE IS A MANSION, your choice of stones and how you lay determines who

you will be in future. Just like a house, you must build your life from stage to stage, growing from level to level, improving your worth from time to time and gaining advancement that adds value to your profile.

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CHAPTER TWO



*“For we are laborers together with God:
ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's
building” I Cor. 3:9.*

Every individual carries an image of
a mansion that must be built to

taste. There are not less than four different categories of mansions worth consideration and careful examination as compared to the class of persons that exist in the world. Every young person must have an eye that sees farer into the future so as to project and program his or her actions. It is therefore wise to analyze the four categories of mansion accordingly, comparing their characteristics and applying same to the different type of persons especially Christians.

1. HOUSE OF MUD AND THATCH

This is a house made of mud and matt, it has neither plan nor government approval, hence not recognized. This nature of building does not require professionalism in building because at a glance, anyone can build same. This type of mansion lacks

resistance against the stormy weather and waves of life, it requires no foundation while building and can be done without any approved specification but with the localized ideologies of non professionals. It is obvious that water can dissolve such building easily due to the presence of mud that is not water resistant. Also, such mansion has no provision for addition or expansion and it is easy to be built.

The house of mud can be likened to people who choose cheap ventures or simple ways to make money for livelihood without any foresight to improve or progress from there. Such ventures include laborers, loaders in vehicles, motor park attendants, gate men, etc. These are transition engagements, short-sighted jobs that give money quickly without much stress of

planning for long-term achievements. This category of persons always prefer to serve people in humility for a life-time without a mind of their own, they may be intimidated by their talents with excuses that their parents did not train or send them to school. They are afraid of freedom, and to them, being free is much more expensive and burdensome than slavery, where people decide their boundaries and regulate their activities. They prefer to remain poor due to their inability to face life's challenge as is expected. There is the possibility for these people to always see things from the little perspective; IBIO-IBIO. Being a laborer or something of such is not a bad idea, but the problem lies in remaining there for a life time, without advancement. It is meant to be a transition engagement, as a stepping stone to greater

achievements in life.

THE HOUSE OF MUD MAY BE
REGARDED AS CHEAP MANSION.

***"whoever does not work his
land shall be a slave"***

2. SEMI BUNGALOW

A semi bungalow describes a house made of mud but which is covered with cement in order to attract the eye. The owner knows that this building is made of mud but he tries to have the mud covered in order to be like a cement house. This house has all the characteristics of the mud house except for the fact that it is covered with cement. The inside is of a raw material that cannot last but the outside carries something that may seem lasting. It may be

painted to look very attractive but with mud in the inside.

This mansion represents the category of persons who are pretenders, living under camouflage. Everything about their life is pretence and make-up to show that they are better than others. First, they pretend to have gone to school or having learnt trade but in the real sense of life, they have not attended to any vocation or attempted an examination. They always puff-up for people to believe them, leading a complex lifestyle instead of a simple one. Their lives are often difficult to understand because they are always full of deceptions. They love greatness but they are not ready to work for such greatness, so they always like to capitalize on people's greatness or greatness established by their ancestors.

They always make noise in order to announce their relevance and always happy to borrow things and make-up for their image. Most times, they make themselves Tugs in order to please their superiors without a thought about their own leadership role. They sometimes dress very flashy, 'ayaiya-ke-mbobo' with no qualification or certificate to show for what they have passed through. Most of them lack vocation, education and carrier objective. sometimes, the pressures of life may incidentally push them to become or end up as '419'. They are always trying to make people believe who they are even when they are nothing, cheap women always fall for them because they like lies and flashy things.

THIS IS A USELESS MANSION!

***“He that is despised, and has a servant,
is better than he that honors himself;
and lacks bread” Prov. 12:9.***

***"For if a man think of himself to be
something, when he is nothing, he
deceiveth himself. But let every man
prove his own work, and then shall he
have rejoicing in himself alone, and not
in another. For every man shall
bear his own burden." Gal. 6:3-5.***

***“Be not deceived; God is not
mocked, for whatsoever a man
soweth, that shall he also reap”
Gal. 6:7***

3. BUNGALOW

A bungalow is made of bricks with an approved plan which shows that such mansion is recognized by the authorities with all needed protection. Given the approval, it is always built to specification through hard work and the use of professionals. It begins with a foundation that guarantees durability and reliability. This building is made with comfort which can stand the taste of time, weathering the storms and the waves of time. Since this mansion is certified, registered and approved, it can at least accommodate any class of persons without fear or regret. Its apartments can be made to accommodate individuals independently with the option of protecting their privacies as well as others.

The bungalow represents the people who have gone through what life needs, they have paid the price for success and are ready to face their future squarely. They have actually gathered useful stones and have used them to structure their lives with commitment and focus. These people must have passed through the stress of education from nursery school and have at least recorded their first degree or have passed through apprenticeship in their quest for a vocation or business establishment. They can now detach from their parents and fain for a living without being a burden or culminating a nuisance to the society. This people have paved a way for their profession and are ready to develop themselves more and contribute to societal developments. They can live independent of others with an image to

protect and are always thinking of a better tomorrow with a good knowledge of self reliance and sustenance.

THIS MANSION IS ACCEPTABLE!

***"Prepare thy work without,
and make it fit for thyself in the
field; and afterwards build thine
house" Prov. 24:2.***

4. STORY BUILDING

Story building is a mansion that tells stories. It is an advancement from the bungalow which gives room for an addition. It requires serious thoughts, hard work and great labor. This category of building is always rare in most communities, and where it exists, it becomes a symbol for direction and

description to other buildings in the area. It is always complex enough to accommodate a diversification of products and business. It is a great building that speaks for itself.

The story building typically represents those few individuals in the community that have built their careers or profession to the pick. They are very selective and few given their focus and commitment to excel and make impact. These people are always looked up to, their names cause things to happen and they are credit worthy because they have their image to protect thus they respect themselves above all things. These people are always like reference points in the community.

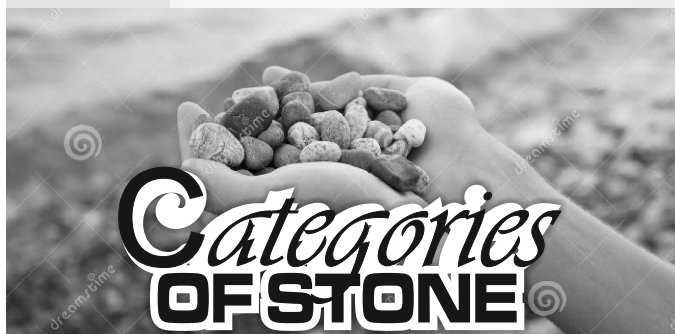
THIS IS A GLORIOUS MANSION!

***“A good name is better than much
riches” Prov. 26:1.***

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

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CHAPTER THREE



There are three category of stones required to build any mansion of life. These three category of stones if gathered and properly managed can position an individual for greatness and better mansions in future. A careful

study of these stones can make for proper and timely identification that will guarantee an achievement of life's purpose.

THE STONE OF KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge is power!

"The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out" Prov. 18:15

Knowledge has to do with facts, information and skills acquired through experience or education, it gives understanding to approach in life.

Knowledge is power, it means more than going to school, rather, it empowers people to develop personally and become active in all spheres of life. Knowledge as a stone

can enlighten the ignorant, strengthen the weak and fortify the non secure. It molds cowards and makes them become bold and fearless, it is the only weapon that prepares people into what the future requires; the internal factor that guides development as well as an external influence that enhances development.

"My people are perished due to a lack of knowledge" Hos. 4:6.

Knowledge attacks ignorance and drives fear away, the source of knowledge is a beam of light which illuminates and shines on the path of progress and development. The appearance of knowledge initiates the departure and absence of timidity, making way for lasting experience for a mind once stretched can never return to its original status.

" Gold there is, and rubies in abundance,
but lips that speak knowledge are a rare
jewel" Prov. 20:15.

As a stone, knowledge is needed throughout the process of building an individual into whatever he or she may need to be. Knowledge as a stone is common, colorful, sparkling and inviting, but takes time to settle in an individual's life. This is so because education is everywhere, very interesting and seems good to everyone. People seem to be excited and interested about being educated but to make it useful, one will need to spend time to fashion it out.

EDUCATION IS EXPENSIVE BUT
IGNORANCE IS VERY COSTLY.

THE STONE OF SKILL

***“Do you see a man skilled in his work?
He will stand before kings; He will not
stand before obscure men.” Prov. 22:29***

Skill development has to do with developing yourself and your skill to add value to your personality for the sole aim of enhancing economic development. It is important for an individual to ascertain his or her area of importance in skill and also work to develop and sharpen such talent. People will pay you for the skills you have acquired, they will also grant you access to greatness because skill is a major need of the world. As a stone for building a person, Skill may not look attractive at first, it seems very tedious to acquire because it comes with much sweat. Skill

appears to be expensive and non inviting, though common, it is somewhat fashioned in disguise. This is so because not many people will prefer to go for handwork that requires skill or learning trade, rather, they may prefer to study and go for white collar jobs because white colour jobs are fashioned in fine clothes but sometimes end in the bondage of stay under the control of people for work. Skill is complex, but a lack of it is a burden. Such life lacks passion becomes useless.

THE STONES OF CHARACTER

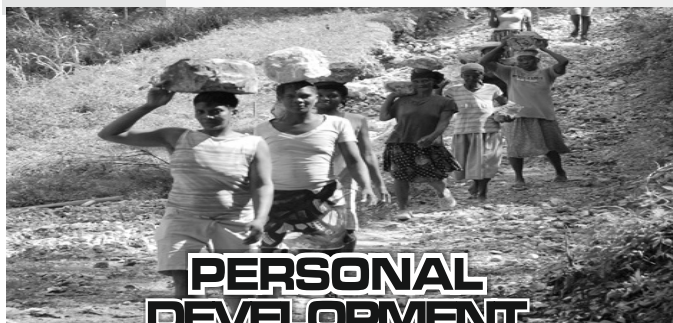
"Good habits develop good character"

"The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil." Matt. 12:35

The idea of character is meant to show ways in which people can become better or more able to pursue what is good. Being of a good character means excelling at the task of pursuing a good life. The future we seek in Christ is a life motivated by good thoughts, expressed in good works, and sustained by an inner peace and determination of righteous doing. The destiny we desire is an inheritance built upon better promises that attracts good character. Good character are developed in the workshop of our daily lives as fashioned in the events of our lives.

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CHAPTER FOUR



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

*"He that is despised, and has a servant,
is better than he that honors himself,
and lacks bread" Prov. 12:9.*

Your purpose is not to pursue guy names or to wear body hugs and puff up or to borrow things and

decorate self in the pretense of being great or to disguise yourself and pretend to be what you are not. You don't need to show up in order to be great and greatness is not measured by your physical strength. So many people are interested in developing others more than themselves but your personal development is a permanent tool to the development of others. Nobody can under estimate the power of self development. Let us split this into three aspects;

- Education Knowledge
- Vocation Handwork
- Attitude Character

Knowledge is power, handwork is wealth while character is personality, gain these three and stand out different. Nobody can challenge the power of education, it

moulds up the simple and presents the poor before the rich. Development is the gradual growth of something so that it becomes advanced, stronger, and long lasting. Education is the search for knowledge, it improves an individual, transfers knowledge and develops skills. You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must train yourself and cultivate good habits.

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CHAPTER FIVE



Economic empowerment is the capacity of an individual to participate in , contribute to and benefit from growth processes in ways the recognizes his or her values and enhances sustainability in several aspects of life without a problem to the society. Poverty

has been a significant challenged to human well-being, and its eradication is a high-priority goal for development.

This section focuses on the process of developing self or people, step-by-step toward sustainable man-power, where an individual does not become dependent on others for survival. This may be gained through one or both of the two approaches explained in the flow chart given below. It is embedded in three steps;

CAREER CHOICE, APPLICATION AND SUSTAINABILITY.

The left hand flow defines economic empowerment from the perspective of formal education while the right flow shows the idea of vocation or handwork.

STEP ONE: CHOICE OF CAREER

SEARCH FOR KNOWLEDGE ← EDUCATION → LEARNING, TRAINING, STUDYING

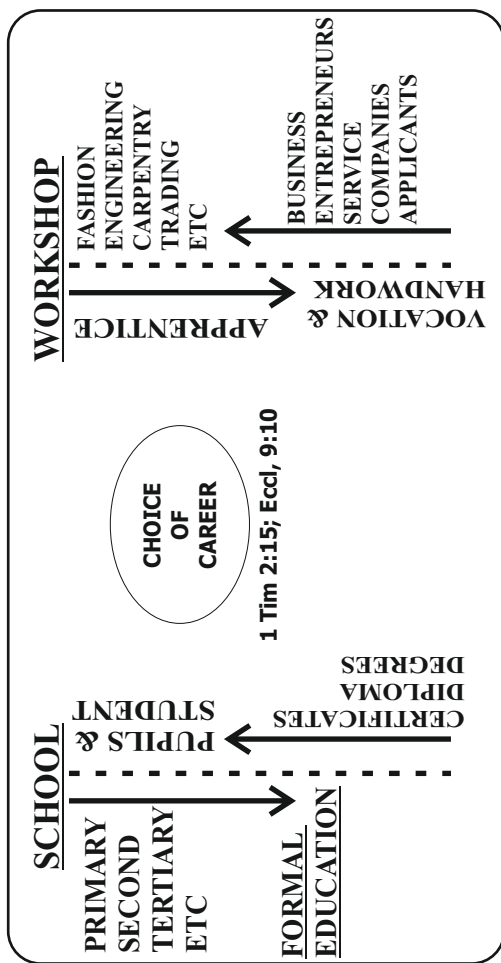


FIG. 1

Every Christian who wishes to be valuable in the society should begin his or her life with choice of a career. The first stage of career choice is self awareness. This involves looking at your skills, values, interest and personality and analyzing where your strength and weaknesses lie. From the flow chart above, an individual can choose a career either through formal education or vocation.

Formal education begins with going to school to search for knowledge, as pupils or students in primary, secondary or tertiary institutions. This process produces graduates with certificates, diploma and degrees with the expectation of being absorbed into the working force in any economy. It would appear that the lack of education is a major problem in the world

because education makes a person useful to his or herself first of all, family and the society. Education gives confidence, develops skills and prepares a individual ahead of life's challenges. In the same vein, career could be chosen through vocation or handwork which begins in the workshop by learning or training through apprenticeship in order to acquire basic knowledge in business or trade. this include areas such as, fashion, engineering, carpentry, trading, production, sales and marketing, etc. This also prepares an individual to the challenges of becoming useful in the society, financially and otherwise.

It is required that one must go through one or both of this process in order to build a solid foundation that will sustain the future through personal development. Being a

“prayer warrior” or “prophetic believer” does not exempt or have anyone excused from this approach as the value of your life depends on what is put into it.

STEP TWO: APPLICATION

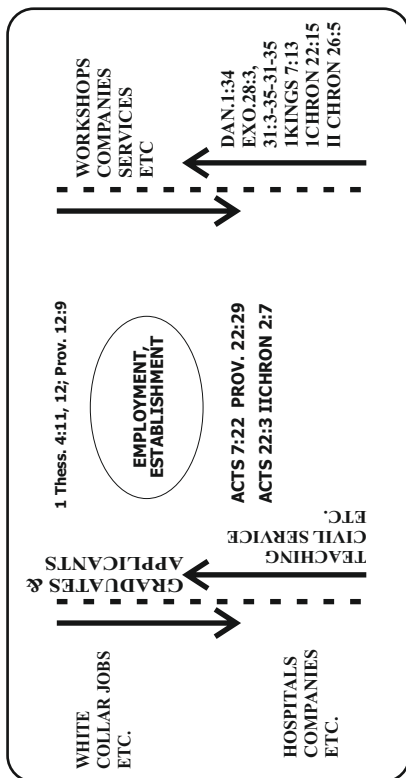


FIG. 2

Having acquired the required knowledge or education through the school system or training gained through apprenticeship, there comes the need to apply the knowledge either through employment or business establishment.

From left of the flow chart, formal education produces graduates of different sorts and from diverse disciplines. They subsequently, become applicants positioned in the society for white-collar jobs, such as teaching, civil service, companies workers, hospitals personnel, etc. On the other hand, apprentices from the workshop, business outlets, qualify into vocations, as business men, entrepreneurs, CEO, service suppliers, company owners, etc.

From both sides of the chart, an individual

is empowered for employment, business establishment, political and leadership engagements in the society which guarantees for strategic positioning for sustainable development.

STEP THREE: SUSTAINABILITY

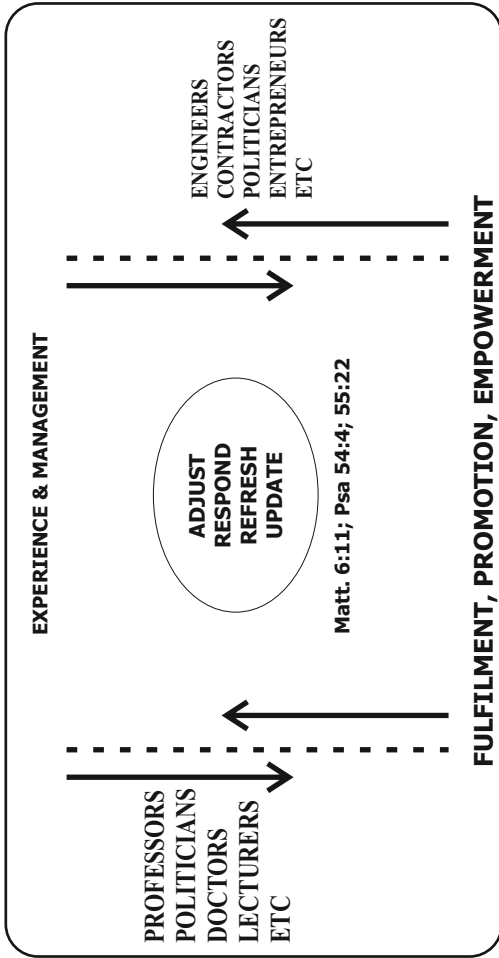


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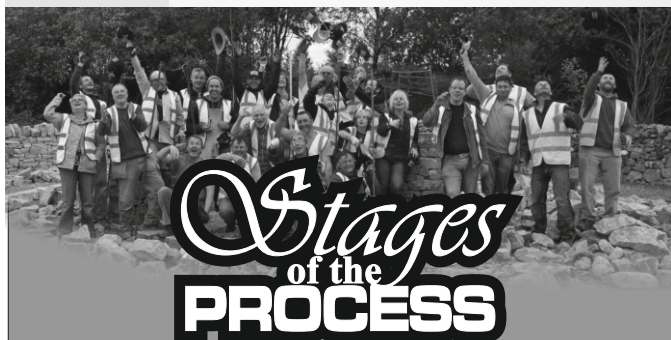
This is the ability to be sustained, supported, upheld, or confirmed. Sustainability in economic development has to do with the ability to be maintained by what one has put in place for his or her life. The two steps above, are factors that exposes an individual to this vital stage where experience is gathered an management is done with maturity. This can be achieved by adjusting to the demands of your profession, responding to the provisions for growth an being update through refresher programs like seminar, symposium, etc.

From left of the flow chart, the school system produces lecturers, doctors, professors, politicians, etc, who tend to influence the society directly or indirectly. They are sustained by being the committed to their profession. More so, from the right, apprentices in the workshop grow

into engineers, contractors, politicians, etc. Through this simple process, an individual's life experiences fulfillment, promotion and empowerment.

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CHAPTER SIX



*“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do
it with thy might; for there is no work or
device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in
the grave , whither thou goest.”*

Eccl. 9:10

LAND

Land is where every building has to stand since no mansion can stand on air, rather, it has to be on land because land is the origin of everything. Notice that when gathering your stones, they are deposited on land, awaiting the time for it to be used.

In the process of gathering stones for the mansion of your life, your land represents the family where you originate from. This makes land very important in the process as it becomes the place where every stone you gather must be deposited on. The nature of your family has a lot to do with your future establishment. Family here may be the condition you have come to see with your parents or it may be the one you intend to build with your wife and children. Both conditions play special

roles on the journey to success in life and you the ability to influence some things that may happen therein due to the knowledge you have gathered. Notice that the first thing God gave man was not a woman...He gave man real estate, LAND, Gen. 2:7.

Every person needs land, and you can never be free until you own land. Land is the first thing God gave man after creation and commanded him to tend the garden. This is where the process begins. Land is where stones are deposited and the type of land you have can influence your building.

Your land is your Family, your origin, beginning or starting point. This is where you come from consisting of your ancestors, parents, siblings, relations, etc.

It is in the family that your ideology, belief system and lifestyle are formed and these things can actually influence your perception about life. The way your parents see life can actually affect your way of life whether good or bad. It is possible for your family to make or destroy your dreams, they can inform, misinform or deform your perception about life, the family can as well liberate or imprison you by the thoughts they deposit on you continuously.

BUT NOTE:

The fact that your parents were poor is not a guarantee that you have to be poor, you can actually change that fortune. You can breakthrough from the limitations and short sightedness of your ancestors by believing in God.

PLAN

Every mansion has a plan as a typical diagram drawn or designed to showcase the structure at a glance. The plan of your life consist of a strategic list of purpose carefully structured out step by step with timing and resources to showcase your expected achievements in life. It is used to monitor the implementation of your objectives and goals with time to time observations on updates affecting you.

Here it is the projection or ability to see the structure or design of your life for the future.

Whatever the eye can see, the mind can imagine, the hand can touch, hence they can be achieved.

It begins as a shadow, develops into a

picture, generates into dreams that links to a vision which should finally be drawn or written down. It is the perceptive reasoning and drawing of the structure of your life which the future holds.

Plans come to interpret the mind and dreams built in the vision of one's life which is revealed in who you want to be and the kind of house you want to be.

Who do you want to be; a doctor, an engineer, teacher, laborer, servant, gate keeper, house maid, etc? These are all mansions and you must build yourself into it.

***"I am who I am through the grace of
God" ICor. 15:10***

Here, counseling is required, reading books and consulting reliable authorities

in order to be motivated and gain knowledge for who who wish to be.

BUILDING

"For which of you intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counted the cost, whether he has sufficient to build it? Lest haply, after he had laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying, this man began to build, and was not able to finish." Luke 14:28.

Foundation

Every building begins from the foundation which holds the structure as one indivisible mansion. The stronger the foundation, the more sure its guarantee will be. Therefore, as a person who wishes

to become a great mansion, useful to yourself and others, it is necessary to build a strong and lasting foundation for yourself.

"Therefore whosoever heareth this sayings of mind, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which buildeth his house upon a rock: and the rains descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock" Matt 7:24

Foundation has become a critical stage to the extent that no one can joke with it. The importance of a good foundation cannot be over emphasized because it carries the building and gives strength to the entire structure.

In life, this is the time of great thinking and building of thoughts. It covers to the period in which one gives his or herself to studies, learning and training in order to be properly equipped for the task ahead. It mostly begins in school and spans to the period where certificates are acquired including diploma and degrees. It also includes building ones future through the choice of vocation which begins with apprenticeship and spans through the entire training up to skills acquisition.

Certainly, this period may involve certain suffering which may be very stressful and difficult to bear. It may be characterized by hard work, pains and endurance painstakingly carried out with the hope of a better future.

This is where precious stones are being

laid for the future and no good person can escape this stage without laying something remarkable and promising for his or her future. You cannot joke with this stage and go scored free, because what you sow here is what you are bound to build on and reap in your entire future. It is therefore worthy of advice as stated in the bible that a man should give careful thoughts to whatever he builds. This is because, "anam eti nkpo anam ono idem..."

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a work man who needs not be ashamed, but rightly dividing the word of truth” 2Tim. 2:15

The House

Having laid your foundation, it is now time to build upon the foundation already laid;

raise your pillars, fit in your walls, fashion out your windows and doors and ensure your building is solidly fitted together.

This is an advanced stage in life where you begin to acknowledge recognitions and evaluate your performances. You may begin to practice what you learnt with invitation to seminars or opportunities to appear at the workshop and put your knowledge to test. At this point, you begin to deal with difficult tasks, working to ensure the assurance to assume independence in your profession. There may be an advancement in studies, thereby adding to the existing knowledge, certificates and honors.

Your choices at this level of life may have to be very selective or biased depending on how you foresee the future. Environmental

factors or societal influences may come into play, which may add value or devalue you depending on the things and people you choose to go with. Your relationship with people at this time should be such as can attract dignity, trust and confidence to you in order to win the assurance of your spectators.

“therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” HEBREW 12:1

Use this period to establish on your carrier, work hard, gain experiences and attempt to withstand the waves of life and time, build your image and personality with lasting

resources such as wisdom, character and perseverance.

THIS IS A STAGE OF REALITY.

"Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it" I Cor. 3:13-15

THE ROOF

At this point, having passed through the stages above, you can now develop a covering for yourself and others, your work or job can pay your bills and raise hope for others. This becomes a stage of maturity, acceptance and compliments. Many people can trust and invest in you because they have seen your steady progress and commitment to the needs of

life. Just like a roof, your name becomes a covering to people. So many people can now look up to you with great expectation and can quote you irrespective of your profession because you are well established and have become an authority in your area.

***"A good name is rather to be chosen
than great riches, and lovely favor
rather than silver and gold." Prov. 22:1***

EQUIPPING OR FURNISHING

Now the building has been raised through hard work and persistence, you can now stand out in the community and in your profession, molding up yourself and updating yourself properly. There comes a time where your life has to be decorated. This is a Stage for decoration and

furnishing. Your life has to be painted through promotion that follows your commitment to service for humanity. People consistently give you appointment and identify with your programs because of the image you have built over time. Your exposure in your profession has given you reasonable experiences that can edify people and expose the glory of your vision. This becomes the final packaging and branding of your image which may attract several appointments and honors to your name. This is a period when people feel comfortable attaching feathers to you. Your marriage is sweet because dreams and goals have been met. Your children enjoy the taste of the family which you have taken pains to build. Family members also enjoy the choice and pleasure to be around you, promoting and sustaining the

values and changes brought about by your lifestyle.

LIVING OR DWELLING

Now it is time to smile. This level becomes a stage of testimony and harmony, life continues and life is good and worth living with rewards or pay back from the sacrifices invested into it. You can comfortably and gainfully look back on the things you have put into life for the fulfillment of desires. This is a stage for resounding success. Your children, friends and family can make to remark on your achievements and will be happy to introduce your name as a covering for their needs and progress. You now live your life as an icon worthy of honor and recommendation.

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CHAPTER SEVEN



“My son, forget not my law; but let thy heart keep my commandments: For length of days and long life and peace shall they add to thee...so shall thou find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.”

Prov. 3:1-3

I wish to address the issue of **REAL SUCCESS** and when I use that term real success, a lot of people may think that they have nothing to do with success. This section will prove to you that every human being was born to be successful. You were born to produce a product that the world is looking for, everybody. So I'm going to speak to you on biblical principles for success. I have to follow this laws myself, every successful person in the world have followed these laws. These laws were invented by God Himself, they were the first laws God gave man in dominating this earth.

The aim is that Christian youths may focus on success, ream success, work for success and feel success the bible way. It is my wish of success to all worshippers of

God which shall open minds and eyes to see and appreciate the fact that the wealth we are pursuing outside is found within, in Christ Jesus.

"As His divine power has given to us everything that pertains to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue" I Pet. 1:3

The problem is, people of the world have understood these laws more effectively than the Church. This is why the people who are in the Church work for the people who are in the world, the world employs the believer, the world controls and lead the believers salary, the world determines how much a believer makes, as a matter of fact, the world can even fire the believer,

because the world has understood these laws more effectively than the Church.

Bill Gate used these laws, Steve Jobs (founder of Apple computers) used these laws, they all came from the bible. McDonalds, Bekky King, Peter Harts, and all the fast food stores in the world, they used these laws. But we who are in the body of Christ have not understood these laws.

I come to you as one who was taught (and made to believe) that I was created to be little (because I come from Ibibio meaning, IBIO...IBIO). I was taught that I was created to be employed and I was taught that I was created to work for someone else. We all come from a history of colonial operation; the Church in

Nigeria was born in 1950s when our Country was under the dominion of great Britain. Our leaders in Church and the Country were both under the British, and so we should understand the mentality of post colonialism. And the culture of oppression creates a mentality of dependency, and a mentality of subjugation, as a matter of fact; oppression produces a spirit of timidity and self defacement. Oppression also produces generations of people who are mentality conditioned to apologize for being great or talented. They are afraid of their own gifts; they are intimidated by their own powers. Oppression is a horrible thing.

We are still suffering from oppression,
Most of our Church leaders have given us

the impression that a Christian should not necessarily become outstandingly successful, they have taught us that our rewards lies only in heaven, even when we should grab the advance of our labors here on earth and receive the balance in heaven. So many people in the Church are still battling with mental damage, psychological impediment because when you are oppressed for a long time, you develop a spirit of self defeating. There is the desire to do great but the fear of being great and in many cases we do not know how to be great.

The idea here is not to share with you anything new; perhaps what I'm going to share with you is so old but is new to you. May be you have never felt, seen or touched success. If your name has been

accompanied by failure, I have come so that your name may be changed to something successful. I am presenting the oldest successful plan in history and it hasn't changed.

Let me repeat and emphasis that everybody wants to be successful, all of us today want to succeed; the man who sleeps under the bridge wants to be successful, the woman who sells her body on the street at night wants to be successful, the man who staggers under the influence of alcoholism and the young man or young woman who is intoxicated by drugs and is trying to make sense out of life, they are really wanting to be successful, everybody wants to be successful. This is true because success has relations but failure is an orphan. But I

want to say something about success first;
***Success is predictable, you don't luck
yourself into success, there's no lucky
successful people on earth, success is
predictable. However, the paradox is
...failure is also predictable, you can
predict failure.***

Why can these two things be predicted, success and failure? Because life is designed to function by **LAWS (PRINCIPLES)** and laws make life predictable. If you learn the laws that are built into a product and you obey those laws, then success is inevitable. Life was designed for you to succeed.

God Created Everything He Made To Succeed; He built into it the capacity to be successful, whether it is a bird, a fish,

animal or plant. God's design is for them to succeed. God is committed to your success; He is committed to the success of everything he created. Why is God committed to your success and to the success of everything He created? **Because your success is good for God.** Why is your success and that of a plant, etc, good for God? Because the success of any product protects the reputation of the manufacturer. It is important for a product to succeed for the sake of the manufacturer. The manufacturer needs for his product to succeed because his name is on the product. That is why every manufacturer builds into his product the ability to be successful in its function. God's reputation therefore depends on the success of everything He created; this is why God sustains the birds, He must make

sure that birds can fly; He must make sure that they can find food because his reputation is on them, and He created them. God has to make sure that the seeds can bring forth a tree, He must make sure they have nutrients and sunlight and water, why? Because that seed is His product. **Then it comes to you;** you are God's ultimate creation, you are the apex of His production system and God wants you to succeed more than the birds, plants and animals.

As a matter of fact, Jesus said it this way, "look at the birds, they don't toil and they don't spin, they don't work and yet, their father takes care of them. Look at the plants, he says, they are more beautiful than Solomon in all of his glory.' And they don't spin or sow or toil, but their father

takes care of them." And then He says, '***are you not more valuable than these?***' If God makes sure that the plants succeed and that the birds succeed, how much more He wants you to succeed. Here is the reason, **because the birds have the imprints of God, the plants have the imprints of God, but you have the image of God.** Your success is more important to God than a bird or plant according to Jesus, because God designed for you to succeed.

The Secret To Success Is Laws (principles), you must understand this statement. Laws have no respect for location or time, laws are not controlled by environment, laws can actually change environment. This is why in the kingdom of God there is no such concept as

recession because God's programs are designed and build on laws. For example gravity is a law that God created and gravity is not affected by government policy, it is not affected by United Nations decision, gravity does not respect whatever social, economic or cultural condition that is happening. Gravity works in Nigeria, it works in England, it works in America, it works in Canada, it works in Hawaii, and gravity does not care about where it is. Wherever it is, it works, why, because it is a law. The problem is that, most people try to succeed on their emotions, they try to succeed on scheming. Corruption is simply the violation of laws, that is why a corrupt person will never be successful. Laws are designed to guarantee success; this is why it is important for us to understand the

laws of God.

EIGHT PRINCIPLES OF LAW

1. Law and principles protect the product

Everything you have ever purchased from a manufacturer comes with laws, the clothing on your back, when you first buy them, they come with a little piece of paper in the pocket. It normally will say, do not laundry this, try clean this, that is a law. If you wash a suit in a dry cleaning machine, you have broken a law. When you buy a CD player, a computer or a car, it comes with a little book, it is a book of law, called the manual. Laws protect the product.

2. Laws and principles preserve the product

Preserve means if you keep obeying the laws of the manufacturer, then the product will last a long time

3. Laws and principles serve the product

When you obey the laws and principles of the manufacturer, you are actually serving the product to make it successful

4 Laws and principles guarantee function

When you obey the law and principles of a product, you guarantee the function of the product

5. Laws and principles Simplify product function

God is not complicated, only preachers complicate God. God is very simple; I

believe God is so simple that we are tempted to complicate Him so that we can make Him look like He is great. But always remember that a great person simplifies the complicated. Why is God so simple? Because God is a God of laws and laws make life very simple and Laws take away the need to experiment. When you know the laws of a product, you don't even need to pray.

For example, your car was built by a manufacturer, and the manufacturer built into it the inherent law of unleaded gasoline, that is a law. If you want the car to function, you must put unleaded gasoline. Now remember, laws are not created by the customer, wholesaler, or those who use the product. Laws are created by the manufacturer. That means the product

comes with the law built in, when you buy a car, you don't decide what to put in it, that is your personal opinion, you have to put what the manufacturer said, unleaded gasoline. Laws make life simple. Suppose you see that your car is on E, do you need to pray, do you need to fast, do you need a sermon, do you need a Pastor to prophesy? NO. You know the law, no gasoline, no function. That is not mysterious, if you want your car to function, take it to get gasoline.

People pray many times because they do not know the law, this is why God gives us simple laws... thou shall not fornicate. It is a law. So why do you debate that, experiment, test it, and discuss it. Why not just obey the manufacturer. The law say's don't commit adultery, why not just obey

that, stay with your wife, sleep only with her, one is enough. Laws simplify life.

6. Laws and principles bring peace and confidence

When you know the law and principle of something, it gives you boldness and confidence. Laws therefore bring peace and confidence. You know that if you put gasoline in the car you do not need to worry whether it is going to function. It is therefore important to study the laws of God, they bring peace, they bring confidence.

7. Laws and principles protect against experimentation

When you know the laws of something, you don't even need to experiment. Often times people struggle with life simply

because they do not know the law.

8. **Laws and principles are the enemy of fear**

When you know the laws and principles of a product, you do not need to be afraid of that product whether it is going to function, so if you obey the laws of God every minute of your life, then everything will function perfectly.

REAL SUCCESS therefore is success that satisfies God's provisions, that which will come and stay. It is success that goes beyond this life into life eternal, otherwise,

“what shall it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and lost his soul.”

It is success that follows God's law without bribe, cheating, stealing, killing, etc, which may later deny you of happiness. It guarantees peace, boldness and confidence as well as protection.

The knowledge of laws, are the source of wisdom and the knowledge of laws produce confidence because you know what to do. Wisdom is law and principles applied, hence, we need to know the four simple laws that will empower you to live the rest of your life as a successful man or woman.

Let me just say something very serious and touching, you were never created to be a failure or a loser or a political tug or a wonderer or a disappointment or a sicklier or the tail or a drop out or an abandoned

person or a sign post or a laborer or an abused or a carpet or a joker or a coward or a second class citizen, that is not why you were created.

You were created by God to be a winner, an achiever, a success. You are a first class citizen in God's creation. In the Garden of Eden, the only two perfect chapters in the bible, there is no loser, no failure, no sicklier, etc, it simply says, "**and this is good.**"

Therefore, being a loser, or failure, or an abused, are all products of your mind and actions. There is no place for a loser in the kingdom of God, no place for a failure or a coward. My point is, why did God create you, we have to go back and find out why, because the kingdom of God is about

restoring man back to God's original state.

EIGHT SPIRITUAL KEYS TO SUCCESS IN LIFE

There are keys to the success of everything that is done under the sun. These keys are bound to unlock the doors to success in life. Spiritual keys to success include the following:

1. Humility in the Fear of God:

***'By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life.'* Prov. 22:4**

Real success begins with humility and this is the quality of not thinking that you are better than other people, Phil. 2:3. Humility is like a foundation or stepping stone unto greatness. It allows for listening, learning, correction, changes and development. It creates room for

knowledge while making it easier to assess things that attract success; but pride closes the door against any good thing.

NOTE:

Prov.15:33; Humility comes before honor.

Matt. 18:4; Even greatness in the Kingdom of God is measured by humility.

Phil. 2:5-11; Your attitude should be like that of Christ by humility.

James 4:10; Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will lift you up.

2. Personal Development

"He that is despised, and has a servant, is better than he that honors himself, and lacks bread" Prov. 12:9

(please refer to Personal Development in chapter 4)

3. Self Realization

"...and when he came to himself, he said, I will arise..." Luke 15:11-22

This implies coming to senses about your true person and accepting the reality of you. Whenever you face realities, you can acknowledge where you are and what is affecting you. Do not only live on the achievement of your parents or that of other people, avoid pretence and be real, stop living in "Cover ups" but try to know if you are actually moving forward or marking time, progressing or retrogressing, in motion or static, benefiting or loosing. Self realization leads a man into personal resolution about his way forward. It is not confession or remorse rather repentance. It leads you into unfolding your potentials and making use

of them accordingly.

"If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself."

Gal. 6:3-5

"If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you but if you are scornful, you alone shall bear it." Prov. 9:12

4. Change Your Ideology

"A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left. Yes also, when He that is a fool walketh by the way, his wisdom faileth him, and he says to everyone that he is a fool." Eccl. 10:2-3; Prov. 27:19.

Your thoughts, ideas, perception and views influences you greatly. To be positive, you must think positive and for

possibility, you must think possibilities. A negative thought generates negative actions. Remember, as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.

NOTE:

1 Cor. 13:11: 'When I was a child, I reasoned like a child...'

1 Cor. 14:20: 'Stop thinking like children'

2Pet. 3:1: Have wholesome thinking

You are a sum total of what you have been thinking and no one can live or achieve beyond the limit of his thoughts; If you think little then you will remain little, if you think defeat, you will become a defeat, If you think you are a loser, that you shall be, if you think you were created to be employed or work for someone else,

that you shall be. But a change in your thoughts can seriously influence your achievements. Three things can help you think well;

- **A sound mind**
- **Sound companionship**
- **A sound environment.**

Your companions can influence your progress, Prov. 21:29; Prov. 14:15 and your environment is an important influence on your person. Have a sound mind, choose the right persons to associate with and be in the correct environment. Change your thinking and belief system then your life will change. A change in ideology will influence a change in your life pattern.

5. Take useful action for yourself

***"But let every man prove his own work,
and then shall he have rejoicing in
himself alone, and not in another. For
every man shall bear his own burden."
Gal. 6:4-5.***

No matter how intelligent you are or how much degrees you have acquired, you must get something done for yourself. Take useful action that can make things work for you. Action they say, speaks louder than words but the action must be useful, so do not waste time acting on things not useful.

Three things may describe a useful action;

- 1. It must be timely**
- 2. It must be profitable**
- 3. It must be reasonable**

If your action can prove the three statements above then it is useful

Prov. 14:14: Action generates reward

***Prov. 14:23: Hard work brings profit,
more talk leads to poverty***

***Eccl 9:10: whatever your hand finds to
do, do it with all your might***

***Gen.2:15-19: God engaged man to work
in the Garden and name the animals,
something profitable.***

***Eph.4:28: He who has been stealing
must steal no longer, but must work,
doing something useful with his own
hands.***

***Prov.28:19: He who works his land will
have abundant food but he who chases
fantasies will have his fill of poverty.***

***'He who does not work his land,
shall become a slave'***

***1Thess. 4:11; 2 Thess. 3:12, 13; Prov.
6:10-11***

Endeavour to try something, for those who try do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try nothing and succeed.

6. Talent (Potential)

You need to have some of it, but you do not need a lot. Too much of talent is often a handicap. I know highly talented musicians who refuse to perform in public, photographers who are so arrogant and no one wants them around, film makers whose egos are so inflated that they become a pain to deal with, they never master anything therefore never succeed. Talent is that extraordinary ability to do something. We all can do a lot but some people have been gifted with talents that go

beyond what others can do. What are you talented at? Do you know? However, success is not only a matter of being talented, a little bit of it added to the other keys will lead you through. Some talented people who lack other keys often fail to succeed. So, do not blame your lack of success on your lack of talent. It will be your attitude that will determine your altitude. Potential is what you could do but you have not done yet.

7. Management:

The purpose for man's creation was management and if you would want to see real success, then you must learn management. Management is the ability to organize things in order to achieve its desired objective. It involves the process of coordination, strategic planning and

implementation of ideas, etc. Please turn to Gen. 1:27; ...and God said, let us make a specie called man, why is God creating this specie? That is an important question, what is His purpose or motivation for creating man, He tells us and He does not say worship. God did not create man because He needed someone to worship Him, God tells us why He created you, you do not need to guess about it, do not get spooky about it, don't get theologically spiritual about it. Let us read what He says in the manual

“...and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, birds of the air, cattle's of the field and over all the earth and everything that creeps upon the ground.”

Why did God create you? **To dominate earth's resources.** God created you because He needed somebody to manage earth. Perhaps, you probably do not still believe me, so I want you to read something very shocking, **Gen.2:1, 2, 5.** Take a deep breath and be careful, because what you are about to read will destroy your ignorance

“thus the heavens and the earth and all the host of heaven were finished, and God on the 7th day ended His work that He had done, and God rested on the 7th day from all of His work which He had done. And God blessed the 7th day because in it He ended all of His work which He, God has created and made.’
Verse 5: ‘before and plant was in the earth, and before any herb of the field

***had grown up, the Lord God did not
allow rain to come upon the earth
because there was no man to work the
ground”***

God had a planet full of potential life, nothing was growing; the plants were stock in the earth, the fishes were stock in the sea, the animals were stock in the earth, every living thing was stock in the earth, nothing was growing. And the Bible says God did not allow anything to grow because He did not allow it to rain. Why? Because there was no man to work the ground. The word work here is an Hebrew word, it means, **to manage, to control, to cultivate**. God had an awesome planet; He had a lot of potential, but refused to allow growth because there was no management.

Note Some Revelation:

- ***God will not give resources where there is no management***
- ***God will restrict growth where there is no manager***
- ***God will only give you what you can manage***
- ***Whatever you mismanage, you will loose***
- ***The purpose for man's creation was management***
- ***Mismanagement produces lack***

God refused to let anything grow not because it could not grow but because there was no manager. If I were to describe the greatest problem of poor countries (people), it is not a lack of resources but a lack of management. The most important subject you should study

is not theology; this is why most of us are broke, this is why most preachers are poor, this is why most Churches are poor. Because the preacher can preach well but cannot manage. He is anointed to heal the sick but cannot heal his finances.

When Jesus wanted to choose His leadership team, He never chose a religious leader, He went to the world of business and He chose managers who owned company. Peter, James, and John had a company called **Zebedee Fisheries Int'l**. He chose men who were business men, He chose Luke who was a miracle professional, Mathew who was an accountant. How come he never chose a Bishop and a Priest and a Pharisee, and a Scribe...because most religious people are bad managers.

This is why every youth in the Church must be encouraged to read and understand, because if you learn these four simple laws, then God will trust you with more. Whatever you fail to manage, God takes from you, why, because He is a manager. Do you know who with holds rain? God, why? Because He cannot find management. God will not give you what you pray for; He will only give you what he knows you can manage. And that is why He has not given you N50M naira yet, because you cannot even manage five or two or one or a half. Do you know why God commands you to give? God doesn't need your money, giving is God's management program, and you fail the test, and that is why you are broke. Man is God's manager of planet earth, but he

missed the contract because he mismanaged the earth.

Now listen:

Whenever you mismanage God's resources, He gives it to the enemy because the enemy knows how to manage it better. And the only way to get the wealth from the wicked is not by confession; it is to manage it out of their hands. Bill Gate gave 348M dollars to the poor people in Africa, but you are afraid to give N20 in the offering. So God will trust him with more. We must go back to management; we can award millions of dollars, **not because we pray...even poor people pray, not because we fast...most poor people fast, not because we speak in tongues...poor people speak in a lot of tongues.** But because we are managers.

And God did not allow it to rain, because He cannot find management.

“...and the Lord God planted a garden”

There's a difference between a garden and bush. Bush has no order, the same things that are in bush are in the garden (plants), but there is a difference; one has no control, no management, but one of them is orderly and organized. God did not give Adam bush, God is a business man. Your financial life is bush; you do not know where the money has gone, buy the things you cannot afford, buy the things you do not need, no control, bush! The Lord God planted a garden (order), He had a space in the earth that was properly organized. Then He told Adam, turn the whole earth

into a garden. God did not give man chaos. The Bible is also a book of management, but we have made it only a devotional.

8. The Kingdom Of God Plus Righteousness

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

The last key becomes the first. Success in whatever way is strictly dependent on seeking God's kingdom. No wonder Jesus told Peter to use the Kingdom keys for loosing and binding; for the gate of hell shall not prevail against it. We are too interested in business, neglecting kingdom service and righteousness.

Recall:

Psa. 127:1; 'Except the Lord builds...'

Pls. 37:25-27; "I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They always lend freely; their children will be blessed. Change from evil and do good then you will always live securely."

1Tim. 4:8, 9; "for physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things holding promises for both the present life and the life to come. This is a trust worthy saying that deserves full acceptance."

Luke 11:52; woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge.

And For you who have not given your life to Jesus, let this special encounter become your encounter with the Lord like it happened on Pentecost day, Acts 2:36-42:

**THE FOUR PRINCIPLES OF
SUCCESS
GEN. 1:27**

"...and the Lord God blessed them, and He said to them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish, and subdue and have dominion"

Dominion is the goal, it gives man the strategy.

1 Be fruitful

The first step to success in anything is to be fruitful. The word fruitful here does not only mean to have children, the Hebrew word means to be productive, it means to produce something. Seed comes before fruits but God never told Adam to be seedful, because seed produce fruit. Which means God assumed that seed was already present. Nobody came to earth empty, everybody in this world was born with a seed, you came to earth with a seed, and you are supposed to produce something that the world needs. There is something you are carrying that the world is supposed to buy from you but it is trapped in a seed, a seed is an idea. The wealth is not the seed but the fruit, people do not buy trees, they buy fruits. That

means trapped inside of you is a divine idea. Develop a product that is unique to your passion, find an idea that is you and produce a product for the world to buy.

2 Multiply

Multiply the product you produce, that means you must be able to take the product you produce and keep reproducing it. Multiply means to produce something the same way all the time, it is called consistent reproduction. You will never be successful until you produced what you have over and over again. Duplicate many times.

3 Replenish

It means to distribute, if you produce a product without distribution, you are poor. If you reproduce it a million times, you are

still poor, it is called inventory. Inventory can make you poor, you need to go to the third level, distribution, replenish. Every successful business person in the world followed God's law, they produced a product, reproduced it a million times, and then find a distribution system. You must get your product to the market.

4 **Subdue**

To subdue means you Control that part of the market that is yours. You dominate the market, that is when you become successful.

Bill Gate use to work for IBM (the leading company in computer), and one computer use to be as big as this room. He looked at the computer and said, this is crazy. His idea was to create a software system where

all the work is done behind and all we have to do is to work with soft symbols (icons). So he went to his board and presented the idea of **MSW**. But the board refused him, they said, this will never work. So Bill Gate had to leave IBM, resigned because they would not accept his idea, and he started his own company. The rest is history, IBM had to buy from him and Bill Gate reproduced it a trillion times in every computer. And he became so powerful; he controlled the computer market until the United States called him, and said, you have got to break up your company because you are too powerful. And they forced him to break up the company, giving us Intel, google, apple, etc, they produced the i-phone and produced it a million times and also find a distribution system. Their distribution system is called ***franchising***;

how come there is none of our franchises in the world. How about you producing foofoo...a foofoo franchise in Ghana, New York, etc, because no one understands how to package and maintain consistency.

And finally, a woman, a single parent who used to work in a hotel but was laid off her work with just a little cheque to compensate her. Weeping under frustration, she went to the preacher and reported without the hope of what to survive with. she saw the job as the only means of her survival. She said, minister, I am broke, but the minister in response said, shut up for you are not broke, rather, you are short of ideas. He remembered that she brought some cookies to him most times. She admitted that she produces the

cookies with her oven in the kitchen and that she only has time for such on Sundays, once a week. So for six days, her oven is wasting in the kitchen without function. The preacher now advised her to cash in the cheque, go to the market and buy flour, produce the same cookies and go back to the hotel that fired her and give it to all the staff free, thanking them for the time they have been together, and to do so with happiness. The woman was shocked but because it was the preacher who advised, she reluctantly went and did the same and the workers ate happily.

The next day, they called her requesting for more cookies, which she called the Preacher and reported. The Preacher said that is good, go ahead to produce and supply the cookies, tell them how it cost.

Every worker in the hotel bought her cookies on daily basis. She engaged her oven on daily basis and in two weeks, she produced about fifty dozens of cookies a day. She employed her cousin to assist her and in one month it increased to over a hundred dozens a day. The next super store saw her cookies and ordered for hundreds of dozens daily. They took it on consignment, packaged and sent it across to other countries. This woman eventually became one of the riches, most successful and influential woman in her community. She came to the preacher to appreciate him with an envelope containing ten thousand dollars. He asked the preacher for why he asked her to give the first one free, and in response, he said

***"Because the drug addicts do the same,
they give the first one free"***

There may be an oven in your life that is lying waste in the kitchen, God can raise more cookies people who can rise to influence the world.

8

CHAPTER EIGHT



The price for your success must be paid by you. It is not just taking steps that matters, but taking the right steps, in the same manner, working alone, may not make things work out but doing the right

work. Laboring in the right way guarantees greatness. For instance, you can put the key into the ignition of a car, but until you turn it to the right direction, the engine will not start. Jesus told his disciples to cast the net on the right side, **John 21:5, 6.**

The price for success include; **Dedication, Hard work and Devotion.** Add wisdom and confidence to these and crown it all, **Eccl. 10:10.** The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work; hard work is an important price to pay for success. I know you can accomplish anything if you are willing to pay the price. Pay the price today and have success tomorrow, for God says,

***"I will make you an eternal Excellency,
a joy of many generations"
Isa. 60:15.***

Build your future by investing in the present. Take steps that lead to a successful career by being informed and innovative. Make wise financial decisions that will offer stability and security for the future. Then take care of yourself and loved ones by establishing priorities for family, health and fun. Consider the steps stated earlier on building yourself to a great mansion and invest on wisely for that purpose. Building a future begins with building the present.

***Expect the Lord build the house, they
labor in vain that build it, Psa. 127:1***

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its

righteousness, and every other thing shall be added unto thee, Matt. 6:33.

And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste place: thou shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shall be call the repairer of the breach, he restorer of paths to dwell in, Isa. 58:12.

success is something that is inherently built in to us from the moment we are informed or educated to the moment we land the first job or project as something to strive for. The whole process is meant to move you forward in life, building yourself a better future. But how do you start planning such a feat? THINK ABOUT A FUTURE FOR YOURSELF, explore key questions about the future you want, stop thinking about the past and focus on the present and future, find your

passion by reviewing your life up until now, and look for passion...something that comes naturally to you and finally, start feeling proud about what you are naturally good at, then try to work hard and improve on that. Maintain your motivation and keep track.

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