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INTRODUCTION

For years, I have labored in the vineyard teaching and admonishing several people on what it takes to be successful; successful at least in being who they could be, not necessarily who others think they should be. I have interacted with hundreds of successful people; Politicians, Doctors, Ministers, Businessmen, students and working professionals on their ways up, and a few on their ways down. I have also looked at my own carrier, talents and motivation along the way, and have come to the conclusion that there are no less than SEVEN KEYS to being successful in life no matter your endeavour, profession or carrier. When I started, there were five keys, in a few years when I become wiser, maybe I will have up to ten but for now, seven seems enough.

Success is the innate desire of every human being; everyone craves after, celebrates or gets excited over success, even parents desire for their children. Certainly, we all need success, but most people do not know what success looks like, a lot more have searched for it in endless futility. The most important thing here is that something must lead you to something. There must be some keys useful in unlocking the doors of success, and off course, some keys can also

lock up the channels to failure. These keys shall be exposed in this book. for lovers of success and children of God.

DEFINITIONS

1. KEYS:

Keys and instruments designed to lock or unlock a thing and make way for advancement toward and expected goal. Figuratively, they could be principles made to function for the purpose of enhancing a discovery that may enhance recovery. Keys most times allow for understanding of things and subsequent achievement of desires and nothing is made without a key to have it realized. In many cases, people suffer and get stressed over things just because they lack understanding of the right keys to breakthrough, but whenever the right keys are found or discovered, life and their approaches become easy.

2. SUCCESS:

Success has to do with the fact that one has achieved the desired goal or expectation of something. It implies that the aim or

intention of embarking on a task is achieved or fulfilled. Therefore, success is very important in all of life endeavours; success is sweat and generally good for everyone.

THE JOY OF SUCCESS AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A KEY

“ Success has many fathers but failure is an orphan” George Washington

Many good people love to embrace success and shun failure since there seem to be something joyful in success. Perhaps, this is why many people seem not to be comfortable with any spirit of defeat, they always wish to be celebrated at all cost. The tidings of success brings joy and refreshes the soul, it add courage to life's struggles and ignite glimpses of hope. Sadly, the opposite is that failure is very ugly, detasteful and hurtful. it dries up strength and sucks away the hope to persist. The spirit of failure is a negative tendency that runs down the desire to press, it can intimidate as well as stir up wrath. Of a truth, you need to be successful in your pursuit, the Lord shall be your strength as you go through this piece and shall add understanding to the simple.

No matter how small a key may be, it guarantees the security and safety to lock unlock doors to great mansions, granting access into channels of successful endeavours. Jesus the son God emphasized on the importance when he spoke of the kingdom in Matt. 16:18,

***“I will give unto you the keys of the kingdom
of heaven
and whatever thou shall loose on earth, shall
be loosened in heaven, whatever thou shall
bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven”***

He who has the key has the authority and to penetrate but he who lacks the key will always joy the queue, increasing the traffic. There are different keys to different doors and for different purposes. With God, it is possible to open the doors of marriage and marital fruitfulness, favour and abundance in business, educational uplift and attainment, wisdom and God's grace, healing and divine deliverance, inspiration and faith to see possibilities in God, breakthrough unto higher grounds, etc. It is also possible to close the bad doors of difficulties, frustration, miscarriages, demonic attack and bondage, failures and rejection of any kind.

Now it is time to expose the keys with great hope that unlocking is loading in someone's life.

EIGHT SPIRITUAL KEYS TO SUCCESS IN LIFE

1. Humility In The Fear Of God:

Prov. 22:4:

'By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life.'

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.

Prov.15:33; Humility comes before honor.

Matt. 18:4; Even greatness in the Kingdom 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:

Prov. 12:9

*'He that is despised, and has a servant,
is better than he that honors himself,
and lacks bread'*

Your purpose is not to pursue guy names or to wear body hug and puff up or to borrow things and decorate self in the pretends 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 stands 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, transfer's knowledge and develops skills. You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must train yourself and cultivate good habits.

3. Self Realization:

Luke 15:11-22

“...and when he came to himself, he said, I will arise...”

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. Selfrealization 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.

Gal. 6:3-5; 'If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself' stop deceiving yourself.

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

4. Change Your Ideology:

Eccl. 10:2,3, Prov. 27:19

“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.”

Your thoughts, ideas, perception and views can influence 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

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

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

2 **Pet. 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 and a sound environment.** It is true that 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 person 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 of life.

**5. Take Useful Action For Yourself:
Gal. 6:4,5**

'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.'

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 act;

- 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

Ecccl 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 an handicap. I know highly talented musicians who refuse to perform in public, photographers who are so arrogant 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 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 haven't done yet.

7. The Kingdom Of God Plus

Righteousness: Matt. 6:23

**'But seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and His righteousness; and all these
things shall be added unto you.'**

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.

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.

*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 PRICE FOR SUCCESS

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.

Labouring 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**. 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.

CONCLUSION

I owe my success to having listened respectfully to the very best advice, and then going away and doing the exact opposite. If you think you can, then certainly, you can do it. And if you think you can't, then you are right because the only one who has the capacity to stop you is the person inside you. There is a formula for failure which is; TRYING TO PLEASE EVERYBODY.

To succeed, we must first believe that we can and those who win, weather now or later are actually those who started with the mentality that they can make it and who worked towards it. Gain this spiritual intelligence and see yourself unlock several doors of success.

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MATT. 16:18

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