

Unveiling the Secrets That Turn Mental Pictures
And Actions Into Desired Outcomes

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CATCH A VISION

Proverbs 29:18.. *Where there's no revelation (vision)...*
The old KJV says "vision" while the NKJV says "revelation." According to the bible, visions are revealed. As humans, we can produce a vision. Man is given the capacity to be able to imagine what can be. That ability to imagine gives humanity the capacity to produce or create vision. If you can sit to imagine how a thing should be or can be, then you are producing or creating vision. As a human, you should have a vision of how your day should go. Knowing your activities for the day is a product of your ability to produce a vision for your life. When you wake up, you will try to identify your activities for the day - this is often referred to as daily plans but in actual sense, it is the vision for the day. This ability is given to every person to engage. On the other hand, there is what we know as revelation. There are visions you can't produce or create by your imagination, you will have to receive such vision. Such vision that would be received must be revealed. It is possible for a person to imagine how his future can be. Yes, you can capture a vision (picture) that clearly shows how your future should be.

But I need you to know that what can be revealed to you is far from what your imagination can produce. Whatever vision that you imagine or produce will always be within your capacity to make happen. But any vision you receive from God will always be far and beyond your ability to make happen. Where your real future lies isn't what you create in your imagination but what is revealed to you. The proof that a vision is revealed to you is that it will be bigger than your size and sense at the moment that you received it. Whatever God has for you is not what you can imagine; you can only receive it. Your imagination can work better later after the vision has been revealed.

Often, I hear teachers and mentors tell listeners and readers to dream big and imagine their future. I have also told people to do that in the past. In fact, I have heard words like "create the future you desire through your imagination" and so I have also told people the same. That is very possible but what you imagine can never be compared to what is revealed to you. I have come to the understanding that picture in a person's imagination can't be compared to the picture in the heart of God for a person. What God has seen about you is far bigger than what your imagination can produce. The real vision we all need to contend for is the revealed one. I want you to know that there is something God has seen about you. He made you and designed a future for you but if you receive what He reveals to you, then, you will easily and speedily enter into the future that He has for you. One of the prayers a believer should constantly pray is that God should reveal his or her future to him or her. Catch a vision because it is revealed but because you create or produce it in your imagination.

The Message Bible says "If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble over themselves. But when they attend to what

He reveals, they are most blessed.” To stumble here means they took steps they should not have taken and go to the direction they should not have gone just because they can’t see. It is time for you to see what God is doing in your life by catching a vision that will be revealed by Him. God has designed the future and He can reveal it. There are products, companies, ministries, businesses, families that will come into existence just by a catch of a vision that is revealed by God. Whatever God has revealed, He has released. God releases things by revealing them.

Deuteronomy 29:29 shows that Secret things are revealed to us by God. One of the secret things revealed to us is vision. Knowledge, dreams, prophecy, vision etc. are all secret things of God. But the aspect I want you to catch is that God can reveal visions and if a vision is revealed to you, then a secret thing has been revealed to you.

In 2 Corinthians 12:1, Paul said “I will come to visions and revelation of the Lord.” Actually, what is there is not of the Lord but from the Lord. Like Paul, you should flow in visions and revelations from the Lord. I remember I saw in Scripture that God makes nations great. So, I began to pray that God should make our church great. Suddenly, while on my knees, I saw a flash of a picture of a bigger space like that of a particular church in Nigeria. Instantly, I knew God was trying to show me that our ministry will be as big as that church I saw. I always tell people that it is not everyone that will have flashes of pictures or some supernatural vision. Some will just receive some thoughts in their meditation and suddenly pictures of what is ahead and what to do will be formed in their heart. I remember how a brother told me that both the starting and growth of his company were visions from God. I asked how he got those visions and his response surprised me. He said

“after my prayers daily, I become quiet to listen to the Holy Spirit for what I should do. So, after some time, I would begin to write what comes into my heart.” He concluded that there were occasions his driver would be driving him and thoughts of what to do would come. And those thoughts always come with vivid pictures. I remember he mentioned that he ventured into a business idea he received while taking his bath in his bathroom. Many people have also been receiving thoughts into their hearts but they never take it seriously and consciously as visions from the Lord.

Jeremiah 1:12 says “... You have seen well, I will hasten to perform my word.” It is what you see that God will hasten to perform. Seeing there is not about seeing the vision but the actions. The moment you begin to see the actions and steps you should take, then you have seen well and God will hasten to perform what He says.

Habakkuk 2:1 shows that you must see what he says to you. The purpose of hearing isn't just to hear but to see. Whatever God says to you that you didn't see, you haven't heard well. The proof that you heard well is that you see what is said to you. When God speaks, He is actually transferring images to your heart. You need to see what He says. The fact is that what God says to you will come as a thought into your heart. It will come as a thought of what He wants to do or what you should do. You must be diligent to capture the pictures behind those inspired thoughts of your heart. That is how you watch to see what He will say to you.

Habakkuk 2:2 says “And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run.” (The Message Bible). You are commanded to write the vision, what you see. Whatever you see about

your future, you are commanded to write it down. Don't just memorize it; write it down and place it somewhere it can be read. You must place the vision in a place you can read it regularly so you can run your mind on it regularly.

HOW TO DISCOVER THE WILL OF GOD FOR YOUR LIFE?

1. Find out what gives you joy.
2. Find out the desires of your heart.

God works in you both to will and do. He furnishes your heart with desires. For over five years I prayed to know the will of God for my life. Little did I know that God's will is not far from me and that God doesn't want me to stress myself to discover His will. It was later I knew that what I had always desired to do for God and humanity is the exact will of God for my life. When you start your walk with God, you may be hearing His voice on everything you do. But as you grow, He begins to furnish your heart with desires.

WHAT IS VISION?

1. Vision is the idea that never leaves you or goes away. Vision is what you keep seeing even when you close your eyes.
2. Vision is to see ahead of others and also see more than others. It sees what others don't see, when others don't see, how others don't see and where others don't see.
3. Vision is seeing the changes occurring around you and seeing how to adapt to that change. Vision is about insight

and foresight.

4. Vision is a picture of what you should do that will later be called an achievement.

UNDERSTANDING VISION

Your vision determines the kind of people that will come your way. It influences those that will gravitate towards you. It's important that you have vision that's able to see beyond your present circumstance or state of trouble so that when you are in the pit, you still have your eyes on the fulfillment of God's promises in your life. The fact is that vision allows you to see beyond the trial into a better future you've not yet attained but is waiting for you. That is why you must stay focused on your vision.

In Habakkuk 2:1-3 and Proverbs 29:18 there is a great revelation on "Visions" and their dynamic. There is something about reading a vision that makes a man run! Visions are empowering, invigorating, propelling and propounding! Every vision has its appointed time to manifest. A vision being set for an appointed time means it is for a "*karios*" moment, which means a supernatural window will open at an appointed time, but you must be prepared to seize and step into this moment to fulfill your role.

When there is a set and written vision that you pursue, at the appointed time, it will speak! This suggests that God and the concert of Heaven and Earth will work to ensure that while the vision is appointed for a set time, you will be prepared and ready for it! God first knows you and He will do all He can and use everything to reveal His vision for you to you!

THE ORDER

Exposure – Vision – Goal – Steps – Tasks – Actions –
Realization – Destination.

WHY EXPOSURE?

There are certain visions that you cannot have until you have been exposed to certain realities in people and places. A man caught a vision of having a seventeen thousand congregations because he attended a program where the participants were about seventeen thousand. Based on what the man saw, he believed that having thousands of people attend a program was a possibility. As at that time, they were less than a thousand. Eventually, he got a vision of seventeen thousand to twenty thousand congregation. He believed it was possible because he was exposed to a possibility somewhere. Many years later, that same man heard that there was another man gathering over about a million congregation weekly. The man visited the country and church of that pastor with a million congregation. He was blown away by what he saw and he shifted his vision from desiring to have seventeen to twenty thousand congregation to having millions of people gather at his meeting. I hope you can see how being exposed to the success and accomplishments of others helped that man in dreaming and envisioning possibilities.

Exposure gives you an example and model. You see, there are certain things your heart can't easily believe can be achieved by you until you see something similar somewhere that has been achieved. When God wants you give you a big vision bigger than what your mind can produce or capture, He exposes you to a reality and manifestation somewhere. God always influences the mind and imagination of men with through what they can

see in the world so they can quickly capture what the vision He wants to show them. God in dealing with Abraham had to expose the mind of Abraham to a picture that could assist Abraham to picture what God wants to do in His life. God had to tell Abraham to get out and looked into the sky to count the numbers of stars if he could number them. That picture really helped Abraham to capture what God wants to do in His life.

If you can be exposed to what has happened somewhere else, it will be easy for you to capture what can happen for you. Nobody doubt what he or she has seen. There is something you will in the world that will cause you to believe pictures in your mind. You see, what God has done before is what He will do but He always does them in a newer, better and bigger way. So, if you can be exposed to what God has done before through men, it will be easy for you to believe what God wants to do for you.

Many years ago, the image of a man came into my heart and it suddenly became clear to me what God was trying to do. God made it clear to me that I will be so great like that man. It was possible for me to believe because I know how great that man is. If I wasn't exposed to that man, I couldn't capture the picture God was trying to show me. Value exposure so you can quickly capture visions from heaven.

FACTS:

1. Vision has to keep increasing.
2. There is a vision that birth starting.
3. There is also a vision that will birth the growth of what you started.
4. There is another vision that will birth the expansion when

you have grown.

5. There is also a vision that birth longevity and trans-generation.

TWO ASPECT OF VISION THAT CAN LEAD TO GREATNESS

1. A Vision That Demand Forming a Team

Any vision that demands only you to execute and achieve can at best lead to success not greatness. A vision that will lead to greatness will accommodate other people - a team - to feature and function. The promise of God to make you great is a promise to give you a vision that will demand you to work with other people. God will always give you a vision that can draw gifted and talented people to you. You need a vision that is spacious enough to accommodate the vision and features of others to a level they can get fulfilment from just playing their role in your vision. A vision that lead to greatness will always make room larger enough for others to become all they can be.

For where God is taking you to, you need a team of gifted people and great mind who are gifted than you to walk side by side you without your ego. You need to know how to get along with different kind of people.

You can be good at something but don't know how to get along with people. You must be careful never to assume that everyone on your team should be like you. Real capacity is hidden in your ability to work with other type of people whose personality, perspective and potential are totally different from yours.

2. A Vision of Your Role and Responsibility in Another Person's Vision

Everyone will not be given a vision to start something that will form a team. If everyone because a starter, then, who will form the team. The fact is that serving and functioning under another person's vision can lead to your greatness if only you have this one thing from the beginning. That one thing is what everyone who ever became great in another person's vision had. That singular thing is having a vision of your role and responsibility in another person's vision.

I had a guy who wasn't part of our ministry at all in the beginning. One day, he came to me and told me he wanted to be my Personal Assistant. After certain discussion, I agreed to it. He came in as a volunteer and never requested for any payment. As at today, that guy has become one of the top guys in our ministry. In fact, he is a pastor in our ministry today. That guy falls into this second category. He wasn't called to start any ministry but he had a vision to carry certain administrative task and he requested for that.

There is something this generation need to deal with. And that is the urge to be the starter or founder of something - business, company, ministry, etc. The fact is that everyone will not start. And the ignorance of this fact will rub many of their place in destiny because another will eventually take the place that has been carved for them by their maker.

TURNING VISION INTO ACTION

1. Turn your vision into goals
2. Turn your goals into steps
3. Turn your steps into task

VISION AND LEADERSHIP

It is vision that makes a leader. Visioning is the capacity to see what others cannot see, to recognize the potential others can't recognize in people, circumstances and places. Vision makes you a magnet. When people come around you, they begin to get a sense of direction for their lives and a sense of assurance about the future. This assurance is gotten from someone who have seen the future.

A leader attracts followership by telling others where they are going and how to get there. Let your words always reveal that you know how to get there. The visionary is the most important factor in the vision of the future. He is the magnet that will attract everything else in the picture. As a visionary, learn to put enough power in your magnet. How? You do this by growing to the size of the vision.

Vision gives you magnetic power. When people find one person who can predict the future with certainty, they want to camp around that person. Where there is no vision, there is no leader. A leader should help people see how they fit into the vision. People find it difficult to flow with a vision because they

do not see how it connects to their lives. You don't get people's attention until you tell them how your vision will benefit them.

THE GROWTH OF A VISION

When you desire growth for your vision, whatever it is you are doing, continue doing it. The growth you are looking for is hidden in a season. As long as the farmer continues to sow his seeds, he does not have a problem, because some day the power of God will kick in and turn his seed into harvest. The real problem happens when the farmer becomes frustrated because he is not seeing immediate results and he stops sowing seeds. When the farmer stops sowing his seed, there is nothing for God to grow into his harvest.

FOR LEADERS

1. As a leader, see more than others see.
2. Always see before others see.
3. Always encourage others on your team to share with you what they saw.

Vision is essential to leadership. A leader must have passion that creates conviction to take the initiative.

Five things to know about initiative are:

1. Initiative is the key to accomplishment
2. Initiative is the power of momentum.
3. Initiative is the manifestation of decisions.
4. Initiative is the spirit of faith and confidence in action.
5. Initiative is the spirit of creativity in action.

CATALYST FOR LEADERS

I want you to know that vision gives desire and initiative how to get it done. Leaders take the initiative. They don't wait for others to do it, they get it done. If you are going to find out what the vision of God for your life is, you must ask God. You must ask yourself questions like:

1. Why am I here?
2. Do I have passion for what I'm doing?

If you don't have passion, you're probably on the wrong road. Your sole problem must not be about making money. Money is a by-product that's why it is a provision. It follows vision. On God, you have provision for the vision that is why true visionaries don't go broke or poor. They may start broke, but with time, everything the vision needs will surely come because true visionaries don't give up.

Everybody is born to lead in some shape, form or sphere and yes, that includes you too! You were not born by happenstance, but you are here for a reason because there are no mistakes with God. You just need to discover your purpose and calling through a vision because your vision is always connected to your purpose. But do not feel pressure, God has also promised to be with you through the journey and reveal your vision and purpose to you.

The most important element of leadership is not power but vision because a leader inspires with passion informed by vision, birthed by conviction and produced for purpose. The conviction and zeal a leader uses to pursue vision swells from the discovery and understanding of the purpose God has for him or her. Get a vision.

Leaders exist to solve problems and wealth creation is a by-product of such. Wealth possession should never be an original motivation because there is a higher value than money in your purpose. If you started a business or ministry to make money, you started it for the wrong reason. Mission for a business person is to be profitable, but the vision should be “what problems will I solve for humanity?”

Do not limit your vision to just making money, that is not vision but mission. Wealth is not just to satisfy material wants but for generational empowerment. If you don't have passion for it, you're probably not meant to be doing it. If your only reason for doing it is money, then you have got it wrong!

A true visionary never goes broke nor poor. If you're a blessing you cannot retire from being a blessing, likewise, you cannot retire from being a visionary because vision is not a job, it is a calling. There is nothing more powerful than an idea whose time has come! There is a new you knocking on the doors of your imagination and you are the leader it needs!

A leader has a unique ability to influence others inspirationally. Leaders do not intimidate their followers but they inspire using their passion born from vision. When you discover your purpose, it fills you with conviction, which would ignite your vision and that vision will ignite the conviction of others, thereby affirming your leadership.

God identifies with the Lion! The Lion has an attitude that knows it can eat anything that it wants to eat and when it wants to. You are a Lion by nature. So if you look at your gift set, your skills set and your creativity, you'll see that you can do anything that you put yourself to. So let the Lion in you roar!

God also identifies with the Eagle and so should you! The Eagle Sees five miles away and can spot a potential or prey

ahead. The Eagle has vision. Satan has no idea what you're about to become, you have long distant vision of what you're going to become and there is nothing he can do about it.

Leaders do not look for people. They are looked for by people. Leaders attract people. People are drawn to them by the display of their vision. Leaders are light that shines through their vision. Your vision shall be fulfilled. I want you to know that vision fulfilment is a mark of divine creativity. A mark that you have manifested the creative purpose. I pray that you will not miss your appointed time and that thing that wasn't speaking before will start speaking! Remember that according to Habakkuk 2:2, your vision at the end will speak, the vision God put in your heart will become concrete and it will not disgrace nor embarrass you. God is depending on you. You are both His eyes to see and His moves to act. The vision is yet for an appointed time; it shall not lie. Wait for it! It will surely come to pass.

THREE FACTORS YOU MUST STRUCTURE FOR YOUR VISION

1. Responsibility
2. Authority
3. Accountability

UNDERSTANDING DELEGATION

Delegation is the fastest way to execution. This is one of the ways to mobilize people to join your team without inviting them to join you. Certain factors need to be understood regarding delegation. You must:

1. Commit the right tasks to the right person.
2. Communicate the expectation, strategy for execution and deadline to the executor.
3. Find strategic ways to monitor and follow up on the execution without direct interference.
4. Commend the executor after a job well done or correct the executor after discovery of mistakes or imperfection.
5. Reward the effort of what is done.

COMMUNICATING VISION

1. Communicating Vision by Using Symbols

A picture is worth a thousand words. Good symbols make a vision vivid than many words. It is the duty of a visionary to discover a symbol that summarizes what the organization believes about itself and its future and then use the symbol to communicate the vision to others. A symbol to communicate a vision can be a thriving business company with many staff members and representation across different places. To a pastor, a symbol to communicate a vision can be another church or ministry that is thriving and making waves. In the beginning of our ministry, whenever I had meetings with our leaders, I always mention certain churches to them that are already at the level God promised to take us to. Those churches I used to mention became the symbols that helped communicate the vision better in a vivid way.

A visionary must be skilled at using another person's manifestation as a symbol for sharing his vision. Rather than using thousand words to explain what you will become and do, why don't you look for an image that is already what you envisioned

and point at that to your listeners? Your current vision is another person's present reality. In other words, what you are envisioning now is what others have achieved or become. So, a skillful visionary will look for the existing success of others and turn that into an object of communication so everyone on the team can know where they are going.

2. Communicating Vision by Using Stories

The power of stories is that they appeal to our mind and heart. If you don't know how to share stories of what happened in the past and what is happening now, you won't be able to help people see clearly. Catch this - it is important that a visionary tells stories, but equally crucial that the visionary embodies the story in his or her life. All visionaries must be keepers of stories. They must keep record of progress, challenges, obstacles and victories. You should be able to tell stories of where the vision started from and where the vision has come to. Tell stories of progress from the past till now, and also tell stories of progress that you envision from now to the future.

Three kinds of stories you must share regularly:

a. Stories of the past: Moses and Joshua shared stories with people. Tell stories of what has happened to the vision since inception. Tell history. It is said that the farther one looks back in history, the farther into the future one could see.

b. Stories of the present: What are the great things happening now that were envisioned in the past. Never assume that the people should know themselves. It is your duty to tell them the story and history so they can know. Most of the time, people don't think about what is happening; they only think about their lives.

c. Stories that illuminate the future: A visionary should

hold before the people the images of the future.

3. Communicating Vision Through Slogans

Mottoes, maxims, powerful phrases are not easily forgotten. The power of slogans is that it strengthens images in the mind of people as its often repeated. Repetition brings conviction. An example of slogans is “every member is a minister,” “we are in every nation,” “everywhere you go, you see us.”

4. Communicating Vision Through Specifics

If you can share a vision and also detailed plan that shows the action steps, then, you will communicate vision well. If you can offer detailed plan for implementing your vision, then you are engaging the specifics. Help everyone see the vision and also help each one to see his role.

5. Communicating Vision Through Scriptures

There is something you can share from the bible that will cause people to understand your vision. There is a scripture you can set before people that will always remind them the purpose of an institutional existence.

DREAMING TO DOING

Are you a dreamer or a doer? Hardly a single great invention has been placed on the market without a number of men putting forth the claim that they had the idea first. But while they were sitting down and dreaming, a person with initiative rose up and acted.

It is action that separates dreamers from doers. Many dreamers saw the vision before the doer but it is only the doer that will earn the glory. It is not who saw it first that will be

glorified, but who stepped into doing it first. Your doings must be more than your dreaming. You need to make up your mind to step out of the dreaming realm to the doing realm.

OPPORTUNITIES ARE ON YOUR WAY

Opportunities don't meet you where you are, they meet you after you have made a move. The first move is a decision to take the first step. It is interesting to know that opportunities move toward your direction as you take steps toward fulfillment. When you begin to move, everything you need will also begin to move towards your direction. Most things people pray for are things already arranged and set on their path that if only they would make the first, second, third moves, they will begin to meet those things on their path.

As soon as a man determines the goal toward which he is marching, he is in a strategic position to see and seize everything that will contribute toward the end. There are opportunities attached to the vision you have but until you decide to start taking steps toward executing that vision, you won't encounter the opportunities.

I learned years ago that what you are looking for is also looking for you. But it will only recognize you when you evolve into who you should become and when you move in the direction of your vision. What you are looking for is already positioned on your path. You will meet it as you move towards the fulfilment of your vision.

TO WHATEVER YOU HAVE, ADD A VISION

You need to get a vision behind everything you do and have in life.

Give Your Passion a Vision

If you have the passion to help people, how will you do it? That is vision. The vision will always help you to see how you should go about your passion.

Give Your Gift a Vision

You know how to sing, add vision to it. Do you want to have a record? Host concerts? Have a music group? Be part of a church music team? Make money through music? Turn it into your career?

Give Your Money a Vision

Don't just save your money in banks. Identify what you will do with the money you are saving up. That is vision. If you are collecting salary but don't have a vision of what to achieve with

your salary, you will end up spending your salary every time without achieving anything with it. You have a vision to buy lands, build a house, invest in a business, open a factory, etc. Vision makes you know what to do with your money.

Give Your Circle or Relationship a Vision

If you have a relationship with someone, you must ask, what does this relationship mean to me? What can be achieved through this relationship or circle? Don't just play and waste time for pleasure with every relationship God brings your way. The attempt of this isn't to use people or take advantage of them. No! The essence of this is to maximize the benefits hidden in the strategic relationship God brought into your life. The easiest way to get this done is to ask this question – what is the role this person will play in my life? If you can identify the role a person should play in your life, then you have gotten a vision for that relationship. This is how great people maximize their network.

Take note and write the names of main people in your life. Afterward, begin to write the role you envision they will play in your life. On this, you also must bear in mind that you also have a role to play in the lives of those people. You must not be self-centered; you also should identify your role in their lives.

Give Your Education or Skill a Vision

One of the reasons people are poor, is because they don't have a vision for what they are trained for. When you give your education or skill a vision, you will see the need to go for some trainings or attend some master class. Many years ago, I attended a music school where I learned the rudiments and practical's of music and certain instruments. For more than a

year, the only thing I did with my training was to play piano in my church. But a time came when I resigned from my teaching job - I was teaching at a nursery school then - and somehow became jobless. While in that situation, I began to think of what I could do to get money. Eventually, a vision to start a music school where I could train students just as I was trained came to my heart. That was how I gave my music training a vision of a music school. I started and trained many students. I even went from church to church training their church choir. I discovered that many of my colleagues at the music school did nothing about their training other than functioning in their church choir every weekends. It was that experience that taught me that any training or skill you have just needs a vision to rise into expression that will bring impact and profit to you.

Give Your Family a Vision

The vision here is about seeing your role in each person's life. What role do you see yourself carrying out in the lives of those in your family - nuclear and extended? What is your vision for your spouse - husband or wife? What is your vision for your children? What is your vision for your parents? What is your vision for your in-laws? What is your vision for your siblings?

You see, vision here guides you to see the role you should play in the lives of each person in your family. Yes, each should have a vision for his or her life. But the vision you will have for them is to guide you so you can know the responsibility that you should carry out in their lives.

You must be guided not to impose your vision on another. No! Your vision for each person in your family is not the vision of their lives but a vision of your role in their life. You must avoid domineering people and never compel anyone to take

your vision for them as the vision for their life.

Give Your Campus, City or Country a Vision

What is your vision for your city or country? The answer to this is simply identifying what you will do in that city or country that will bless, add and impact those who live there?

Give Your Vision a Vision

This refers to what you must do that will lead to the manifestation of your vision. For example, I was given a vision to raise ministers and leaders. That is a vision. But for that vision to manifest, we also need to give that vision a vision. So, I got a vision to start the church and also organize different programs. To organize a program is a vision given to the vision to raise ministers and leaders. So, first identify the vision you have, then capture another vision of what should be done to realize the main vision.

Give Your Assets a Vision

One time, a man got an idea or vision to get many acres of land which he did. He got the assets and just kept it there. About eight years later, the man decided to build a university on that land. That is what is referred to as giving your assets a vision. That is, identify what each of your assets will be used for.

Give Your Products or Service a Vision

Business people already know this. It is the vision behind your product or service that will make it unique among others. It takes vision of what to do to differentiate your product or service from others.

SEE BIG, START SMALL AND START NOW

When is the best time to start a vision? This is an aspect many are confused on. Well, you need to know that what the Bible says is that the vision will speak in the end, not in the beginning. God decides when the impact and manifestation of the vision will be visible to all but you decide when the vision will start. The best time to start a vision is from the moment you see it. Seeing the vision is a non-verbal permission from God to start. Whatever you see is in your power to start. Many are waiting for God to tell them when to start and as such they will keep waiting until they go to their grave. The moment God shows you a vision, He has spoken to you to start. To see the vision is a silent divine command to start the vision. What you see but you don't start is not the fault of God but your ignorance and sluggishness. Let me reiterate that the best time to start a vision is now. The vision won't become big at your starting but will end up becoming big at the time allotted to it fulfilment. It is what you start that God will help you to finish. If God had the globe in mind from the beginning, it is expected that you don't see small pictures in anything you are doing in life. God started small but did not visualize small.

The world is ruled by visionaries. Vision in this context means to see ahead. It is the acts of seeing things that are invisible. It means having global picture of your goals, dreams from the onset. There are too many stars in the sky, yet no one is overshadowing the other. A baby elephant doesn't need to pray to be big, because it has all the attributes that will make it big. You will end up growing to the size you see. What you will become in years ahead is what you are seeing ahead today. You can't be a light to others if you are not walking in vision. In your light, we see light simply mean, in your result, we catch

a revelation or in your manifestation, we catch a vision.

Vision is to see farther than your physical eyes can see. Visionaries see money in every problem. Vision is seeing the future before it comes. Yes, you should see big but start now. And if you are just rising in life, to start now will mean you will start small.

Starting now will always mean starting small. That is the aspect many visionaries don't understand. In other words, to start small is simply saying start now. Those who wait for the time the resources and strategic relationship needed for fulfilment of a vision arrives died with their visions. God will show you the bigger picture but you have to operate like God. The bigger picture you capture is a combination of many things together and often, many people want the many things together to be ready before they step out. No! The secret is to see big and start now.

Our humble (small) beginnings are never the same. What is progress to another person is another's small beginning. I always tell people to start at their level because life doesn't meet everyone at equal level. Some have advantages while others don't. That is why you must carefully select the successful people that you listen to. Some people haven't gone through your situation, so they may not be able to start at your level. See, see big, expose yourself but start at your level. If you are not going to start small and now should be because you are instructed by the Holy Spirit within you to wait. The fact is that the vision has started in the sight of God the moment He reveals it to you. If you start a vision about ten years after you received it that shows that in God's sight, you are ten years behind schedule.

FACTS

1. Vision will keep you young and keep you going. Until you start, nobody follows.
2. You must see where you will serve early. Forget leadership if you are not ready to serve somewhere.
3. Every time you break barriers and records, you give others the permission and confidence to do so.
4. If you are going to step out first, you will have to step out alone. You can't stand out until you step out.
5. The prerequisite for possessing new territory is vision.
6. God told Abram to look from the place He stood. All the opportunities for being a success can be seen from where you are now.
7. What you don't see, you can never desire to have.

ENGAGE THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SEEK OUT MENTORS

Do not make important decisions for where you are, judging situations through things that are temporary and fleeting. To make the right decisions, you need to see far, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, you have the capacity to look into the future and make a decision based on what He shows you. There are things you don't need to bother the Holy Spirit about, all you need is to humble yourself and listen to someone who is ahead of you. Mentors help you see beyond the level of your peers. The easiest way up is to have a guide. There are mentors you may not meet physically but can teach you. You do this by locating their resources, studying what they found and invest time to learn what makes them produce results.

WISDOM BANK

Years ago, I was inspired to write these which I did and I have also proven these to be true in my life.

1. As you are praying, you must be doing.
2. As you are reading, you must be doing.
3. As you are learning, you must be doing.
4. As you are observing, you must be doing.
5. As you are studying, you must be doing.
6. As you are thinking, you must be doing.
7. As you are waiting, you must be doing.
8. As you are expecting, you must be doing.
9. As you are researching, you must be doing.

I always tell people that prayer is not the master key and not the only key. Prayer is essential but if you can add doing to whatever you are doing; you will see great results.

VISIONS WILL GET YOU THROUGH HARD TIMES

Vision will get you through the hard times. Vision will get you through tribulations. It will teach you how to go through the fire and yet not lose your dance knowing that God who brought you thus far, will see you through. Provision only comes after you have a mental picture of your desirable future. A man without a vision is like a ship without a rudder. When God gives the vision, He makes provision available. "Write the vision and make it plain."

Changing seasons of life is normal, there is always a downtime and a fast track. You cannot look at the difficulty of your present circumstance and determine that that will be the outcome of your life. You must always have a vision to see beyond your

current circumstance. Even if your vision does not look like it, you should look beyond the present and believe that the thing God showed you is going to happen. That is disruptive thinking! Not focusing on the present, but the future - the big picture! You are here, but in your mind you are there.

Change is normal. Life looks eternal when you're young but as you grow, you learn through wisdom to number your days lest your years on earth account for nothing. Disruption is inevitable and it will surely happen at least once in a lifetime. If you don't understand that change is normal, when trouble eventually comes, you will be shocked. Trouble is part of God's developmental process for your advancement in life. You cannot look at your circumstances, the soreness of your fiery trial, and the difficulty of your present situation and determine that this is the final outcome of your life or your last bus stop.

You must always have a vision that sees beyond your present state of trouble so that when you are in the pit, you still have your eye on the fulfilment of God's promises in a palatial way as it concerns your life. When you go through the trouble, don't let the trouble go through you. We give God praise when we go through the storm. That's how we fight our battle. Many are the afflictions of the righteous but God will deliver them out of them all. Anyone who tells you that you won't have trouble is a liar but when you go through the trouble, be of good cheer. Don't let the trouble go through you. You will face affliction but it will work for your good.

Vision will get you through the hard times. It will teach you how to go through the fire and yet not lose your dance, knowing that God who brought you thus far will see you through. Wisdom is not the preserve of the aged. There is a spirit in man that gives him understanding. You've got to

have vision. Provision follows vision, everything you need for the vision, God will give you. The power to mobilize comes from vision.

If you ever feel rejected and unworthy, be comforted because God always has His best shine when He uses the stone that the builders rejected. Give God the praise because even though the world did not choose you, He did! The fact is that a change can take the form and shape of good and favorable blessings, or it can take the form of negative and curse, but one thing is certain, shaking is inevitable. It will happen in your life. So count it all joy when you go through trials and temptations because the lows of life prepare you for the daunting nature of the highs!

For you to have success, you must have big, heavy and audacious goals. You must have a good foresight quotient and see far before making decisions, which is why you have the Holy Spirit. Though your naysayers are saying otherwise, you will get there! Your mind will get there first before you do, because as a man thinks in his heart, so is he. Open your mind and have a disruptive way of thinking!

Switch on a torchlight in a room flooded with light and you will not notice its effect. But turn it on in a dark room, where there's a blackout and everyone in the room will benefit and see clearly. Your gifts, talents, skills and the creative knowledge God blessed you with are needed in the world. Take your light beyond the four walls of a church, take it to the world. You have insight and foresight about what God is doing in your life. Your trials will not break you down, they will only build in you the emotional quotient for the blessing and success that is to come.

As a thought leader or pacesetter in your industry, you need updated information to be able to stay ahead in your space. To

build strong structure you have to restructure and re-strategize. Let's build in a way that God can come and rest the weight of His Glory. So, the hard times is not the issue, but can you see a bright future during hard times? Can you see a better tomorrow when things are tough?

HOW TO MOVE FROM VISION TO ACTION

The fact is that you can move from vision to action. Understanding this will really help you to transition from just receiving vision to taking actions. I want you to know that what you are about to learn here will not just move you from vision to action, it will also move you from actions to outcomes. In order to move from vision to action, there are paths to follow which are:

Decision

The first thing that turn vision into action is your decision. What is decision? A decision is a choice you make about something. It is making up your mind about what to be done. The bridge between receiving a vision and stepping into action is your decision. In fact, a decision is choosing between two or more options to move toward a desired outcome. To me, I see decision as final conclusion. The moment you conclude on what to be done, you have made a decision. One thing about decision is that the moment it is made; you have separated what

to do from what not to do. If you don't know how to make decision, you will end up a dreamer all the days of your life. It is decision that turns dreaming to doing.

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Preparation

Another word for preparation is planning. Those who prepare are those who plan. It is planning that turns decision into action. In preparation through planning, you are able to identify what needs to be done and the steps needed to be taken. This helps you to know what is needed. Planning helps you find out what is needed to carry out your decision. You need to find out, do you need to form a team or contact someone to take some steps? Preparation is the bridge between vision and action. Anywhere you see outstanding results, just know that someone had prepared adequately. You may see the vision but you must prepare for the actualization, execution and fulfillment.

Determination

Cambridge dictionary defines determination as the ability to continue trying to do something even if it is difficult. Determination and decision are not the same. Decision is the conclusion to do something while determination is to keep doing it in spite of the challenges and resistance. Decision can make you start a thing; it is determination that pushes you to continue doing it. Anything that will be progressive must be confronted with some resistance. Determination is the quality that you show when you have decided to do something so that nothing will be able to stop you. Determination is the commitment to achieve your goal regardless of the challenges

you might experience.

It is determination that sponsor diligence, dedication and discipline. You can't have those three if you lack determination. Determination is a mental attitude that is committed to achieving a particular goal despite barriers, opposition, hardship, suffering, lack, enemies, etc. If the reason that you couldn't continue a vision was because of lack of money, it is not money you lack, it is determination that you lack. Determination sponsor persistence and consistency. The same thing that made you stop was the same thing that trigger some never to give up. You must be determined that regardless of whatever comes your way, your vision must be realized. Opposition may gang up against you, but if you are determined, you will surely win your opposition. Opposition always comes when promotion is in view. Be determined to realize your vision by giving all it takes to realize it. Don't give up.

Priority

What you are determined to achieve must be considered your priority until it is achieved. You must never be determined to do everything at once. You must be determined to do the most important. Those who try to achieve everything at once never achieve anything. Priority delivers from busyness to focusing on the main task. Priority helps you to identify what must not be postponed for the sake of effectiveness.

There is the law of priorities. This law has the power to boost your performance. It helps you identify what you must focus on that will help you get to your destination faster. Focusing on everything or many things at once often bring distraction. If you put the right thing first, everything else will be in place. Can you identify what you must focus on for the next two months

or years that will make you accomplish a success? Activities is different from productivity. You must work hard on the right things for the moment. It is priority that will help you to discover that right thing. There are task to avoid. Such has to be delegated. It is priority that helps you identify what you should do from what should be delegated.

Focus

This eliminate distractions. Distractions are activities seducing your attention. Until your priority is defined, your focus can be defined. Priority helps you to know what must win your focus. Many thoughts, ideas, suggestions, attractions, etc. will always come to your ears, eyes and mind but your focus will push them back. I always tell people to focus on what must be achieved. The way not to focus on distracted activities is to focus on your task. You can do many things but you don't need to do many things to be successful. You just need to identify those few things you must focus on to be successful. Great people don't waste their effort and this they achieve by focusing on what really matter to them. Define your daily task and focus on them.

Swiftness

Swiftness is the quality of moving at high speed. This is the secret to speed. If you don't know how to think faster, work faster, act faster, etc. you better forger speed. Praying for speed without working or acting faster won't produce any speed. Those who are swift are those who have speed. You want to conquer delay, slowness, stagnation, then, identify what you should do swiftly. Those who know what must be done quickly are the ones that will experience divine speed. If God is going

to give you good speed, you must be able to know what you must do with speed. Those who know how to work with speed will not only move from vision to action, but will move from action to outcome. The principle of swiftness shows the rate at which things happen in your life. If you know how to make rapid move, you will always rise faster.

Team building

Remember, one shall chase a thousand but two shall chase ten thousand. Building a team for your vision multiplies the effect of effort and transcend into accomplishment. There is always a difference between a vision run by a person from a vision run by a team. God doesn't give a team a vision, He gives one person a vision. Whoever is given a vision must be skilled at mobilizing a team for the vision realization. Forming a team is a way to move from vision to action. A vision without a team will always drag and slow but a vision with the right team will always fly. When you have a vision, you must be able to assemble intelligences and competences around the vision so it can fly. The team will always make the vision fly. In forming a team, you must be able to transfer ownership to them. Let every member of the team feel belong and have a sense of ownership in the vision. If you can make everyone on a team own a vision, the vision will fly.

WISDOM SPEAKS

- No man is a failure until he begins to give excuses.
- No man is a failure until he continues to procrastinate.
- No man is a failure until he continues to wait for change without making any move.

STRETCH

Rubber bands comes in different sizes, colors and shapes but they all work on same principle - they must be stretched. Likewise, both you and your vision must be stretched continually. You can't stretch and remain the same. Stretching makes you bigger and better.

To stretch is to be out of sync with many of your friends, associates and team members. Those who stretch are those who learn new things and adapt new methods. To keep using same methods when the season demands a change is to remain where you used to be.

You can't know more than you know now and only remain with those that you know now. This will require you to have a vision that can deliver growth into your hands. If you are leading any organization, you must be known for stretching your workers. You stretch them by training them, exposing them, delegating responsibility that will make their brain to sweat by reasoning out a better way something can be done.

THE GREATNESS OF ANY ORGANIZATION

The greatness of any organization is totally dependent on the size of the vision. Unfortunately, emphasis had been placed on the people in the organization with the statement that an organization is as great as the people there. Well, that is true on one side but not totally correct because the people can leave anytime and any day. One thing that will not leave is the vision, except when it is improved and enlarged. When people leaves, funds diminish, departments crumble, brand collapse, etc., the major thing that will still be left and can be responsible for the right of such organization again is the vision.

People working within an organization needs to grow to the

size of the vision, and that comes through training. When your vision is very large, those who don't fit in will surely leave and those who are larger enough will surely appear. A business, company or organization can grow beyond the people there but can't grow beyond the vision there. The entity will always grow to the size of the vision. Let your vision be so big that to a point that people will doubt the reality and manifestation of such.

As a founder of a company or organization, your vision should be so big to a point it will be evident that it will take the next generation to finish it. You must have transferrable vision to the next generation. How that happens is by catching a picture of a bigger picture than what you are currently seeing. People talk about how Redeemed Christian Church of God had spread into over one hundred and ninety-five countries. But in actual fact, the founder told his successor before he died that God already spoke to him that the church was going to be in every nation of the world. The founder transferred the vision to his successor through words. He communicated a possibility in the future to his successor and truly the generation of the successor saw the reality.

BREAK YOUR LIMIT

What's are your limit?

- Limit are challenges and Problems.
- Limits manifests as mistake and errors.
- Limits manifest inability and lack.
- Limits manifest as hindrances and attacks.
- Limits manifest as stagnation and backwardness.
- Limits manifest as shame and failure.
- Limits manifest as absence of helpers and lifters.

If you are going to deal with your limit, you must see what you have that can deal with what you lack. Catch the following words below. They are not rhyme but facts.

- a. There is something you have that will make you have.
- b. There is something you know that will make you known.
- c. There is something to show that will make you shine.
- d. There is something you will see that will make you soar.

HOW TO BREAK YOUR LIMITS

Organize Routine Prayer for Yourself

Practice routine

Prayers is the beginning of breaking limits. In prayers, your eyes are opened to see what is ahead of you and how to enter into it. You should engage the prayers as you feel led. I remember, there was a time I needed to break the limit of stagnation over my life. I just desired more success but it wasn't coming forth. So I decided to engage two weeks of prayers praying for three hours every night. I remember that before the end of the first week, my understanding was opened and I began to see the steps I should take to step into my next level of success. There are things you cannot see until you are in prayers.

Routine prayers open your eyes of understanding. This way, your personal recognition system is turn on and you suddenly begin to recognize the opportunity before you, the person you should talk to, the meeting you should have and the responsibility to delegate. When your recognition intelligence is opened, you won't just see vision, you are also empowered to run with what you see.

Another benefits of routine prayer is that it increases angelic

activities around your life. Angels are enforcers. They enforce God's will over your life that you declare. In routine prayers, utterances are given to you to declare things that should be enforced by angels. This routine prayer is what you pray daily - morning and night - for the numbers of days that you decide to pray.

Embrace the Go Forward Actionability

Rivers of insight always follow when you breakthrough in prayers. The insight will come with fresh perspective of how things should be done. This will be totally different from what you are used to. You need the boldness to respond to the fresh insight so you can break old patterns. Stop doing things the old ways.

To embrace the go forward actionability is to be ready to flow with the fresh insight of how things should be done. Actionability is simply actions added to your ability. Most people are where they are because they have the ability but refused to add actions to their ability. The ability comes as fresh insight into what to do. The moment you see what to do, you should just know that an ability has been released into you. It is now left to you to take action based on what you see. Anything you see is what you have the ability to make happen. It is your response through action that will determine whether you have the ability or not. To see what to be done is an ability sent to you, but to actually do it is a way of receiving the ability. Proof your ability through your action.

Set New Goals Before You Go

Your goals show to what degree a thing should be achieved, how it should be done and when it should be done. Be

intentional about your work. The measure of your success is first in your goals before your effort. You will know the extent and boundary of your success or progress before you even step into actions through your goals. Let your goals guide your go.

Every day should be a day you move towards your goals. Don't just be action oriented, be goal-oriented. It must be goals before actions. Your efforts should produce towards the measure of your goals.

You must constantly revisit and re-edit your goals. You revisit so your focus can be guided but you re-edit so you can keep rising above your limitations. When you see that you have capacity to achieve beyond the goals you set, you should re-edit them. Re-editing your goals creates space for more.

Identify the Team of Helpers

Your team of helpers are either volunteers or hired staff. When you have different visions, you should be able to form a team of helpers for each of those visions. There are two kinds of team - we have the team of doers and team of helpers. Most visionaries only have teams of doers but only few have teams of helpers. You need helpers more than doers. Doers are just after what will benefit them. They are in it for themselves but helpers are there to help you. Helpers desire to see the actualization of your dreams and aspirations. All visionaries should pray for helpers more than doers on their team. The helpers on your team will inconvenience themselves so the vision can be realized. Doers on your team may not inconvenience themselves. It is only the team of helpers that will make your vision theirs. Does that mean your helpers don't won't have vision for their lives? Absolutely no. But the insight here is

that helping you achieve your vision is also a major part of the visions of these helpers. You need a bright vision that will see clearly when to engage volunteers or hire staff. Whether they are volunteers or hired staff, trust God to send helpers to you.

TEAM FORMATION

As a visionary, once you agree on what to do in your heart, the next step is to build a united team. This is where emotion and greed set in. Greed here is the temptation to get everyone on board. A mobilizer of a united team understands that everyone should not be part of the team.

Emotion shouldn't be the reason a person is involved in a team. You don't involve people in a team because you like them. No! In fact, you don't involve a person in a team because you love them. Who you love shouldn't be part of a team if he or she has no definite role to play in the team. That is why anyone that can be practical in involving spouses and friends will certainly go far.

It is better to build a small united camp than a large tent with strife and backbiting. Your selection of your leadership position is based solely on ability to lead not on favoritism or reward for personal investment in you. If you want to reward people, find other ways to reward them not through positions.

FOR YOUR TEAM

- a. You must have audaciously inspiring goals. (Have goals and train your people for it).
- b. You must celebrate every win and achieved goal. (This will re-energize you for the future tasks ahead).

CHALLENGES ARE PREPARATORY AND DESTRUCTIVE TOOLS

Whatever challenge you may be going through now is a preparatory and disruptive tool. God will use challenges to prepare you and disrupt events in your life so you can rise to the heights He has for you. In our lifetime, we will have to face a number of disruptions. Disruptions can be good or bad but if you are not prepared, you might miss out on the success that disruptions provide. Planning and preparing for disruption will determine the degree of your success as a leader.

Your lows prepare you for your highs. Your highs are prepared in the defeat of your lows. It's harder as you reach the top than it is when you struggle to survive in insignificance. If you can handle the lows and the downtimes, you can handle the heights. Success is more daunting than failures. You should always keep in mind that God will never forsake you even in both your downtimes and uptimes.

Let me address leaders at this point. In leading people, challenges will come. You have to know that intellectual prowess is not enough to lead people, you must also have emotional intelligence. When trouble comes, can you handle it? Or when something goes wrong, you get everybody in a frenzy. You need emotional intelligence to guide people and don't let them see you sweat. You have to be stable.

As a leader, do you have the adaptability quotient to handle the stress of success? You have peace now but when you become super, will you still have peace? Everything about greatness is great. The trouble is great too. A blessing can be a curse to you if you don't know how to adapt to the difficulty of success.

AQ (adaptability quotient) is your ability to adapt under difficult circumstances and troubles of life. You don't learn

it in school, you learn it through life's experiences. You've got to have foresight and you have to prepare with an adaptability quotient to be able to handle what is going to happen to you.

The fact is that your willingness to succeed created the stress you currently face. It happens because you build something without putting in place what will carry the load. Success will always bring more load than you planned. When you have more success than you intended, it causes your structure to crumble.

Your massively inspiring goals are goals that are attainable with your gift sets, talents and skills. It must have a set time, if it doesn't have a set time, then it's not a goal. Your purpose secures your focus on God. Something in vision is not a goal unless it has a time line. It is not an inspiring goal unless it has a deadline so that you can measure your success, accomplishments and celebrate. Celebration is important.

There is a place that is connected to your fulfillment. You have the answer to the revelation. Whenever God puts you in tribulation, He always ensure you rise to the top. You're not going through what you're going through for nothing and perhaps you'll go through some more, but there's something at the end of the tunnel.

God will use and raise men to facilitate His purpose in your life. Yes, he will do it through men. Luke 6:38 reveals that God makes men give into your bosom. That means, you have to have a bosom and you have to have men (people). God is going to bless you by using other people. He doesn't transact in this world, so He gives you the power to get wealth. Wealth is not His currency, faith is. Faith is invisible, it's intangible but it controls the visible and the tangible. In life you have to understand that success is not final, failure is not fatal but the courage to continue is what is most important. So keep

moving. If you succeed, keep moving, if you fail, stand up. In the process you will learn obedience and gain character. What we call tribulations and trial, God calls personal development, regardless of what you're going through, you can rest assured that it will work out in your favor.

BE A DOER BEFORE YOU MENTOR OTHERS

One day, a son in faith called me to share his plans for the year with me. He stated clearly how he planned to organize different training sessions for business people so they can be more successful. As I listened to him, it came to my heart to tell him to push aside that plan for the future and concentrate on running a business or company successfully before he teaches others. My view is that you should become an expert at doing rather than teaching when in actual fact you haven't achieved what you are teaching. My mindset is that you should be a doer before you become a mentor. I'm glad that the guy yielded to my counsel and the rest is history.

While I know that this can't be applied to all, I believe that doer will always get more than mentors who haven't achieved what they are teaching. For example, in sports, it's not all coaches that would be players before they become coaches. Some did while many coaches were product of sport training they received at some schools. Do you know that players earn more than their coaches? That shows that doing earns you

more than teaching others to do. Telling people what to do doesn't matter like doing it.

I once heard someone say, "A person has no right to mentor others if such a person is not yet successful." Well, that should be true. But I believe that you don't have to be successful before you can mentor others. As long as you are a doer also, you have the right to teach and guide others. Many of us had no tangible success when we started mentoring younger ones. What you know is enough to make you a mentor but adding doing to it qualifies you to mentor others. In other words, practitioners should be the ones teaching others. If you are not practicing what you are teaching, you don't have the right to teach others.

It is your doing that takes you higher in life. Even God can't take you higher when your sense of responsibility and actions are zero. Most people who noticed their mentees disconnected from them at a point failed to know that the reason is that their mentees don't see the traces of doing in their mentor's life. In the beginning, it is what you say that people follow, but as they grow, they will pay attention to what you do. The best way to mentor people is through what you do and the fastest way to mentor people is through what you show. Stop using words alone to mentor people, let your works mentor them.

THREE CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE

1. Those who want things to happen
2. Those who watch things to happen
3. Those who make things happen

NOTE:

- To be distracted is easy but to be focused requires determination and efforts.
- To be successful is easier than remaining successful. The effort and engagement of principles and resources needed to maintain success are more than all you used to get the success.
- Knowing your vision is good but knowing it is not as important as getting into action after knowing it.
- Nobody rewards what you are thinking, you are rewarded for what you are doing.
- There are two statements in the Bible, which are secrets to speed. The first is “that which you do, do it quickly.” The second is “the King’s business requires haste.” If you learn to engage these two, you will always have speed.
- There’s a difference between what you have seen in your vision and what’s happening in your life.
- When you move from vision to action, the grace of God on your life will move to another level.
- Whatever he does prospers. Whatever you do about your vision will prosper. It will succeed.
- Jesus told John, let it be so for now. There are things that you have to do for now. Jesus didn’t start with multitude and He didn’t have all His disciples once.

HOW TO STAY RELEVANT

Those who transition from vision to action are the ones that are ever relevant. After every accomplishment, you must always ask yourself this question, what is next? The moment you catch a new vision of the next thing; you need to move into action immediately. For some visions, the first action is planning while

the first action for some other visions is delegation. You should know the first thing to do.

Your relevance is not just in the revelation that you have but in the manifestation that you show. You don't show how relevant you are by explaining it. No! You show how relevant you are by demonstrating it through your accomplishment. What you achieve will confer relevance on you. You will be relevant in your field when your works and accomplishments are considered relevant.

WHY PEOPLE DELAY ACTIONS

1. The Money-Mindset Syndrome

Some people have the mindset that they can't start their vision or take some actions until money comes. So, they keep waiting for the time they will have the money before they take any action. Some people can't do anything or take any step without talking about the lack of money.

When God spoke to me to start a church, I didn't have any money. In fact, at that time, I couldn't boast of two hundred naira within two weeks. It was very tough. But I knew we needed to start the church. So, I sat alone in my friend's room and asked God to teach me how to go about it. I remained quiet in meditation eagerly paying attention to the inner voice so I could know how to go about the task. I knew there was no money to rent hall or get sound system. In fact, I had no member because I just got to that city. One night, while enquiring from the Lord on how to go about it. The insight came about a brother who happened to be the elder brother of the friend I was

staying with. That brother doesn't go to church. I remember I had been told that he wasn't going to church. So, the insight came that he was my first church member. So, I asked the Holy Spirit, "how are we going to get the venue?" Somehow, the insight came into my heart that we should start from the brother's house. So, I called the brother and told him that we are starting a church and that we are starting in his sitting room. Without stress, the brother accepted and that's how we started the church.

A principle I engaged was never to tell anyone that could discourage me. There were friends, mentors and mentees that I didn't tell about the plan to start the church. Why? If I tell some mentors and friends, they would have discouraged me from starting the way I started. Some of them would want me to have a better start but wouldn't give me any money to start. And for me, I couldn't just keep waiting for years until I have the money to have a better start. I have always learned that mentorship isn't sponsorship. Also, I didn't tell some friends because many of them would begin to suggest of what to be done and the lack of money may hinder us from starting.

You see, God never consult you to find out if you had the money before He gives you the vision. He knew you don't have the money before He gave you the vision. And God would only show you the bigger picture not the smaller starting. God will show you the future not the way you will start. You have to learn this. So, if you don't know how to jump into action by finding out what you should do now so you can keep moving, you won't do anything. Lack of money is not the reason for the delay of any vision, it is lack of sense and intelligence that brings delay. The person complaining about lack of money failed to know that many successful people also lacked money

but they stepped out to do what they could do without money and gradually the money began to come and they are now able to do what money can do. You may not have money but you have your mind. The moment you got a vision, you should pray to God to guide you. Afterward, sit to meditate by finding out what you have and what you can do with what you have. Elisha asked the widow of the prophet what she had in her house and she said she had nothing. Yet, she had a jar of oil. The fact is that she despised what she had and at the end, that was what she used to get her family out of debt and reproach.

To step out into action when you lack money just require you to look within you and around you. You look within you by getting insight into what you can do without money or little money and look around you by identifying the people positioned around you to help you out.

Fear of Starting Small

Most people want to start big. They don't understand the order of beginning. They failed to know that God Himself didn't start everything once, He started gradually one after the other. There is nothing wrong in starting small but remaining small is what should be avoided. I remember a brother couldn't get his apartment for years after he has prayed again and again for provision. It seems as though God didn't answer his prayers. I was moved to question him on certain things. It was later I discovered that God already answered him but he wasn't willing to receive the answer because he felt that's below his level. I discovered that a friend to that brother already got a two-bedroom flat apartment and this brother also wanted to get a two-bedroom flat when his capacity at that time was to get a room apartment. In his words, he was faith-ing the two-

bedroom apartment. What he failed to know is that he didn't have the advantage of parents, uncles and salary that his friend had. The parents of his friends gave him money, his uncle also gave him money to support him and he also added his salary to the money to get the flat apartment and also furnish it. These were advantages this brother lacked but his friend had. So, I had to enlighten him that those who move actually started from where life met them. I told the brother to stop praying about provision but to use what he got already to go rent a room apartment and use the remaining to get a bed in his room. I told him to follow that process since he wasn't planning to marry at that time. Thank God the brother yielded. Do you know that by the time he got the room and bought the bed, he still had a left over from the money he saved? It was that same money he was trusting God to add to so he could get a two-bedroom flat apartment. As at the time of writing this book, the brother is married and he is currently building his own house soon to be completed. Imagine he was praying to God for provision when he already had something to start with. Don't forget the point I mentioned above that you should start from where life meets you.

I remember when I was instructed by God to move to the city of Abeokuta in the year 2020. I didn't have much on me so I told some people to seek out an apartment for me in Abeokuta. All the apartments they got, I could not afford the amount. Eventually, my younger brother got an apartment for me through an agent. I met with the agent and told him I didn't have the complete money. I requested he should favor me by accepting my money twice. The agent accepted. I paid the complete money about two months after I got in. Could you believe that for more than two weeks I didn't use cotton on

any of the windows simply because I didn't have the money. In fact, on the first night that I slept there, I slept on a tattered bed someone generously gave me. But that was just a starting point and I have left that level long ago never to return there again.

We will not all have the same beginning because we don't have the same advantage. Some will have some good or enviable beginning but some will have a rough and small beginning. The most important thing is to start at the level you are. You may be despised or belittled for that level but just step into it. Jump into the water when the water is stirred and you won't remain the same again. You need to take your eyes away from what you lack and focus on what you have. Start with what you have. I remember a particular year I trusted God for a car and all through that Year I could not afford buying the car. It was painful but I was grateful. I had some options to get a loan to buy a car but I said "**No**". I refused to use loan to buy a car. Well, I am not saying it's wrong to use a loan to buy a car. I am just saying that for someone who is just starting life and doesn't have any asset, salary or advantage to repay the loan shouldn't attempt that. You need to know that life is turn by turn. What you don't have today, you will have tomorrow and where you are not today, you will be tomorrow. I think the category of people that could take a loan to buy a house or car are salary earners. The loan can be deducted from their salary at the end of the month. But for someone who's a business person and whose business isn't stable yet, it's not advisable that such should take a loan to buy a car or build a house. The worst of it is to hear that a pastor who lives by faith goes to take a loan when he has no means of repaying. That's how some have brought shame to the name of God. Many don't know how to live at their level. They just want to show that they

have something and as such they can engage any means to get it even when they lack the capacity to keep. I always tell people to enjoy their level because as long as God's favor is on them and they are diligent, they will not remain at that level forever.

Back to the story of the car I bought. I remember a particular year came and the car I could afford was a Honda Accord 2002. I wanted a better and latest car but I couldn't afford it. So, rather than trusting God or disturbing God in prayers to provide a better or latest car, I purchased the one my money could afford and life goes on. When I got that car, I knew some mentees who were not pleased with that car. They felt it was below my level. Actually, they had such thoughts in their heart because they love me. It's only those who love you that will desire the best for you. I had to just set my heart straight and never become discouraged. I was happy that I got that car that year. I knew that if I ever got that car, I have crossed that level and can never remain at that level again. Today, I have moved out of that level. That car is gone and can never return to that level again. But I started at that level. If you are not going to start at your level, you may not rise up at all. Some people are at the level of expectations for years. They don't know that expectations will remain that way until an action is taken. Imagine if I was still expecting more money to be added to the money I had, I would not get that car that year and the money I used to purchase the car at that time would be diverted into something else. I want you to move out of expectation to action.

Expectation doesn't make things happen, it's action that does. If you know you don't have an advantage or support systems that can make certain things easier for you, you better be ready to start with what you have at your level. The other day, a guy asked me why I bought that type of car. I laughed and said "it's

well.” I knew he compared that car I got to the car he had. But here was it: I knew when he got his car and I remembered that his sister gave him two million naira to add to the money with him. What the guy didn’t know was that if I also had an elder sister that could give me two million, I would have gotten a better car. You need to develop a tough skin so anyone can’t make you feel that starting at your level was a wrong decision. If you have a better advantage that could help you, start at a better and bigger level but when you don’t have such advantage, rather than doing nothing, step out from you level and you’ll keep going higher. You’re unstoppable in Jesus name.

Seeking Approval From Others

I have seen the visions of people die because of approval from an authority. That is why, when God began to lift me, I ensured that every visionary who sought my counsel got my approval for their vision. In fact, I always made it clear to them that they don’t need my approval for their vision. You only need approval to carry out anything if you are a delegated authority.

Many years ago, I had to disconnect from a mentor. This person told me directly to shut down a main program we run in our ministry till further notice. Actually, he was displeased at some things we taught and practiced. So, he told me to shut down the vision. He spoke authoritatively like he was the one that got the vision. Now, here is the real thing that made me disconnect from him. I remember he used to run an organization but a fight for leadership occurred between a brother and him. The brother told the other member of the organization that they started the vision together. So, he shared the matter with his mentor and his mentor commanded him to shut down the vision which he did. It was the way

his mentor commanded him to shut down his vision that he also commanded me to shut down my vision. I had to run and disconnect from him. The man is kind and loving, but the attitude he displayed showed that he was a vision killer. Seeking approval from others, especially respected folks may delay the kick-off of your vision.

See, you may seek advice and guidance about how to go about the vision from mentors but you don't seek approval from anyone. Whoever doesn't give you your vision should not give you approval over your vision. I mentor lots of people but I ensure that my role is not to give approval for their vision. My role as a mentor to them is to give counsel, share connection and experience so their vision can be refined and developed.

Let me talk to you. When you start mentoring people, don't tell your mentees to seek your approval over their vision. They may yield in the beginning but I want you to know that people grow. So, when they begin to grow, they won't seek your approval again. And the moment they stop, you may see that as a sign of rebellion or betrayal but in actual fact, they are not rebellious or betraying, they have only grown. When you mentor people, you should relate with them just the way you will relate with them when they grow.

Has God given you any vision and it seems as though you are waiting for others to commend or approve you? If you are such, I pray that you won't wait in vain. Let me tell you this fact, nobody commends you when you are just starting. And if at all you are commended, it is only done to encourage you. Stepping out to launch a vision is a lonely journey. You may not be supported, assisted, commended, appreciated, etc. but you have to continue. Stop seeking who will tell you that you are doing well. If there is nobody to tell you that, then tell yourself

that. The moment you step out to act on your vision, you have approved yourself.

Listening to Discouragers

Many years ago, after we started our church, I met with some friends and somehow, one of them said whoever starts a ministry in a room or shed has a poverty calling. I was shocked. I couldn't believe what I heard. The guy said it in my presence not behind me. And the fact was that we started our church from a room. When I heard that, I just smiled. So, I marked those guys and commanded myself never to discuss any of my ministry move with them. I felt that if I ever discussed with any of them, they will think I have a poverty calling or lack the right exposure. You see, I have learned that there are certain things you will do easily when there is money and the right relationship. I marked that particular guy as a discourager for visionaries who are just starting out their vision, especially those on the lane of faith. As at today, I have permanently disconnected from that guy. Well, it wasn't the situation that made me disconnect but I had to disconnect.

You see, those who will not assist you are the ones that will even speak words to discourage you. Some people couldn't start their vision because they listen to discouragers. You must learn to listen to voices of encouragers and if you lack such around you, ask the Holy Spirit to encourage you. If you have ever been discouraged by anyone, choose never to be discourage. How will you do that? Simply encourage yourself. The Bible says that David encourage himself in the Lord. If they discourage you, then encourage yourself.

Pride

Pride here is saying “I cannot start this way” when in actual sense, you don’t have what it takes to start the way you desire to start. Pride is saying “I cannot start small.” “I cannot belittle my level; I am beyond this level to start at this level..” You see, pride, over-exalting one’s self has cost many their vision. It is only the person whose vision is speaking already that can grow. The reason many haven’t started their vision is because of their pride.

Waiting for Perfection

The people you admire are not perfect, they are just bold. Those you envy today are those who had it rough in the beginning. I believe in excellence but when there is no resources to make it happen, let your confidence make it happen. Don’t wait until everything is ready before your vision kick off. Everything you need will meet you on the way.

Procrastination

Some people who are known for pushing time and days forward are still in the waiting zone. They keep pushing what they should do now into the future. You delay your vision when you think you still have all the time. You see, yesterday and tomorrow are not in existence, it is today that is in existence. You have to avoid pushing what to do into what is not in existence. Whatever you need to do now, do it now.

Waiting for the Proper Timing

Have you heard someone say he is waiting for the right time? I always tell people that the right time to do something is now. It is not given to man to control opportune time but you can control your task time. Many visions are delayed because many

are waiting for the right time to launch the vision. Your vision is your future. You must learn to seize the present moment as your proper time.

AVOID DISTRACTED OPPORTUNITY

When you are about to start taking steps on what's revealed to you, certain things will begin to show up as opportunities and often those opportunities have nothing to do with your current vision. If you are wise, you will know that this is not an opportunity but a distraction. I call such distracted opportunities. Regardless of the challenges that may show up, as long as you are convinced that you are on the right track, remain focused and never give up.

Some years ago, while pastoring our church in Ijebu-Ode, I faced lots of challenges and also had some blessings. One of the challenges is that I couldn't afford money to do some things. In fact, I was accommodated by a member of the church who gave a room at his two-bedroom flat apartment to me. So, part of the blessing was the member that accommodated me and fed me for about two years. We were using a sitting room, we had no instrument or sound system, and we were not increasing numerically and so on. In my heart, I knew I was on the right path and also doing what God wants me to do. But at the same

time, I had dissatisfaction in my heart about my life and the church. I just wanted more. I wanted my life to be better and also have ministry growth. I only had two trousers and three shirts. I wanted that to be over by getting new clothes. But all these didn't just happen. One morning, I began to pray for God's mercy and divine help. I was praying that God should send help to me. Somehow, I got a phone call from a brother that morning that he wanted to see me. He eventually came to the house to see me. Guess what he said! He told me about an opportunity somewhere and that he had told those in charge to reserve that for me. Actually, the brother knew my condition and also desired a better life for me. So, he told me that a church in Abeokuta needed to employ a pastor. He told me that the founder of the church was in United Kingdom and that the opportunity came with some benefits of free accommodation, monthly salary and provision of food monthly at the pastor's kitchen. To be sincere, on one hand, I was very happy. I felt God had answered my prayers. I was already picturing how I would communicate to my existing three members that I was traveling to another city. In fact, I planned to stop that Sunday meeting and shift it to a monthly program. I was thinking that when I make it, I would return to the assignment. But that night, I heard the Lord spoke to me clearly, "you are not going anywhere, remain here." That's what saved me.

I thank the Lord that I yielded and stayed. Thanks be to God that I didn't step out of God's will for my life. It became clearer to me that what appeared as an opportunity was a distraction to me. That opportunity came just to take me out of God's plans for my life. Yes, if I took the opportunity, there would be temporary comfort but I would have missed out of the move of God for my life.

Concentrating on your vision is very essential to its fulfilment. You must avoid all forms of distraction that come in the form of opportunities. Give your attention to your vision and only let go of it when you are instructed to do so.

LEARN TO PRAY THESE TWO PRAYERS

1. Lord show me
2. Lord show me how to step in or get it.

SEE TWO THINGS

1. See the vision... Genesis 13:15... For all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.
2. See the action ... Genesis 13:17... Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you. To arise means to work it out and take action.

BENEFITS OF SEEING CLEARER

If your path will truly shine brighter and brighter, you must see clearer and clearer.

1. Those who see clearer go faster.
2. Those who see clearer go farther.
3. Those who see clearer go higher.
4. Those who see clearer shine brighter.
5. Those who see clearer think faster.
6. Those who see clearer act faster.
7. Those who see clearer scale new heights.

LEARN TO TAKE ACTION

Pythons don't bite to kill; they squeeze till the prey dies. All a python needs to do in order to kill a person or animal is to ensure the person or animal doesn't move. Destruction becomes easier when stagnation is activated. Most people have perfected seeing but they haven't perfected moving. You are not designed to be on a spot. You are designed to move and keep moving. When you begin to move, everything you need will also begin to move towards you.

SEE THE OUTCOME BEFORE YOU TAKE THE ACTION

Joshua 6:2 says "And the Lord said to Joshua, see, I have given into your hand Jericho and the king and the mighty men."

At this time, Joshua and his people were outside Jericho. And God spoke to influence Joshua's imagination. He told him to see. But there is a seeing that God told Joshua to engage here. God didn't mean that Joshua should see the vision of what will happen or the see the actions he should take. God instructed Joshua to see the outcome of what has happened. Sometimes, God wants you to see the outcome so you can boldly step in to the manifestation He has for you.

God sees outcome of everything and He wants us to see like Him. God's focus is always on the outcome. A definition of vision God whispered into my heart is the ability to see outcomes just as God sees it. Seeing vision and actions are not the same as seeing outcomes. Real visionaries are those who see outcomes. You may need to pause reading this book here to pray. Simply pray that God should open your eyes to see outcomes of certain events, plans and future.

Just like God told Joshua to see the outcome. Can you also see

your new company, see expansion, see your new house and cars, see your impact spreading across cities and nations, see yourself raising the dead, see yourself spreading the move of God across nations? Can you just see yourself hosting crusades from city to city? Can you see yourself building church buildings for Jesus? Can you see yourself sponsoring orphans to school and placing many on scholarship? Don't just see your path, assignment, and actions, also see the outcomes God has for you.

GOD WILL WORK THE UNEXPECTED FOR YOU

Habakkuk 1:5 says "Look among the nations and watch - Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you." God is ready to work a work for you but that will show through your work. In other words, the work of God will show through your work. If you will not do what you should do, then never expect God to do what He should do.

INSIGHTS TO LEARN

1. Obedience is the way to cooperate with God.
2. We must receive visions and receive the content of visions. The content shows you your responsibilities.
3. You must constantly pay attention to what God is doing.
4. Grace makes all things available, it is faith that takes all things. Hebrews 6:12 reveals that you should engage faith to obtain the promise; while Hebrews 11:39 reveals that you should engage faith to obtain a testimony.
5. Abraham wasn't impotent. Same Abraham impregnated Hagar. Sarah wasn't infertile also because same got pregnant at old age. The issue was divine timing. God

has His timing for everything. In your case, you have the creativity, mentality, capacity but the issue it seems as though things aren't happening in your life is divine timing.

6. Same God that came through Fire to Moses, also came through Elijah through small still voice.
7. Your next level is at the other side of your praises.
8. Remember not the former things nor the things of old. I will do a new thing and it will manifest now. To see that new things, you must recognize what God wants you to do now.
9. The quality of your question, determines the quality of your answer and the quality of your answer determines the trajectory of your life. The process of finding the answer is through reading. Reading the vision is compelling because God will never give you a vision that is not compelling. God will never give you a vision that is not going to happen. He will need runners that are readers.
10. Be in control of your emotions. You cannot stop your negative emotions but you can prevent them from stopping you. Focus your eyes and your passion on what God is showing you. Plan according to God's purpose. You have to take the lead now by aligning yourself to the purpose of God.
11. Be sure that life will present you with varying and unpredictable uncertainties, showing you troubling times in the span of your life; but you must remember that it is not what happens to you that matters, it's how you see what happens to you that is critical.
12. Be patient, even though the vision tarries. The manifestation of the vision is for the end not your beginning.

AVOID DISTRACTED OPPORTUNITY

Continue, you are closer to the end than you imagine.

UNDERSTANDING TIMING

There is the time to see, time to act and time for fulfilment. The fulfilment part is the success time. That is when your imagination becomes a reality. At the fulfilment stage, what only you saw as a vision now becomes a reality - a product, business, building, company, - that the world now sees. There are two kinds of see - the first seeing is when you caught the vision. That is the idea stage. But the second seeing is reality, evidence or manifestation. That second stage is when what you once saw now benefits humanity. There is no success without secrets. There is no possibility without responsibility. There is no success without strategies. No one stands out without a standard. Wherever you see someone standing out, there is a standard he embraced or followed in order to get there. Principles and power are behind the making of principal and powerful people.

SIX VISION YOU MUST HAVE THAT WILL SINGLE YOU OUT IN THE WORLD

Have a Vision to Catch Visions

You must not just have a vision in your lifetime, you must have visions. You should be able to answer the following questions:

1. What is the vision for your career or business?
2. What is the vision for your marriage - your spouse, children and grandchildren?
3. What is the vision for your finance?
4. What is the vision for your health?
5. What is the vision that represent your purpose of existence on earth?
6. What is your vision for the year that you are in?

You cannot move from where you are until you see beyond where you are. Whatever is not your vision can never be your portion in life. What you do not see, you cannot seize. What you do not picture, you can never capture.

Have a Vision That Will Differentiate You in the World

To have a vision of doing things differently simply mean that you should see yourself dressing, speaking, acting, working, designing, setting, arranging, etc. things in a way that is totally different from others. Do you know the numbers of people in the world? If you are not going to be part of the number but a person who matters in life, then, you need to see something you will engage that will distinguish you from others in the world. Your thumb is a proof that there is nobody like you in the world. But until you see what makes you different from others in the world, you will just be a number. Remember, in the world, it is either you are counted as a person or counted as a number. If you can do something worthy enough that will

cause your name to be known to all, then, you are a person and not a number.

You need to catch a vision that will cause you to matter in life. You must matter where you should matter and matter to those who matter in life. You will not be rewarded by how similar you are to people. You will be rewarded by how unique you are as a person. You do not stand out, until you step out. To step out here doesn't mean you should leave where God has planted you or where you are working. People often step out of places of destinies where they are meant to be forever because they don't engage quality thinking for right decision making. I always tell people that everyone will not be a starter, founder or pioneer. Some will have to be part of a team to work with others. But in that team, you should differentiate yourself from others. Showing your difference doesn't mean you are trying to class yourself from others, no. You show your difference so that you can matter where you should matter and give glory to God.

If you are going to stand out, you have to step out. You have to step out of similarity, familiarity and equality. This is done by doing things in a unique way that is totally different from others. If you do things like others, then you are similar, familiar and equal to them.

You do not make waves until you make moves. And these moves must be away from those who are normal and ordinary. You are going to stand out as one that your generation and nation will see as a different person. When everybody is sitting, stand. When everybody is standing, stand out. When everybody is standing out, be outstanding! Be different! This will always happen when you keep seeing yourself doing things differently from the normal and familiar.

Have a Vision Never to Be Angry or Jealous of Anyone

Another man's success is not the reason you are not successful. You must see yourself rejoicing at the progress and success of others. You must never be caught thinking that you should be the one having the success another is having. When you take your eyes off your goals and begin to look at the progress or success of others, it gives birth to jealousy. You must refuse to be distracted. Once focus is lost, speed is lost. Once speed is lost, success is lost. And ultimately, when success is lost, impact is lost. What you do not like you will inevitably lack. You should train yourself to always rejoice when others are succeeding. It starts from seeing before thinking.

Have a Vision to Be Disciplined and Diligent

A diligent man is a disciplined man. Distraction is any attraction that begs for your attention. The higher you will want to fly in life, the harder you will have to work. There is a level of success you can't have until you are disciplined and diligent. Being disciplined helps your focus and being diligent helps your consistency. It all starts with what you see. You will be disciplined and diligent when you can clearly identify what you see yourself doing and also see what you should not be doing. People are easily distracted because they don't name their distractions. Whatever can take your attention away from what you should be doing is a master over you. Distractions don't come as distractions; they appear as something appealing to your attention. And the moment your attention can be taken, you have been conquered. You need to see what you should do, see the time to do it, see where to do it and be intentional to do it. No man can be consistent when he or she doesn't see what he should be doing regularly. There is what you will see

yourself doing regularly that will set routine in motion for your life.

Have a Vision to Go Extra Mile and Add More Efforts

It is what you do extra that makes you special. Extra height is a product of extra mile. Don't expect to rise above others when you are not ready to do more than others. I understand the place of the grace and favor of God. But you also need to know that grace and favor requires you do work. With the favor of God on Joseph, he needed to do the king's work perfectly. Two people may have the same grace quotient on their lives, but the one who goes the extra mile between them will be greater than the other. Even Paul who said he was who he was by the grace of God clearly stated that he labored more abundantly than they all. Other apostles also labored but the more labor that Paul added to it singled him out of other apostles. To have a vision to go extra mile is saying see more things you should do that others aren't doing. See more work to be done that others aren't seeing or willing to do. Those who go extra mile will always step in to do the work others are avoiding or pretending not to see. Many workers at workplaces won't wait extra five minutes after the closing hour, and that is why they have remained at the level they are. Those who go extra mile are the ones that will see the opportunities others don't see.

You can't be avoiding more responsibility and be coveting more prosperity, dignity and authority. Believers need to know that if they can add more effort to their favor and grace quotient, they will rise above limitations and stagnations. More favor and more grace on your life shows that God is doing more work in your life and for you. It is the more work that you complement the favor and grace with that will shine it brighter

and sound it louder. See what you should do more than what your colleagues are doing.

Have a Vision to Invest in People

You should catch a vision of what you will contribute to the lives of others. You may not be able to give money but can you give knowledge, ideas, platforms, relationships, etc. It is what you have that you should give. When I had no money, I made up my mind that I will generously share what I had. The wisdom and secrets I know, I share with others to apply to their lives. Today, I can comfortably give money to people but there was a time that I had no money to give them. In fact, I also needed money during those years. But I never paid attention to what I lack, I gave attention to what I have and freely share it with others. It is required of anyone who wants to get to the top to be a people-developer. It has been said that to live for self is to live like a slave. I have also heard it said that to live for self is to live for less.

YOU CAN DO IT

Paul said “I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me.” There are different categories of people. I want you to know the category that you belong to today.

1. There are those who do nothing.
2. There are those who do small things.
3. There are those who do big things.
4. There are those who do more things.
5. There are those who do all things.

YOU WILL ACCOMPLISH ALL IN YOUR HEART

2 Chronicles 7:11 says “Thus Solomon finished the house of the Lord and the king’s house; and Solomon successfully accomplished all that came into his heart to make in the house of the Lord and in his own house.” As you make up your mind to step into actions, I want you to know that you are not just going to do all things, you are going to successfully accomplish all things that are in your heart. It happened to Solomon, it will surely happen to you. You are going to start and finish. You are not going to procrastinate or abandon the project. You won’t have any abandoned projects. It will be testimony of success and glory. Your life will show possibilities. The above scripture shows that Solomon successfully accomplished all that he envisioned for his house and God’s house. The way he wanted the designs, structure and decoration to be - all became a reality. The magnificence of all Solomon built attracted kings and queens from other kingdoms and nations to him. What Solomon built became a center for tourism. He built what others need to study and replicate. As you read this book, I want you to know that as you take action, you will do things that will make you a model to others. You will be a model to top individuals in your industry, nation and the world.

Starting is not as important as finishing. That is why the Bible says the end of a thing is better than its beginning. Your starting may be rough and inglorious but your ending will be enviable and glorious. Often, people don’t envy a beginning, they envy the end. It is success that is enviable not starting. As you start, your eyes must be set on finishing whatever you start. The challenges may come but you must continue and never give up. All giants and successful heroes had challenges but never give up because of their challenges. The challenges

that stopped some people was the trigger for why some never give up. You are going to finish all in your heart. You are not just going to be able to do all things, you are going to finish all things that you set your heart to do.



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