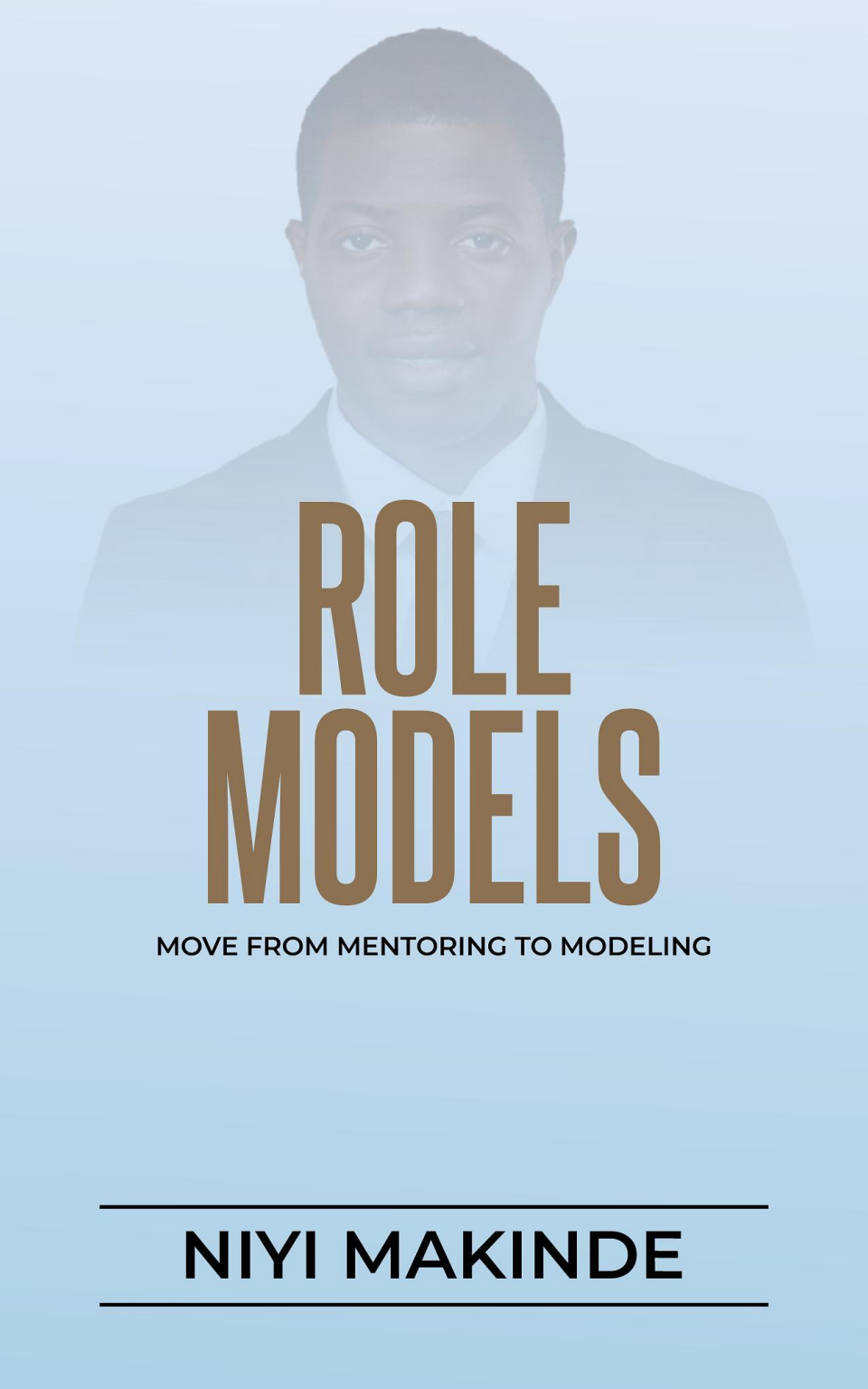


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Preface

The world we live in today is shaped not only by ideas, systems, and structures, but by people—individuals whose lives have become patterns for others to follow. Whether consciously or unconsciously, everyone is being observed, studied, and, in some way, imitated. This reality establishes a profound truth: every life is a message, and every individual is either a model worth emulating or a caution to avoid.

This book was born out of a deep conviction that God has called every believer—and indeed every individual—to live a life of influence, impact, and example. You were not created to exist in obscurity or mediocrity. You were designed to shine, to lead, and to become a reference point in your generation. The Scriptures clearly reveal that it is possible to imitate God, to follow Christ, and to model a life that others can learn from. Therefore, becoming a role model is not an option reserved for a select few; it is a divine expectation.

Within these pages, you will discover the principles, disciplines, and mindset shifts required to become a person of influence. You will learn that being a role model is not merely about public recognition, but about private consecration, consistent productivity, and intentional living. You will be challenged to examine your life, confront limitations, embrace growth, and align your actions with the future you desire.

This book also addresses practical realities—productivity, financial dominion, discipline, relationships, and personal development—while maintaining a strong spiritual foundation. It presents a balanced approach, emphasizing that while prayer is essential, responsibility and action are indispensable. You will come to understand that your life must produce visible results that speak louder than words.

As you journey through this book, you will encounter examples from Scripture and life that illustrate what it means to live as a model of faith, character, and excellence. These examples are not presented to intimidate you, but to inspire you—to show you what is possible when a life is fully yielded to purpose.

This is not just a book to be read; it is a guide to be practiced. It is my earnest prayer that as you engage with these truths, you will rise into the fullness of your potential and become a leading light in your sphere of influence.

You are called to be seen. You are called to be followed. You are called to be a role model.

In the year 2016, the Lord told me I should give him ten years of my life so He can work on me. It's made known to me that ten years of my life is not for public ministry, though I will be permitted to keep raising people through teaching of God's word. It's also made known to me that I will have to be held back from entering into public manifestation so I can be raised to become all that God wants me to be. This book is written in the year 2026 which is exactly ten years that I was held back from public ministry. In fact, it's made known to me that it's after the ten years that I will start the real assignment that God has for me. Ever since that year 2016, I had always told everyone around me who cares to hear that something great will happen by the year

2027. And the reason for such is because by that time, God would have perfected his works in my life. I must say God Himself is the one who raised me like He raised Samuel.

In February 13, 2017, I was in the city of Port Harcourt and on the morning of that day, I received this revelation that God decided to work on my life in hiding for ten years so that I can become a role model to many. I can say boldly that this book in your hand was born that day and that year. The revelation of role modeling began to flow to my heart in an unusual way. It's revealed to me that God wants to make me a role model to many people and generations in seven areas. I am going to share it with you. Though, such should be kept private but I have a release in my spirit to share it. Below are the seven areas:

1. Role Model for Priesthood Among Men.

It's revealed to me that I am a high priest among men. Yes, I understand that Jesus is our high priest in the New Testament but I want you to know that there are still high priests among men. I asked the Lord how this would happen and He revealed few things to me. He made it clearer to me that both believers and ministers of the gospel will learn consecration, devotion, submission to God, obedience to the Lord, intercession for people and many more through my life. He showed me that high priests in the Old Testament modeled these to priests in their time. I have heard many people testified that they actually use my life as the guide point and evaluation center for their lives. While Jesus should be our focus and model, it's needful to say we can follow those who follow Christ. In other words, God has help me and He is still helping me to be that priest who can model priesthood to both believers and ministers of the

gospel. I remember how the Lord instructed me to fast for 40 days, 77 days, 120 days, 140 days, 180 days, etc. In fact, I was instructed to fast for a whole year twice – making it two years fast. What I later discovered was that all those instructions were given by God to train me into the role model priest He wants me to be. Should I also mention many times the Lord had demanded certain things from me to give. Such givings could only be called sacrifice. What about many nights and days of prayers. Like Paul testified of himself, I can also say that by the mercies of God, I followed the path that led to role modeling priesthood to many. This I still do and will continue to do till Jesus comes.

2. Role Model for Kingship.

You have to be made before you can model. It's revealed to me that I am a high king among men. Kingship is leadership. To be a high king is to be a great leader. Kingship has two sides – leadership and rulership. God took me through process that would configure me into the kind of leader He wants me to become. I have failed and also succeeded. I have been humbled and exalted. I have experienced greatness and smallness. You see, the hallmark of role modeling kingship is not in the leader I become but in those leaders I have raised. By the mercies of God, I have raised leaders and still raising leaders. But I will never forget that I was taken through processes that fortified the tools that made leaders within me. I learned about various leadership tools like understanding, wisdom, humility, dedication, diligence, planning, execution, team building and so on. I must also say that I learned by experience and understanding the politics of human nature and the power plays that are recycled among human crowns. I learned that kings are different from kingmakers and the two are different

from the led or ruled. The Lord took me through process of leadership that made me understand the don'ts and do's of leading figures. Someone closer to me had an interaction with the governor of a state. While the discussion was going on, he was told by the governor to make a decision about something that will affect majority in that state. The guy said he had to ask himself a question, if it was Apostle Niyi Makinde that's told by the governor to make a decision, what will he do. He said knowing the way I think, he predicted I would do something and it was what he predicted I would do that he told the governor as his final decision on the matter. To the glory of God, the governor acknowledged the wisdom of that guy and said his decision should be implemented across the entire state. That is what it means to role model kingship. Kings are decision makers. Anyone who is in position to make a decision that will affect majority is a king. As at the time that my spiritual son was told by the governor to make a decision, the guy was functioning as a king. The words he told me showed that he emulated my decision making abilities and adapted it to his own. That is role modeling kingship. There are leaders who have said to my hearing and some others told their friends that when they are about to make a major decision in their lives, they always ask themselves, "if it's apostle Niyi Makinde that will make this decision, what will be his decision?" You see, if people can imitate your style, team building, structure, decision making, success, etc., you are a role model to kings. I pray that you will be a role model to kings.

3. Role Model for Five Fold Ministers.

It's revealed to me that I will model the apostolic to apostols, model the prophetic to prophets, model the evangelistic to

evangelists, model the pastoral to pastors and model teachings to teachers.

I was surprised to receive this and not also surprised. I started out in ministry with the evangelistic in 2003. Many don't know that I was into crusading at my early days in ministry. The great commission was something I took seriously at my early stage. Later, in the year 2010, I was moved into the teaching ministry. I began to teach believers Scriptural truth. In 2012, I was moved into the pastoral ministry. I was ordained by the church leadership and ended becoming the assistant pastor of a church. I was already a pastor of an adult church even before I got admission to university. Though I had delays for about five years before I got into university. In the year 2013, the Lord promoted me into the office of a prophet. Many don't know I am a prophet. It was in the year 2016 that I was moved and ordained into the office of an apostle. In fact, I had planted campus churches before I was ordained into apostleship by the laying on of hands of three apostles.

On a faithful day, 16th September 2016, it was revealed to me that a season of my life ended the day before and a new one started on that morning. Actually, the day before was my birthday. So, it was from that September 16th that the journey of ten years began for me. I was already an apostle before that day but a new journey began which I didn't fully understand. It was February 13, 2017 that I fully understand all that God was doing with me. It became clearer that God doesn't just want me to be an evangelist but to model the evangelistic to those who are evangelists. Yes, I have planted churches but I am going to do more of mission works. I started out in ministry with evangelistic work in 2002, and it's already revealed to me that I will finish my race on earth with evangelistic work moving from

nations to nations for crusade. God doesn't just want me to be a pastor, teacher, prophet and apostle to people, He wants me to model each of those ministry office and grace to occupants of those offices in the body of Christ.

Recently, the Lord told me to hand over the leadership of our church in Nigeria to someone else. I had to hand over as the general overseer to another person. What do you think God is trying to achieve? He is trying to use me to model succession to founders of ministries in the body of Christ so that they will know that they don't have to wait till they get to old age or die before a succession can be executed. This is not saying founders of ministry should hand over. You should receive God's leading, remember, I was led to do so. If you are not led to do so, don't hand over to another person yet. The aspect God really wants to use my life to show is that you don't have to die before another takes over. Those you have raised can take over while you are alive. It's good to let them run the ministry or organization in your life time the way they will run it when you die. God really took me through processes that will transform me into that model that will be followed and imitated.

4. Role Model for Kingdom Prosperity

In January 2019, I handed over a church I was Pastoring to another pastor and traveled to the city of Ibadan in Nigeria. I embarked on a twenty-one days fasting and prayers. On one of the days, on a morning, I read through the scripture and saw "as poor, yet making many rich." Suddenly, I heard the voice of the Lord spoke to me these words "You will make many rich in your life time and in many generations." I have not recovered from that encounter till today.

I have always known by revelation of scripture that I will be

rich. God had revealed Genesis 12:2 to me that He will bless me. I have also read in Proverbs 10:22 that the blessing of God makes one rich. So, I knew early that God's blessings will make me rich. I have been teaching about prosperity since 2018. But I was anointed to make many rich in January 2019. Let me shock you. That scripture truly fit my condition. I was actually poor, yet was making many rich through teaching and blessing them. You see, I am anointed to make many people and many generations rich. Even after my departure from this world, my teachings will still be making many rich. Why? The teachings are not just communicating knowledge, they are words full of grace to make you become what is spoken about. There are three ways God empowered me to make many rich. I will tell you the three ways. I have decided that I will not hold back kingdom secrets I am permitted to share. It's only the ones I am not permitted to share that I will keep to myself. You see, the three ways God empowered me to make many rich are: (i) Through teaching of God's word and principles that makes rich. (ii) By pronouncing blessing on people through the power to bless that God has given me. You remember, that Balak said to Balaam that he knew that whoever Balaam bless is blessed and whoever he curse is cursed. God has given me the power to bless and whoever I bless will automatically be blessed. (iii) Through monetary resources that I will give to people. God has shown me that there are people who will be assisted financially.

Let me share this story. I have this lovely spiritual son of mine that I give a token monthly at a phase in his life. I have been doing that for months until one day that I got provoked in my spirit and I said this guy can't continue like this. I called the guy and told him I would pray blessing on his life and watch out to see his life change for good. I stopped giving him the token

after I pronounce the blessing on him and he kept living his life. Looking back today, that guy is now a millionaire. You see, what turned his life around was the blessing pronounced on his life.

One day, God told me that same order of blessing upon David Oyedepo has been released on my life. For many months, I didn't know the meaning of that but that word kept coming again and again. I couldn't explain it but I knew I heard God clearly. Now, God didn't explain that to me directly but used the experiences and testimonies of people to show me what He meant by that word I received. I noticed that people who send their seeds and gifts to me began to share testimonies of increase and harvest in their lives. I know a brother who told some brethren that since he started connecting to the supernatural blessings upon my life through what he gives, supernatural supplies and increase has never ceased. He didn't tell me but told some people. So, one of the people he told was the one that shared the testimony with me. Another person told me that he was trusting God for a financial open door for his life and ministry, so he gave a seed to me. He said he observed two things when I collected the seed. He said I gave the envelope to my Personal Assistant (P.A) to keep it and just said to him "your season of abundance is opened." He said that same week, the kind of amount that has never come to their ministry came. And by the end of that month, he noticed that for the first time in his life, the money that entered his account that month runs into millions. I smiled as he said that. I had to take him deeper in revelation that God told Abraham that he would bless those who bless Abraham. So, if anyone bless Abraham, the man doesn't need to say anything or even pronounce any blessing. There's a covenant on his life that whoever blesses him shall be blessed. There are men with such today. When I send my seeds to Pastor Adeboye, I don't need to see him. God

will surely bless me. It's all about faith. If my faith thinks I must see him to speak over what I give, I must see him. But if my faith is towards God and I just think it in my mind that as I have sent to him, God Himself will send a blessing on me, that's what I will experience.

God revealed to me he wants me to model kingdom prosperity. He wants me to model superabundance to people and the world. And that will happen when I follow the way He chose for me. Since my inception into ministry, I haven't collected salary once. That doesn't mean collecting salary was wrong. If you are reading this, don't stop collecting your salary for your deserve it. The reason I didn't collect salary was because God Himself promised to bless me. Now, even though God promised to bless me, I was not lazy and ignorant. I was given to learning what I need to know about money. You can read my book titled "Money Sense". That God promised to bless you is not an excuse to be ignorant of the laws of money.

To model kingdom prosperity is not about possession alone, it's also about distribution. Kingdom prosperity is not for comfort alone, it's for good works. It must be used to cater for the poor, plant and build churches, bless communities and nations.

5. Role Model for Spiritual Fatherhood.

God told me some years ago the following "I have raised you as a father after the order of Abraham and E.A. Adeboye and I have also empowered you to raise many fathers. Therefore, go and raise fathers." Those were the words I heard in 2017. God showed me many things in scripture. He showed me the following, "you are a father to many nations, father to fathers, father of giants (the mighty and mightier), father to kings and

kingmakers, father to all...” In fact, I remember God said to me that my fatherhood is established and recognized in heaven. I must say that I am not the one that raised some of my sons and daughters, God raised them for me. For I saw in scripture that God is able to raise children to Abraham from stones. One time, I asked the Lord, how will I be able to be father and cover all these numbers you are showing me? The Lord enlightened me that he has made covenants with me and based on that, the covenants he has made with me becomes a covering over all my spiritual children and biological seeds. Even after I leave this world, the covenants God made with me will still be speaking over all my spiritual children and cover them.

Fathers are to teach, train, guide, counsel, correct, instruct, provide and bless their children. That’s how they cover their children. God doesn’t want me to just father people but to also show them how they also can father their children. Fatherhood is not for glorification but a responsibility to nurture and protect. There’s a time to instruct and a time to correct. There’s a time to bless and a time to counsel. Fathers must understand what’s needed to do at different times. Basically, I understand that God will teach others how to father their children by observing me. I lean on God and rely on Him completely. I am nothing without Him. I also try as much as possible to learn from my spiritual father Daddy E.A. Adeboye. I listen to his teachings a lot and also observe him. I don’t bother to go about asking him questions, I just listen to his messages and observe his lifestyle. I heard Pastor David Ibiyeomie said he has only asked his spiritual father (Bishop David Oyedepo) a question once since he became his spiritual son. He said he learned by observing him. The moment I heard Pastor Ibiyeomie said that, I knew that I have been doing the right thing in listening to the messages of my

spiritual father and by constantly observing him. I know the spirit of my spiritual father has rested upon me. I go to different places and people tell me they see E.A. Adeboye in me. They are seeing his spirit on me. You remember that the spirit of Elijah rested on Elisha. It wasn't Elisha himself that said that, it was the sons of the prophets that saw that. The number of teachers will always be more than the number of fathers. God is raising many fathers today. And I believe that he will raise the type that will model fatherhood to generations.

6. Role Model for Superior Exploits in the World, in the Body of Christ and in the Last Days.

This will manifest through establishments, expansion, explosive ministry growth, etc.

7. Role Model for Christlike Character and Lifestyle.

God wants our character to be that of Christ. Our character as Christians should reflect Christ. The early disciples were called Christians at Antioch when people saw their lifestyle.

God would have me live patience, humility, speak graciously, forgive and forbear, etc.

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF BECOMING A ROLE MODEL

God Can Be Imitated

Ephesians 5:1 states, “Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.” This Scripture shows that it is possible to imitate God. Anyone who can be imitated is a role model. God is not only the Creator, Father, and Judge of the earth; He is also a role model who can be imitated. He is a personality whose behavior can be followed. God possesses qualities that can be emulated. It is a command that you should be an imitator of God as dear children. First Thessalonians 2:14 says, “For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus...” According to this Scripture, even churches can be imitated. First Corinthians 4:15–16 also says, “For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers...Therefore I urge you, imitate me.” Apostle Paul identified himself as a father to the Corinthian church and urged them to imitate him. This clearly shows that individuals can be imitated. First Corinthians 11:1 records, “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.” The believers in Corinth were

admonished by Apostle Paul to imitate him as he imitated Christ. He reflected the personality of Christ Jesus. This confirms that Christ can be imitated. The Godhead is inseparable—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one.

Hebrews 6:12 also says, “...but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.” This reveals that there are people whose lives are worthy of imitation. Timothy is a clear example. He imitated Apostle Paul in all things—he obeyed his instructions, followed his teachings, and replicated his behavior, faith, and mannerisms. Apostle Paul testified of this to the believers in Philippi. Philippians 2:19–23 states, “But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state; for I have no one like-minded... But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.” Timothy shared the same perspective as Apostle Paul. He demonstrated a similar character. What Paul would do, Timothy would also do. The strong resemblance between them was a product of imitation.

You, too, can become someone who is worthy of imitation. God’s desire is that you reflect a personality that can be admired and followed. In life, you will fall into one of two categories: you are either a role model or a bad model. Every role model is a good model. If a person is considered a model in a positive sense, then that person is a role model. If the influence is negative, then the person is simply a bad model.

Who Is a Role Model?

a. A role model is a face, image, or representation of something. This may be the image or face of a brand, a standard of quality, a pattern of behavior, or a particular kind.

b. A role model is a person whose behavior, achievements, and values are admired, emulated, and looked up to by others. There are people who observe how an individual behaves and admire that person's values and accomplishments. Such a person becomes an inspiration to others. Anyone who is a role model serves as an inspiration.

c. A role model is a person who sets positive examples in personal or professional life, thereby influencing the actions and attitudes of others. When your life begins to shape the conduct and mindset of others in a positive way, you have become a role model.

d. A role model is an example in society. Everyone who is a role model stands as a reference point within society. The moment you become an example that people can speak of in positive and uplifting ways, you have become a role model. You must strive to be a positive example in society. God desires that you be a role model.

Qualities Seen in a Role Model

When you observe anyone who has become an example in society—someone others desire to imitate—you will find certain defining qualities evident in that person's life.

a. Role Models Have High Standards

They consistently exhibit high moral standards. You cannot be admired if you do not have standards. Anyone who will be admired must be an individual who lives by clearly defined principles and values.

b. Role Models Are Consistent

Anyone who is admired is consistent. Consistency is a vital quality that transforms individuals into role models. They are consistent in action, speech, behavior, results, productivity, and

trustworthiness. If you desire to be a role model, you must be consistent in your behavior, actions, productivity, and even your appearance.

c. They Display Exceptional Gifts

Role models display refined gifts. These gifts are developed through training and practice. If you do not train and practice, your gift will remain raw—and raw gifts are neither in demand nor preferred. Many people experience limitations because they have not trained themselves. It is what you practice that you master. Mastery in any field is achieved through consistent practice and disciplined training.

d. They Possess the Quality of Perseverance

Role models do not give up easily on tasks, responsibilities, goals, growth, or success. Those who cannot endure are not positioned for progress and advancement in life. People who are admired are individuals who persevere and refuse to quit. In the midst of adversity, pressure, challenges, and life's storms, they remain steadfast. They are persistent at all times. When you embrace this quality, you are on your way to becoming a role model. Role models do not dwell on sympathy or seek pity. Instead, they focus on what needs to be done next. They are not ruled by emotions in their actions and decisions; rather, they are committed to identifying and doing what is right. They do not permit their emotions to control them.

e. They Are Skilled at Delaying Gratification

Role models are not driven by immediate rewards. They are focused on the long-term outcomes of their decisions, behaviors, and actions, with a clear foresight of their impact on society and others. They are intentional about the influence they exert. This quality makes them cautious and disciplined, knowing that others may imitate them. They ensure that their

lives consistently project positive influence into society.

Differences between a Mentor and a Model

A mentor is different from a model. A mentor is a guide, counsellor, teacher, and advisor who relates with a less experienced or less knowledgeable person to help that person grow. The role of a mentor is to impart experience and knowledge, often through instruction and communication. A mentor may not necessarily be a model, but every model functions as a mentor in some capacity—either directly or indirectly. This means that a model engages in mentorship through observation, training, or counsel. Therefore, all models serve as mentors, whether consciously or unconsciously. A role model, however, is a hero or heroine—someone to be admired and imitated. While all role models can be seen as heroes or heroines, not all mentors fit this description. It is not enough to possess knowledge to teach others; you must also demonstrate behaviors, a lifestyle, an appearance, and a level of success that can be admired and imitated. When you become a role model, others will esteem you and desire to be like you. Your presence, appearance, atmosphere, and aura will attract admiration. People will desire your character and lifestyle. They will long to reflect certain qualities they see in you. This should be your experience and reality as a Christian.

You Are Destined to Be a Leading Light on Earth

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world.” Light shines. Light also reveals lifestyle, words, actions, and decisions. You become a leading light when people study and observe your life and gain knowledge and understanding of what to do, the actions to take, and the character to display. This is the height God

desires for you. From now on, your life should serve as a role model. A role model is an individual who is highly esteemed in life. You must belong to this category of people on the earth. First Thessalonians 5:12–13 says, “And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. Be at peace among yourselves.” To be highly esteemed is Scriptural. Believers are encouraged to esteem those who minister among them. To esteem very highly means to admire and imitate them. When a person is highly esteemed, it is an indication that such an individual is worthy of imitation in character, behavior, and actions. Similarly, Acts 5:13 states, “Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.” The early church believers were highly regarded by society. This same reality must be evident among believers today. Society should be inspired to emulate the good works of believers. To be imitated is a noble position to sustain in life. When you truly become a light, you will be both admired and imitated.

Why Do We Need Role Models?

They Set a Blueprint

This is a question that must be answered. Role models are important because they provide a blueprint for others—especially young people—to pattern their lives after. When there are individuals recognized as role models in society, people have a clear path to follow. You must be among those who serve as role models in society. Even the inexperienced can follow a proven blueprint and grow into knowledge, experience, and expertise.

An Overview of the Origin of the Term “Role Model”

The term **role model** was introduced by the sociologist Robert K. Merton. He studied the behavior and interactions of people within social groups and observed that individuals often prefer not to abandon their behaviors but instead desire to be imitated. He further explained that influential figures—those who command attention in society—play a major role in shaping how others behave, make decisions, and act. These influential individuals often become widely admired, and many people in society come to believe that their lifestyle, actions, and speech represent a higher standard. However, in many cases, those with strong societal influence do not necessarily embody the right values or lifestyle. Yet, due to their popularity, acceptance, and visibility, they become dominant influences. Anyone who is admired, imitated, or copied holds a position of influence. Role models, therefore, play a significant role in determining behavioral patterns within society.

Your Advantage as a First Biological Child

Visibility is a key factor in becoming a role model, and this begins within the family. In a biological family, those who are most visible naturally become influential. This is one of the inherent advantages of a firstborn child. Younger siblings often look up to the firstborn, and this age advantage can position the firstborn as a guide to others. As a first biological child, your life should provide positive direction and a clear blueprint for your younger siblings. You are expected to lead in impact, influence, exposure, achievement, and growth. Role models are visible. Anyone who is not seen cannot be recognized as a role model. You cannot remain hidden and still expect to influence others. It is what others consistently observe in your life that establishes you as a model. These may include your

achievements, possessions, recognition, and accomplishments. The acknowledgment of these qualities positions you as a role model within your family and in society at large.

Understanding the Power of Silent Approval in Behavior and Actions

Every behavior expressed by an individual is often a reflection of something that has been observed and imitated. A behavior that originates from you may be overlooked or undervalued until it is seen in the life of someone widely respected or admired. At times, you may gain confidence in your own behavior when you see a respected figure display the same trait. This often leads to the reinforcement and repetition of that behavior. People tend to repeat actions they have seen in those they admire. Therefore, everyone who is a role model must understand that their life silently gives approval to others—encouraging them to adopt similar behaviors and actions. Whether consciously or unconsciously, role models influence and validate the conduct of others.

Laws That Govern the Manifestation of a Role Model

a. The Understanding of the Role to Play as a Role Model

The first law is that, to become a role model, you must understand the role you are called to play in life. You do not have to like your role before you discover it, but to effectively fulfil your role, you must learn to embrace and love it. This is where flexibility becomes essential in the journey of life. For instance, I am currently engaged in full-time ministry. This was not my initial plan. I once desired to become a business mogul, following in the footsteps of Rockefeller. However, there

came a time when I discovered a different path for my life. I chose to follow the path of ministry and remain obedient to the heavenly calling. Although ministry was not part of my original plan, I had to embrace it wholeheartedly to function effectively in my role. Today, I find joy and fulfillment in this calling because I understand my place in destiny. It is better to gain early knowledge of the role you are to play in life. Do not wait until old age to discover your purpose. Your role is tied to the impact and influence you are meant to have and be remembered for on the earth. It is the role you play among people that establishes you as a role model. You cannot become a role model without clarity about your role. Therefore, you must discover your role—and it is best to do so early.

b. The First Acknowledgment about All Role Models

One fundamental truth about all role models is that they have overcome something. Role models are doers before they become teachers. Mentors, on the other hand, may teach without necessarily having practiced what they teach. Role models live out the principles they communicate. When you observe a role model, you not only hear lessons—you see them demonstrated. Anyone who is widely imitated in society is someone who has overcome challenges. You must understand that becoming a role model requires overcoming obstacles. You must be prepared to face and conquer difficulties in life. Many individuals who are celebrated today overcame adversity. Some rose above difficult backgrounds; others overcame habits such as laziness, fear, or indiscipline. Whatever you are going through at the moment, you must overcome it. You must persevere until you achieve victory. This is one of the qualifications for becoming a role model.

c. The First Consciousness of All Role Models

Role models understand that personal success is not the ultimate goal. The true measure of success is the influence that success has on others. They believe that success is incomplete until it begins to impact lives. Your behavior should inspire desire in others. You must remain conscious of the influence your actions and lifestyle have on people. Role models are intentional about ensuring that whatever proceeds from their lives positively impacts others, whether directly or indirectly. They do not merely strive to be successful; they strive to be worthy of imitation. Role models desire that others look at their lives and gain wisdom, refinement, and a sense of purpose. When others begin to reflect excellence and dignity inspired by them, they find fulfilment. A role model desires that others adopt their perspective and worldview. You are not fully successful until others are inspired by what you do—until your life becomes a pattern others can follow. This is the mindset and height of a true role model. Therefore, do not be offended when people imitate you. When others attempt to replicate your work or lifestyle, do not resist it. Instead, be grateful to God that your life carries value and influence worthy of imitation.

THE TRANSFORMATIVE MINDSET OF A ROLE MODEL

Three Things Every Role Model Possesses

a. Originality

Every role model displays originality. Originality is the quality of being new, fresh, and inventive. It is the product of your ability to think independently and create something not merely derived from an existing work. Originality represents a departure from the common and the establishment of unprecedented accomplishments. Anything original is the result of imagination, innovation, and a perspective that rises above the ordinary. You must develop your mind and imagination to consistently produce what is fresh and new. If you cannot transform the common into something uncommon, add new value to what already exists, or turn the ordinary into something remarkable, then originality has not yet been fully developed in you. Even when you learn from or imitate others, you must add something unique to make it distinct and original. Role models may draw inspiration from others, but they introduce freshness, new ideas,

and a unique perspective that sets them apart. Every role model has something that clearly communicates their originality.

b. Authenticity

Authenticity is the quality of being genuine and true to oneself. Whatever proceeds from you must reflect sincerity and reality. It must not appear fake, artificial, or exaggerated. Authenticity ensures alignment between your thoughts and actions, your emotions and behaviors, and your values and results. It must be evident that your life is consistent and true. Anyone who is considered authentic possesses integrity. Your words, actions, and work must consistently prove that you are a person of integrity.

c. Difference

Every role model has something that distinguishes them from others. Your difference is what people admire. Anyone who is followed, imitated, and respected possesses a unique element in their thinking, actions, and results. Difference is the quality of being unlike others—it is what sets you apart. If everything about you is the same as everyone else, you cannot stand out or be truly admired. Anything that carries distinction naturally attracts attention and respect. Every role model has a defining quality that differentiates them from others.

A Compelling Question to Ask

These three qualities—originality, authenticity, and difference—should lead you to ask an important question: ***What is my difference?*** Your ability to answer this question will give you clarity about your influence and distinguish you from others. You must identify what sets you apart and concentrate

your efforts on developing it. This is what will position you as a role model. Whatever you can do with ease and excellence in a unique way often points to your difference. This is what makes you valuable, needed, admired, and imitated. Your difference resides within you, but it is revealed through your thinking, actions, and results. It should also be reflected in your appearance. You must cultivate a consistent and distinctive way of presenting yourself. Your appearance should carry a touch of your uniqueness, as people often perceive you through what they see. If you do not take your appearance seriously, you may fail to express your distinctiveness. Remember, your goal is to become a role model in your lifetime, and your difference is a vital part of that journey.

Who Are You?

This question reveals your present reality, your future potential, your accomplishments, and your personality. Therefore, who are you now? And who are you becoming? Many people will not become role models in life because they only understand who they are now; they lack a clear vision of who they are becoming. Some have a desire for the future but lack the knowledge and clarity to define the person they are meant to become. However, becoming a role model is a function of **both who you are now and who you are becoming**. You must understand who you are now so you can evaluate your present influence. At any point in your life, there should be at least two or three people who see you as a role model. If you do not understand your present state, you may struggle to grow into your future reality. Some people excuse themselves from being role models because they believe they have not yet reached a certain level, acquired possessions, or accessed certain opportunities. This mindset

limits their impact. For instance, at the time I became a role model to others, I had no significant physical possessions to validate my worth. I remember a period in my life when I depended on someone for accommodation and welfare. Yet, my circumstances did not prevent me from becoming a role model. I understood that postponing who you are meant to become—without taking action in the present—is merely a wish that will never materialize.

Who you are now must be critically examined, regardless of your age, status, or level in life. Socially, financially, professionally, and spiritually, your life should already be impacting others. There should be at least two or three people who can confidently say that through your life, they have found direction and inspiration. These areas must be taken seriously. Do not wait for the future before becoming a model and an example to others. Even at your current stage, there are aspects of your life that can position you as someone to be imitated. This may be reflected in how you speak, think, present yourself, and act. Your life, as it is now, must positively influence others, regardless of your circumstances. Even as you desire growth and transformation, there should be people who look at your life and see possibility. Your journey should signal to them that the future is bright and attainable. They may not be able to fully explain it, but your diligence, discipline, and commitment to small beginnings can inspire them. Many people are waiting for something to happen, or for someone to make things happen for them. While you may not fully predict the future, every step you take daily moves you closer to the vision within you. Who you truly are is not merely who you hope to become in the future—it is revealed in what you consistently do now. Your present commitments are shaping your future. What you devote your

time to today defines who you are becoming. The vision you carry is being formed through your daily actions. Therefore, you must be intentional about what you do now. For some, this may involve consistent daily practices that are not yet visible to the world. It may require continuous learning and steady, disciplined progress without delay. You must be convinced that who you are is not just a projection of the future, but a reflection of your present actions. This includes not only what you do, but also your faithfulness, diligence, loyalty, decision-making, learning capacity, daily habits, relational skills, and ability to connect with others. These qualities, when consistently applied, shape who you will become. For some, your commitment to tasks and responsibilities will be admired. For others, it will be your integrity, humility, skill, and growth. These qualities must be active and evident in your life now.

The Things You Plan Vis-à-Vis the Things You Do

If you do not understand the relationship between what you plan and what you are doing presently, you will struggle to overcome distractions along your path. Whether you anticipate it or not, distractions will always arise. Distraction often comes in the form of something demanding your attention. It is your level of understanding that empowers you to eliminate anything that seeks to divert you from your purpose. You must plan your life and give focused attention to the things that are necessary for the accomplishment of your plans. Do not permit anything to distract you from executing your vision for the future. You cannot become a role model without accomplishing meaningful results in key areas of life. You must achieve integrity and tangible success.

If you do not discipline yourself to prioritize your plans before giving attention to other things, you will struggle to become a role model. Many people teach and advise others without having visible accomplishments. However, people are more likely to imitate what you do than what you say. You are imitated based on your consistent daily practices. If you desire to be a role model, you must follow through on your plans until they are accomplished. Plans are only fulfilled when you commit to focusing on them. What you plan must eventually translate into what you do. When you apply this principle, you will maintain clarity and direction in life. People lose focus because they fail to give undivided attention to their plans. You must develop the ability to complete what you start. Learn to eliminate distractions and deliberately starve them of your attention. The key is sustained focus—remaining committed to your plans until they are fully accomplished. Even when your plans are not immediately fulfilled, do not relent. Remain steadfast in your effort, concentration, and focus until you achieve the desired result.

What is the Greatest Pain in Life?

The greatest pain in life is not sickness or disease. It is not unemployment, poverty, debt, betrayal, or rejection. While these challenges are real, they do not compare to the deepest form of pain a person can experience. Leaders must understand that, in life, some people will betray you while others will remain loyal. There are also those who will never betray you. Jesus Christ knew which of His disciples were loyal and which would betray Him, and He related with them at different levels of engagement. This teaches us that all people are not the same. As an individual, you must learn to trust people wisely. Do not use

the standard of past betrayal to judge those who are genuinely loyal to you.

Understanding the greatest pain in life will make you take life seriously from an early stage. It will compel you to consistently engage in actions that position you as a role model. The greatest pain in life is this: ***to know who you are meant to become and yet never become it.*** To have a clear vision of your future and fail to actualize it is the deepest form of regret. When the future unfolds, you may encounter others who have become what you were meant to be. This reality can be painful. While external factors such as oppression may affect one's journey, many people miss their desired future because they fail to take life seriously early enough. You must commit yourself to learning what is required to become who you are destined to be. Many people desire greatness but do not embrace the qualities necessary to attain it. For example, some aspire to positions of authority but refuse to cultivate humility. Others desire prosperity without developing productivity, generosity, and the ability to build meaningful relationships. What you receive in life is often connected to how well you engage with the systems and opportunities God has placed around you. If you desire to avoid the pain of unrealized potential, consider the following:

a. What should I be learning now?

You must intentionally pursue the knowledge and skills required for your future.

b. What relationships must remain in my life?

Certain relationships are essential to your growth and destiny. Some people will strengthen your resolve, challenge you to grow, and prevent you from settling for mediocrity. Relationships can open you up to greater possibilities.

c. Embrace productivity and fruitfulness

Productivity is a result of diligence, determination, hard work, and focus. A productive life leads to influence and dominion. You cannot be consistently productive and remain insignificant.

d. Trust God for His help through prayer

Prayer releases supernatural strength, grants favor, and provides wisdom. It equips you with insight to overcome challenges and make the right decisions. However, as you pray, you must also identify and fulfil your responsibilities. You must take bold and intentional steps in the right direction, aligning your actions with God's purpose for your life. You must not experience the pain of unfulfilled destiny. Commit yourself today to becoming all that you are meant to be.

Leading from Hurt

Everyone who rises in life will experience hurt at some point. Hurt may come through people and relationships. It is not meant to destroy you, but without maturity, it can produce deep pain within you. The true purpose of hurt is to refine you and bring about necessary change. Whenever you are hurt, you must resist the temptation to harbor anger toward the person who hurt you. Instead, take responsibility for identifying the lessons you are meant to learn and the adjustments you must make. If you fail to extract these lessons, you may become trapped in unforgiveness, unable to release the hurt from your heart. Often, those who offend others continue to progress in life because they do not dwell on their actions. Their minds remain open to opportunities for growth and advancement. In contrast, those who are hurt may become overwhelmed by emotions and negative thoughts. These thoughts can block the flow of ideas and insights needed for progress. Therefore, whenever you are

hurt, do not hold on to offence or anger. Rather, focus on what you must do to grow from the experience.

A. He Who Will Lead from Hurt Must First Lead Himself

Many people desire to lead others but have not learned to lead themselves. Can you lead yourself without supervision? Some individuals cannot be productive unless they are being monitored. This is a sign of immaturity. True maturity is demonstrated in the ability to act and achieve results without supervision. Some people waste entire days because they lack self-leadership. They are easily distracted and unproductive. To accomplish meaningful things, you must first lead yourself. You must discipline yourself to do what is necessary, whether it is convenient or not. You must train yourself to act even when it is uncomfortable.

i. Guard Your Heart in Relationships

Be mindful of how hurt influences the way you relate to others. You must learn how to release hurt from your heart. Develop the ability to relate wisely, even with those who have offended you. Jesus Christ taught the importance of relating with enemies—not necessarily as close friends, but with wisdom, love, and restraint. Show kindness when necessary, but maintain boundaries. Not everyone should have access to your inner circle or personal plans.

ii. Lead Yourself to Trust Again

You must deliberately lead yourself to trust people again. Life requires relationships, and you will always need people. Do not allow past hurt to close your heart permanently. Choose to trust wisely.

iii. Lead Yourself in Loyalty

Commit yourself to being loyal, even if you have experienced

betrayal. Your character should not be defined by the failures of others.

iv. Lead Yourself to Rise Again after Failure

If you have failed before, lead yourself to start again. Do not quit. Never abandon your pursuit of success. Every failure is an opportunity to try again with greater wisdom and strength.

v. Lead Yourself in Persistence

In areas where you face difficulty in accomplishing tasks, fulfilling vision, or carrying responsibilities, commit to persistence. Remain teachable, open to innovation, and willing to accept correction. Recognize the changes you need to make and apply them consistently.

When you embrace these principles, you position yourself to become a role model to others—even in the face of hurt.

B. Understanding the Place of Mercy

Those who show mercy to others shall obtain mercy. Mercy is an expression of God's goodness—it is His willingness to act on your behalf, even without your deserving it. When God shows you mercy, it manifests in two major ways:

a. Mercy Is Expressed Through the Things You Do

When you obtain mercy, you gain clarity on what to do, the actions to take, and the steps to follow in life. Those who walk in mercy often have direction and understanding. This dimension of mercy has four key manifestations:

i. Repentance

When you obtain mercy, the first evidence in your life should be repentance. Repentance, in this context, means a change in thinking and actions. It enables transformation. Anyone who receives mercy from the Lord must be willing to change how they think and act. If you do not make necessary changes, the mercy

you receive may be wasted. You must identify behaviors and patterns that should no longer be part of your life. For example, if you have been unproductive and you seek God's mercy for productivity, you must embrace change. You must commit to discipline, diligence, promptness in executing tasks, hard work, and focus. You must turn away from habits such as excessive sleep, laziness, idleness, gossip, slander, and indulgence in comfort. Every new level requires repentance. Many people fail to advance because they are unwilling to make the changes required. These changes may involve restructuring your life, avoiding unnecessary offence, and becoming intentional in your relationships. When you receive mercy, identify the changes that will propel you toward maximum productivity.

ii. Daily Planning

You must move from the spiritual dimension of mercy to its practical application. Planning your day is a practical expression of mercy. If you do not plan your day, you may miss opportunities that mercy has made available to you. Each day should be used for the execution of meaningful tasks. When you plan your day, you gain clarity on what must be done. You must be intentional and disciplined in ensuring that nothing disrupts your daily plans.

iii. Focus

When you say you have obtained mercy, it should be evident in your focus. You must concentrate on your daily tasks and responsibilities. What are you currently focused on accomplishing? Mercy requires that you direct your energy toward purposeful action.

iv. Consistency

Consistency sustains the mercy you have received. Without consistency, you may lose the benefits of mercy. There must be

specific actions and responsibilities you carry out consistently. Ask yourself: ***What must I do consistently?*** Your physical health may require regular exercise, while your spiritual life may require consistent prayer, study, and meditation on God's Word. Consistency preserves and multiplies the results of mercy.

b. Mercy Is Expressed Through What Others Do for You

Mercy also influences how people respond to you. When you obtain mercy, it is reflected in the actions and attitudes of others toward you:

i. You Will Be Forgiven by People

Mercy can move people to forgive you, even when you may not deserve it. They release offences and let go of wrongs done against them.

ii. People Overlook Your Mistakes

When people overlook your mistakes, it is an expression of mercy. There is a difference between forgiveness and overlooking mistakes. Forgiveness relates to past actions, while overlooking mistakes relates to outcomes that may not be perfect. Mercy does not encourage carelessness; your work must be done with excellence. However, when you have given your best and minor errors occur, mercy can cause those errors to be overlooked, resulting in favor, promotion, and advancement. Mercy softens the hearts of people, causing them not to count certain issues against you.

iii. Assistance from Others

Mercy moves people to support your efforts. Individuals become willing to assist and help you in different areas of life, bringing ease and progress to your journey.

iv. Support for Your Vision and Actions

Mercy compels people to support what you are committed

to doing. Your plans, vision, and assignments gain acceptance and endorsement. You will not walk alone in the pursuit of your goals. Instead, you will find that people are willing to stand with you, assist you, and contribute to your success. Your testimony will be that help comes to you from many directions.

EXERCISING FINANCIAL DOMINION AS A ROLE MODEL

The Assignment of Lack

No one prays for lack. Lack is not something to desire, nor is it something to thank God for. The God we serve does not give lack. However, lack can be used as a tool to accomplish certain purposes in a person's life. You must learn to see lack as a tool permitted to achieve an assignment. Therefore, you must be enlightened about the assignment of lack in your life. Psalm 34:10 says, "The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing." God does not originate lack, but He can use situations of lack for His glory. Lack is multidimensional in nature—it may appear as a lack of help, assistance, resources, employment, opportunities, quality relationships, access, or connections. Whenever you experience any form of lack, you must recognize that it carries an assignment. Lack is not a belief system a Christian should embrace; rather, it is a condition to discern and respond to. Where there is lack, there is something to learn. The enemy may attempt to use lack to weaken or discourage a person, but

God will always use it to reveal Himself and accomplish His purpose. Lack is not meant to remain an experience; it is meant to accomplish an assignment. Many people misunderstand this and respond to lack by seeking help everywhere without understanding its purpose. While seeking help is not wrong, the deeper purpose of lack is not to turn you into a beggar. Rather, it is to reveal what is truly missing in your life. When a person is in lack, the visible deficiency is often not the real problem. The manifestation of lack is usually a signal pointing to a deeper root. For example, if a car cannot move, the issue may not simply be the absence of a driver—it could be a mechanical fault or a lack of fuel. In the same way, when lack appears in your life, you must look beyond the surface. If a person lacks opportunities or connections, these are often outcomes of deeper deficiencies. Lack exposes what is truly missing within you. For instance, financial instability is not just about the absence of money—it may reveal underlying issues that need to be addressed. When a person lacks money, it is important to consider what the person may truly lack:

a. A Lack of Desperation

The person may lack a genuine and sustained desire for prosperity. There may be no strong inner drive to pursue wealth, growth, and financial stability. Some people only desire money when they are in immediate need, rather than cultivating a long-term vision for financial dominion. You must understand that financial stability is something to be pursued consistently throughout life. One of the assignments of lack is to reveal a deficiency in desire or urgency. Desperation can be either positive or negative. Negative desperation leads people to pursue wealth through wrong means such as fraud, violence, or

manipulation. Positive desperation, however, drives a person to pursue prosperity through the right principles and processes. It involves a commitment to lawful, disciplined, and purposeful action. A lack of desperation reveals the true condition of the heart. It shows whether a person genuinely desires growth, prosperity, and advancement.

b. The Person May Lack Insight into the Laws of Money

There are principles that govern money. When a person lacks understanding of these laws, financial instability is often the result. When you understand how money works, you gain the ability to earn, manage, preserve, and multiply it. Financial lack is often traceable to ignorance of these governing principles. Therefore, gaining insight into the laws of money is essential for financial stability and growth.

c. The Person May Lack the Skill That Produces Money

A person may lack relevant skills, whether acquired through formal education or through apprenticeship. Many individuals develop valuable skills through informal systems of learning—serving under a mentor, observing, practicing, and gaining hands-on experience until they become independent. When a person lacks a skill—an internal ability to create value—financial lack is often inevitable. Skills are channels through which value is created, and value attracts financial reward. Therefore, the absence of skill often leads to the absence of income.

d. The Person May Lack the Relationships That Bring Financial Opportunities

A lack of quality relationships can result in financial instability.

Certain relationships connect you to clients, customers, institutions, and opportunities. These may include connections within government, corporate organizations, educational institutions, or non-governmental bodies. Some individuals lack strategic connectors—people who can recommend them, open doors, or position them for opportunities. A deficiency in such relationships can lead to financial limitation. When you recognize a lack of quality relationships, you must trust God for favor and intentionally apply the principles that govern relationships. There are relationships that, once established, can significantly alter your financial condition. Such individuals may not always give you money directly, but they possess the insight, influence, and access to change your circumstances.

e. The Person May Lack Initiative

A lack of initiative is a major cause of financial instability. Many people have limited understanding of what they can do to create value. They rely solely on formal employment and spend years seeking jobs in government or private institutions without success. Such individuals often fail to explore other possibilities with their skills, passions, and time. They may lack the initiative to start a business, pursue entrepreneurship, engage in internships, or volunteer to gain experience. When people experience financial lack, it is often because their minds are not open to ideas that can transform their situation. Ideas are powerful—they can set you in motion and lead to consistent progress. You must intentionally identify ideas you can develop and act upon. You may also collaborate with existing businesses or platforms to bring your ideas to life. There are products you can create and services you can render that are needed by people around you—these are channels through which financial resources can flow into your life. The assignment of lack is not

merely to expose your condition but to reveal a deficiency in initiative. Ask yourself: ***If I did not have formal qualifications, what legitimate value could I create with my life?*** This question can awaken your creativity and position you for progress.

f. The Person May Lack Productivity

The presence of persistent lack in your life may indicate a deficiency in productivity. When lack is consistent, it often proves that you are not producing value in certain areas of your life. Your life should consistently yield results—success and measurable accomplishments. You must not be known for complaining; you must be known for productivity. You can use your initiative to become productive, even with what you currently have. Many people remain unproductive because they are waiting for ideal conditions. However, you must learn to engage what is already in your hands to move toward what you envision. Start with what you have and build from there.

g. The Person May Lack Visibility

It is possible to have initiative, productivity, skill, and even relationships, yet still experience lack due to a lack of visibility. Visibility is the awareness people have of who you are, the services you offer, the products you provide, and the value you can deliver. Before financial resources flow into your life, you must be visible. You must be seen and known. Your skills must be recognized, and people must be aware of what you can offer. When you become visible, opportunities and resources begin to move in your direction. Only those who know you can patronize you. This is why successful organizations invest heavily in marketing and advertising—to increase awareness and gain acceptance. Many people pray for visibility but neglect publicity.

Publicity enhances visibility. You must take this aspect of your life seriously. You must also create accessible channels through which people can reach you. Your brand or business should have a clear presence—this may include a physical location, contact information, official communication channels, and platforms where your services can be accessed. The true proof of visibility is accessibility. When you apply these principles consistently, financial lack will naturally diminish in your life.

Understanding the Potency of Regular and Heavy Cash Flow

You do not lack money; you lack the systems and channels that bring money to you. If you intend to eliminate financial lack completely, you must establish and sustain cash flow. Cash flow is the key to financial stability. Never allow the flow of money to cease in your life. When you consistently work on your cash flow, lack will lose its hold over you. Individuals engaged in business often experience more stable cash flow because they benefit from daily patronage, which generates continuous income. In contrast, some people receive cash flow only at the end of the month through salaries. Many civil servants fall into this category, although in some systems, employees are paid weekly. Your cash flow is directly tied to your streams of income. A salary earner typically has a single stream of income, while a businessperson may have multiple and more frequent streams. In life, you must position yourself to have either a regular cash flow or a heavy cash flow. A **regular cash flow** is income that comes consistently—daily, weekly, or at short intervals. Many businesses, especially in sectors like telecommunications and retail, experience this type of flow due to constant transactions. A **heavy cash flow**, on the other hand, refers to receiving a substantial amount at longer intervals, such as monthly. If your

income is limited to a monthly salary, your goal should be to ensure that it is substantial enough to meet your needs and responsibilities. A heavy cash flow enables you to effectively manage and cover your monthly expenses. Ultimately, you should trust God for either a regular cash flow or a heavy cash flow. At the same time, seek wisdom and understanding to identify the right opportunities and systems that will position you for financial stability and growth.

Becoming the Lead in Life

It is possible to start last and still emerge as the lead. You may be the last in a place, organization, or institution and yet rise to become the first. To become the lead is to take the foremost position. Matthew 20:16 says, "So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen." This Scripture establishes a powerful principle and reality of life. The one who is first is often recognized as the leader. You may feel as though you are behind in your industry, career, or life, but God is able to turn your situation around and reposition you at the forefront. He desires to move you from the background to a place where you become the reference point that others look up to. However, becoming the lead is not determined by who started first or who was first recognized. Many people may begin a journey, but the one who achieves meaningful and lasting results becomes the leader. Being the firstborn in a family does not guarantee leadership in greatness. Joseph, though not the first in his father's household, emerged as the leader in destiny. Even if you are currently last, there is a pathway to becoming the lead. This does not permit laziness, idleness, or complacency. If you desire to become the lead, you must align yourself with the process that brings you into that position. One of such pathways

is being chosen by God. As Matthew 20:16 declares, "...for many are called, but few chosen." You may not be the leader now, but when God sets His choice upon you, you can rise into leadership. David is a clear example—he was chosen among his brethren and anointed as king. His elevation was not by chance but by divine selection.

The evidence of being chosen is your ability to solve problems in a way that reveals your uniqueness. God created every individual with a distinct difference. When He chooses you, that difference becomes evident and impactful. The uniqueness within you becomes a solution to the needs of others. If you claim to be chosen by God but are unwilling to serve others, you will not rise to become the lead. Leadership is rooted in service and problem-solving. David demonstrated this when he confronted the challenge that troubled an entire nation. His courage and ability brought deliverance to Israel. His difference became a solution that elevated him. The ability within you to solve problems and serve others is proof of divine selection. However, this potential will not manifest unless you are willing to deploy it. You must be bold enough to step forward and commit yourself to addressing the needs around you. He who solves problems becomes the leader. Social status and age are not the primary requirements for leadership; your capacity to provide solutions is what distinguishes you. If you desire to lead in any sphere, make yourself available to solve problems. Develop the skill of solving problems, especially for people of influence and responsibility. When you do this, you position yourself for recognition. Your value will speak for you. You will be remembered, called upon, and recommended based on the solutions you provide. Therefore, become a person who is skilled at solving problems. This is the pathway to becoming

the lead in life.

Avoid This Trap

When God chooses you to be first in your sphere of influence, generation, or city, do not become driven by immediate gains. Do not focus on the compensation or rewards you expect to receive. Your primary focus must be on fulfilling your assignment. David is a clear example. He heard the promise of what the king would give to whoever defeated Goliath, yet that promise was not his motivation. His confidence came from his past victories—killing a lion and a bear—and, more importantly, from his conviction that the name of his God must not be dishonored. His driving force was purpose, not reward. Do not pursue rewards; pursue solutions. Continue to solve problems, and in due time, you will be remembered. It is remembrance that produces rewards. Many people are unwilling to invest their time in doing what will make them memorable. As a result, they lose relevance and miss divine opportunities through negligence. Be intentional about solving problems for others. Do something that will imprint your value in the hearts of people—that you are the one God used to bring solutions into their lives. Joseph is a powerful example. He interpreted the dreams of the chief baker and the chief butler without receiving any immediate reward. Although he asked to be remembered, he was forgotten. Why? Because God has an appointed time for every manifestation. After two years, the same channel through which Joseph had served became the means of his remembrance. When the moment came, Joseph appeared, solved the king's problem, and was elevated into leadership in Egypt. Do not desire elevation without embracing the responsibility of solving problems. Make yourself available

to meet the needs of others. Let people recognize you as the one who makes difficult situations easier. Let your diligence, commitment, and problem-solving ability speak for you.

Do not blend into the crowd without impact. Become a person of value. Do not be a burden to society; instead, position yourself to be remembered through meaningful contributions. If you are not solving problems, you are not positioning yourself for remembrance. You will be remembered for what you do. Sometimes, the very acts that will distinguish you are the services you render without immediate compensation. Position yourself rightly—within your workplace, among your peers, and in every environment you find yourself. Constantly ask yourself: ***What am I here to do? What are my responsibilities?*** Once you identify them, act without delay. Some solutions will require you to take initiative and go directly to where the need exists. The impact you make in such moments will not be forgotten, and when your time comes, it will be evident. Remember, time and chance happen to everyone who rises in life. Therefore, step into your divine selection by taking responsibility. Position yourself as a problem solver in your sphere of influence, within your systems, and in the world at large.

A BALANCED PERSPECTIVE ON PRODUCTIVITY FOR A ROLE MODEL

The Exaggeration Called Productivity

You cannot become a role model without a record of productivity. Productivity is reflected in what you have accomplished in life. People are drawn to follow and replicate a life that consistently produces results. Productivity is not achieved by prayer alone. While prayer is essential and must never be neglected, it is only one part of the equation. Scripture teaches us to commit our works and ways into the hands of God, but productivity is ultimately the outcome of your response to your tasks, responsibilities, and work. It is your dedication, commitment, and focus that produce tangible results. Challenges will arise, often appearing in the form of failure. Failure is a reality in the journey of productivity, but it must not discourage you from continuing your work. You must remain steadfast and committed despite setbacks. To be productive is to be successful. Anyone who reaches meaningful outcomes has demonstrated productivity. Scripture commands us to be fruitful, which implies that we should produce results, succeed, and multiply

our impact. You must cultivate a mindset of productivity and commit yourself to excellence in your work.

We live in a world where many people complain about challenges and offer excuses for their failures. However, you are not alone in facing difficulties. There are individuals who have encountered even greater challenges yet remain productive because of their focus and determination. Such people are not easily discouraged; they persist until they achieve results. Why is productivity important? Because productivity gives you access to platforms where your impact matters. It announces your value and distinguishes you among others. When you accomplish meaningful results despite challenges, you create a lasting impression in the hearts of people. Those who overcome obstacles are often admired, imitated, and followed. You must ask yourself important questions: ***What can I point to as a success? What am I truly productive at?*** Without a track record of results, it is difficult to become a role model. Excuses will prevent you from rising beyond your current level. There is a level of success that brings transformation. Advancement often requires change. These changes may be structural—such as improving systems, upgrading tools, refining time management, or developing new skills. For some, it may involve expanding capacity, building teams, or repositioning for greater impact. You must identify the changes necessary in your life if you desire higher levels of productivity. Growth requires adjustment. If you are willing to embrace change, you will position yourself for greater success and influence.

Let Your Productivity Speak for Itself

You must not be known merely for activity, but for productivity. When you attempt to exaggerate yourself, it creates

deception in the minds of others. However, genuine productivity will speak for you—it will amplify your value in the hearts of people without self-promotion. Productivity positions you as someone to be studied and followed. It distinguishes you and earns you honor and respect. When your life consistently produces results, people will see you differently and regard you as a person of substance. Therefore, ensure that your efforts lead to meaningful outcomes. If you have failed in the past, do not be discouraged. Rise again and make another attempt. There is no rule that forbids you from trying again, and there is no guarantee that failure will never occur. However, every renewed effort toward success strengthens your relevance and preserves your potential. Many people lose their relevance because they stop trying. When you refuse to rise again after failure, you gradually bury your potential before your time. Such a life cannot become a model for others. Avoid excessive talk about your achievements. Let your results speak for themselves. Even when your accomplishments are acknowledged, let them be evident through impact rather than mere words. Your productivity will testify to your dedication, discipline, and consistency. Productivity is a possession you must deliberately cultivate. It should become one of your most valuable assets. It speaks on your behalf—both in your presence and in your absence. It shapes how people think about you and positions you as someone worthy of engagement and respect. Pursue productivity relentlessly. It will continually announce your value and sustain your relevance throughout your life. Ultimately, it will establish you as a person of significance and influence.

The Chameleon Strategy

There are animals as large as the elephant. When you stand

before such a creature, it may not take anything from you, but it can easily overpower or knock you down. The lion, likewise, can be fierce and destructive. Yet there is another animal—neither as large as the elephant nor as small as the ant. It is moderate in size, but endowed with an extraordinary ability: it can take on its surroundings and transform into a form that resembles what it sees, without your consent. This animal is the chameleon. The chameleon has the capacity to assume the color placed before it. The chameleon strategy teaches that, just as the chameleon remains itself while wearing many colors, you too should remain yourself while carrying many capacities. The chameleon is one, yet it can display many colors. What does it mean to “wear many colors”? Consider the life of Joseph as an illustration. Joseph was given a coat of many colors by his father, symbolizing distinction. Though he was sold into slavery, he later rose into leadership in Egypt. From his early years, Joseph wore many colors—not merely in clothing, but in capacity. This strategy goes beyond physical appearance. It speaks to the mentality you adopt. There are qualities you can “wear” in your mind—these are your abilities. To wear many colors, therefore, is to cultivate and demonstrate many abilities.

The chameleon has the ability to become red, white, green, or orange depending on its environment. The power given to it is simple: it becomes what it sees. In the same way, your abilities are shaped by what you consistently expose yourself to. You can adopt this strategy for your life. While remaining true to yourself, you must also develop the capacity to do different things. Like the chameleon, you should be able to represent diverse capabilities to different people. If you must always be prompted before doing the right thing, it is a sign that you may not go far in life. The chameleon does not wait to be instructed

before it changes form—it simply responds to what it sees. You must understand what to apply and when to act in every area of your life. Once you know what to do, step into action. The chameleon does not wait for permission before it changes color. No one can stop it from becoming what it sees. Its ability comes from within, not from external approval. Can you adopt this same mindset? No challenge, situation, or obstacle should prevent you from demonstrating the abilities required of you. Many people wait to be told what to do before they act, and this is one reason they do not advance in life. The chameleon, however, does not wait for instruction—it knows what to do instinctively. You must become an individual who takes independent initiative in your life, family, relationships, tasks, and work. Carry the chameleon strategy in your mind at all times. Whatever you encounter in life, there should be an ability you can deploy. It does not matter your location or the city in which you find yourself—you should be able to adapt and respond effectively. Become a person who consistently displays diverse abilities. To embrace this strategy, consider the following:

a. **Adaptability**

Adaptability is essential in life. Anyone who lacks adaptability cannot manifest the chameleon strategy. Wherever you find yourself, ***can you adjust to the system and culture of that environment? Can you adapt to new roles and expectations in your workplace?*** A rigid person cannot become a role model. You must not be known for inflexibility. Instead, cultivate the ability to adjust—anywhere, anytime, and in any situation. Your adaptability should not be limited by your tribe, nationality, or culture. Develop a strong adaptability quotient. Refuse to behave like a stranger in unfamiliar environments. Learn to

adapt quickly. The things you do not yet know, commit yourself to learning without delay. Adaptability will position you for continuous growth and consistent improvement in life.

b. Flexibility

The chameleon may not prefer the color placed before it, yet it changes effortlessly to match it. In the same way, there are situations you may not naturally embrace, but for the sake of demonstrating dominion, you must adapt. This requires the expression of abilities already inherent within you. To succeed in life, you must cultivate flexibility.

c. Insight

Insight is the ability to see beyond the surface. The chameleon operates with both sight and insight—it uses its sight to observe what is before it and its insight to interpret and respond accordingly. You, too, must learn to see from within. You must discern what you are required to become and evolve into it swiftly. You should be able to apply the chameleon strategy in all areas of life. Apostle Paul declared that he became all things to all people. To the Jews, he became as a Jew; to the Greeks, as a Greek. You must reach a point where you are not limited by nationality. You should transcend such boundaries and function by the ability of God within you. Do not focus on the challenges surrounding your life, and do not confine yourself within a limited sphere of influence. Wherever you find yourself—especially in the workplace—be willing to do even the things you were not formally trained to do. This demands flexibility, observation, and intentional personal development so that you can function effectively. When you engage with people, operate with insight. Insight will guide how you relate,

communicate, and respond. It will shape the solutions you offer, the conversations you have, and the manner in which you conduct yourself. Wherever you go, do not behave as an adversary to others. The chameleon strategy will strengthen your relationships and help you bear with the weaknesses of people. Do not be known for just one ability. Commit yourself to continuous growth. Train yourself consistently so that you can rise to your fullest potential.

d. Personal Development

You must be committed to ongoing personal development. Intentionally expose yourself to people who are ahead of you and to ideas that challenge and expand your thinking. What you allow into your life will eventually be reflected outwardly. Therefore, examine the content of your mind. Anyone can be trained. With genuine interest and desire, you can develop new skills. Growth comes through learning—either by reading or by listening. Discover the method that works best for you. If reading is not your strength, then be disciplined in listening to materials that will enhance your growth and development. There is a level of ability you cannot attain without embracing personal growth. Become a person who is eager to learn, to improve, and to expand in knowledge and capacity.

e. Improvement of Your Brand

As an individual or corporate entity, you must consistently improve your brand. Your brand reflects who you are and what you represent. If you neglect its development, you will limit your influence and impact. Be intentional about building and refining your brand. A commitment to improvement ensures that you continue to grow, expand, and remain relevant. Your brand must never become stagnant or restricted. It should clearly

communicate your identity, your values, and your purpose.

Head and Horn Simplified

There are passages in Scripture that declare the exaltation of both the head and the horn. Psalm 92:10 says, “But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil.” Likewise, Psalm 23:5 declares, “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.” There is a distinction between the head and the horn within the context of Scripture. Animals have horns, but those horns grow out of the head. The head precedes the horn. Yet many people desire the horn without first developing the head. Horns are designed to grow from a well-developed head. Before God gives you a horn, He first gives you a head. What is in your head determines whether you become the head. In other words, it is the knowledge, vision, wisdom, and insight within you that establishes your leadership. You must continually fill your head with new dimensions of understanding. Fresh vision and insight must flow into your mind. New knowledge, wisdom, and light must be consistently added. Wisdom can be described as mental strength. It manifests through what you know and what you perceive within yourself. You cannot become the head in any environment if you lack the internal capacity that qualifies you for leadership. Your mind resides within your head, and investing in your head is ultimately an investment in your mind—specifically, in what you allow into it. Therefore, ***What is the quality of the thoughts that occupy your mind?*** The quality of your thoughts is determined by the quality of the inspiration you receive. When God inspires your thoughts, great things begin to unfold in your life. The depth of information, vision, and wisdom within you positions you to take the lead.

It is the quality of your perception that establishes you as the head. If you desire to be the head in life, you must pursue quality knowledge. However, the quality of information you possess is influenced by your level of growth and the people to whom you expose yourself—whether through reading or listening. The content of your mind must continually improve.

Some people fill their minds primarily with entertainment, such as movies. While there is nothing inherently wrong with watching movies, it becomes a concern when scripted content dominates your thinking, leaving little room for transformational knowledge. Where is the information that teaches you how to grow, succeed, access favor, and walk in dominion? Your mind must be expansive enough to contain great ideas. Be intentional about allowing revelations—insights gained through meditation and reflection—to enter your mind. Let clarity concerning decisions, direction, and actions continually flow into your thoughts. Revelation simply means information made known to you. There are people you must intentionally connect with to enlarge your mind. There are authors whose works you must deliberately engage with because their insights will stretch you and dismantle limitations. Mental barriers are broken when you expose yourself to the right voices. Never be an empty head. Some people fill their minds with regrets, missed opportunities, and the challenges of life. Instead, ensure that your mind is daily filled with thoughts of possibility and purpose. Be intentional about feeding your mind with quality content—content that eliminates ignorance, dispels foolishness, and removes limitations. Your mind can never truly be empty; something will always occupy it. Therefore, do not give space to unproductive or destructive thoughts. Guard your mind diligently, and fill it with what will elevate and empower your

life.

What Represents Your Horn?

a. The Things You Can Do and Achieve

Your head is a function of what you see and know; your horn is a function of what you do and achieve. Your horn is revealed through your actions. When Scripture says that God will make you the head and not the tail, it speaks to what you know and perceive. However, when God makes you a horn, it is expressed through what you accomplish. If you are not prepared to achieve meaningful results in life, you cannot become a horn. Some people appear to be “heads” through what they say, yet they fail to take actions that align with their knowledge. There are individuals who know what to do but lack the initiative to act. Knowledge may position you as a head, but action establishes you as a horn. You will always strategize with your head, but you contend and prevail with your horn. The horn represents strength. For instance, as large as a cow may be, its power is largely associated with its horns. The cow commands respect because of its horn. Likewise, the strength of a lion is expressed through its teeth. In essence, the horn symbolizes strength. The horn of an animal lies in its strength; in the same way, the horn of a person represents his or her strength. Anything you can do or accomplish is a manifestation of your strength. Your areas of strength are your horn. When you understand this, you will not feel intimidated when others display their strengths. There is no need for jealousy over what others have accomplished. Instead, recognize your own capacity, and commit yourself to developing and expressing it fully.

b. Influence

The horn also represents influence. Whatever enables you to

impact others is your horn. Influence is not restricted by age or status—you can influence those older than you, younger than you, and even those considered greater than you. Your horn is what you become known for. People recognize your areas of strength through what you consistently do. Your influence and strength are revealed through your accomplishments. Your horn cannot be hidden. No one can perceive what is in your head until you express it—either through your words or, more importantly, through your actions.

The Horn of the Wicked

Psalm 75:10 declares, “All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off, but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.” This implies that the influence and strength of the wicked shall be brought to nothing, while the influence of the righteous shall be lifted up. Therefore, God is able to exalt your strength and your influence. Your strength is, in essence, the expression of God’s ability within you.

The Exaltation of the Horn

Psalm 89:17 states, “For You are the glory of their strength, and in Your favor our horn is exalted.” This passage reveals not only individual strength but also corporate strength. There are organizations, institutions, and churches that carry extraordinary capacity and influence. It is by the favor of the Lord that areas of strength and influence are exalted—whether in an individual or within a corporate entity. If you desire the exaltation of your horn, give attention to the following:

- Focus on what you are called to do.
- Focus on what you are meant to accomplish.

- Commit yourself to executing specific tasks with excellence.

You must understand that your horn becomes visible through your accomplishments. No individual, government, or nation can recognize your strength until they see tangible results. What you accomplish is the visible expression of your horn. Therefore, be intentional about pursuing meaningful achievements in life.

Understanding Your Horn as a Minister of God

As a minister of the Gospel, your area of grace is your horn. Whatever you are able to do with ease is an indication of your strength, and it must be mastered diligently. Once you identify your area of grace—your strength and influence—give yourself wholly to it. That aspect of your ministry that is widely received and impactful among people often reveals your horn. Favor will consistently manifest in the area of your strength. There are dimensions of your gifting upon which favor rests—these require your focused attention and intentional development.

Understanding Your Horn as an Individual

As an individual, especially in business or enterprise, your horn is reflected in what people consistently demand from you. The product or service most preferred and accepted by others often indicates where favor rests. Be intentional about identifying and developing that area. If you offer multiple products or services, there will usually be one that stands out above the rest—this represents your horn. Wisdom requires that you concentrate your efforts on what is most impactful and valuable. The areas that define your horn must receive your full attention and commitment. Your strength must not remain hidden; it must be expressed through consistent and meaningful

accomplishments.

THE DISCIPLINE AND CULTURE OF A ROLE MODEL

Three Fights to Engage

Fight Your Body

You must learn to fight your body. Your body will not always align with the direction you desire. To fight your body is to compel it to do what it ought to do. In 1 Corinthians 9:26–27, it is written: “Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty... But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.” The Apostle Paul revealed that he disciplined his body and brought it under control. You must not permit your body to rule over you. There will be times when your body seeks rest when you should be working—discipline it. There will be moments when it craves comfort or leisure—bring it under control. Your body should not act without your approval; it must respond only to what you permit. This is a necessary fight. You must continually discipline your body and bring it into subjection so that it aligns with what is right, planned, and envisioned.

Fight Your Mind

To fight your mind is to ensure that only the thoughts you approve are entertained. You may not be able to control every thought that enters your mind, but you can control which thoughts you dwell upon. If you allow every thought to occupy your mind, you are not exercising dominion. You must be intentional about focusing on thoughts that align with your purpose. The mind in itself is neither godly nor ungodly; it becomes either based on what you allow it to dwell on. The thoughts you entertain determine the direction of your life. The temptation of Jesus Christ illustrates this battle of the mind. Satan introduced thoughts to influence His actions, but Jesus resisted through decisive conviction and the Word of God. While Satan cannot influence your spirit, he can attempt to influence your soul through your thoughts. Judas Iscariot, for instance, was influenced by a thought that led him to betray Jesus. Likewise, the suggestion Peter gave to Jesus—to avoid the path of sacrifice—was influenced by Satan, prompting Jesus to respond, “Get behind Me, Satan.” Any thought that leads you toward actions you would be ashamed of does not originate from God. Thoughts of hatred, malice, or wrongdoing are not to be entertained. God inspires love, while destructive thoughts seek to lead you astray. How, then, do you fight your mind?

- By resisting negative thoughts.
- By rejecting distractions.
- By confronting suggestions that do not align with God’s will for your life.

Fight Your Fear

You must also fight your fears. Whatever you are afraid of

must be confronted and resisted. Do not allow fear to take root within you—whether it is the fear of failure, the unknown, or criticism. How do you fight fear?

a. Through Confession and Declaration

When fear arises, do not remain silent. Speak words of faith and truth. Declare your beliefs and affirm your spiritual reality.

b. Through Action

Action diminishes fear. When you take bold steps, fear loses its grip. Be courageous. Do what is required without delay. Do not postpone the instructions placed in your heart. When you consistently fight your body, your mind, and your fears, you position yourself to become a true role model in life.

The Unknown Destiny Helper

Whatever you do not know cannot benefit you. Whatever you have not discovered, you cannot apply. There exists what may be described as an unknown destiny helper. While the Holy Spirit remains the supreme Helper, there is also a lesser-known helper that operates in the affairs of life—this helper is **opportunity**. Opportunity is the unknown destiny helper. Many people are unaware of this reality. Opportunities come and go; they define the rhythm of time. The reason every season is not the same is because opportunities are not the same. There are moments when opportunities are abundant, and there are times when access to them seems limited. Often, opportunity appears without recognition. Any opportunity you fail to recognize is already lost. Many people have lost significant opportunities simply because they did not discern them. Opportunity never

introduces itself; it does not announce its arrival. At times, a prophetic word may indicate that an opportunity is approaching, yet you may still miss it if you do not understand its timing. Those who recognize opportunity align themselves with a vital destiny helper. To discern opportunity is to discern help.

Opportunities are the helpers of a season. The people who assist you often do so because an opportunity has first appeared. Opportunity precedes the arrival of helpers. When a door of opportunity opens, people and resources follow. You cannot manufacture opportunity on your own. As long as you are not the creator of time, you cannot create chance for yourself. If certain resources, helpers, or advancements have not yet appeared, it may be because the opportunity that produces them has not yet opened. There is an appointed time for everyone. Every opportunity is tied to a specific season. While you cannot determine the timing of such moments, you can position yourself for them by engaging certain principles:

a. Prayer

Consistent prayer aligns you with opportunities. When you present your desires before God, you are preparing yourself for the right season. You may not control when the answers come, but through prayer, you position yourself to receive them. In due time, the answers will manifest.

b. Words

The words you speak have the power to attract or repel opportunity. If you continually speak negatively about yourself or your future, you are programming unfavorable outcomes. Words are seeds—they are potent and enduring. They will return to you in the form of manifestation. Before the resources, helpers, lifting, and promotion you desire can appear, an opportunity must first emerge. Many people miss their moment

because they fail to recognize the appearance, the nature, and even the subtle voice of opportunity.

The Appearance of Opportunity

Opportunity often arises in the form of a problem to be solved. The way opportunity presents itself is through challenges. The moment you rise to solve a problem, you lay hold of an opportunity. Many individuals recognized in Scripture distinguished themselves by solving the pressing problems of their time. They emerged when they were needed most. For instance, Joseph became a prime minister because he solved the problem of King Pharaoh. Daniel rose to prominence through the interpretation of dreams. In each case, a problem became the gateway to opportunity. Therefore, when a problem appears, it is often a signal that an opportunity has emerged. Opportunity frequently disguises itself as difficulty. Those who run away from problems are, in reality, running away from opportunity. The very opportunity you have prayed for may be hidden within the problems you are reluctant to face. Do not avoid problems; instead, recognize that opportunity lies behind them. The path to opportunity is through confronting and resolving challenges. Be the kind of individual who embraces what others avoid. God will not present you with an opportunity for which you are unprepared. Every opportunity that comes your way is one you have the capacity to handle. Often, God allows specific challenges—customized to your growth—to come before you so that you can step into greater dimensions of purpose. In this way, He prepares you for what lies ahead. Train yourself never to shrink back from problems. Confront challenges in your workplace, your nation, your family, and your sphere of influence. This is how your life becomes an example worthy of

study. While others may attribute your success to luck, you will know that it is rooted in the problems you chose to solve.

The anointing upon David positioned him to solve problems, and through this, he gained recognition for kingship. In the same way, God will grant you the capacity to address the challenges before you. When you encounter a problem and do not immediately see a solution, turn to God in prayer and seek His guidance. He will show you the way forward. Be assured that no challenge comes to you without the potential for resolution. Every problem you face carries within it the possibility of a solution, especially when you commit yourself to prayer and meditation. The season of your opportunity will often bring the problems of others into your life. These may arise in your workplace, your community, or your wider environment. At such times, your focus should not be limited to your personal challenges but extended to the needs of others. Understand that what is a problem for one person may be an opportunity for another.

Do not become self-centered. Shift your focus toward solving the challenges of others. Avoid being consumed by your own difficulties. Your opportunity is often hidden in your willingness to address the needs around you. The moment you provide solutions to others, rewards will inevitably follow. Believers are called to rise above selfishness in order to maximize opportunities. God is continually investing in your life—training, shaping, and preparing you—so that when opportunity appears, you will recognize it and respond effectively.

The Uncelebrated Blessings

There is a kind of blessing that many people overlook. You must be intentional about thanking God for it. Many possess this

blessing, yet fail to recognize or celebrate it. These uncelebrated blessings are ***the lessons you have learned in life***. How often do people truly celebrate the lessons they have gained? Some lessons protect you from pride and arrogance. Others preserve you from lust, foolishness, and stagnation. Yet, the mind is often fixed on material possessions and visible blessings, while the lessons acquired through life's journey are neglected. One of the greatest blessings you can ever possess is the wisdom gained from experience. The lessons you learn are real blessings—they guard you from errors, mistakes, shame, disgrace, misbehavior, character flaws, and foolishness. To despise life's lessons is, in essence, to despise the blessings of God upon your life. You must value the lessons you receive from parents, experiences, mentors, leaders, books, teachings, and training. There are things you come to understand that will position you to attain the wealth and prosperity you desire. Be intentional about celebrating the lessons that have delivered you from pride, laziness, mismanagement, negative character traits, poor relationships, and financial errors. Do not wait until you possess material success before you appreciate God. Without the necessary lessons, material blessings may not be sustained. There are truths you will come to know that will themselves become blessings in your life. Often, the difference between a life of blessing and a life of struggle is a lesson learned or ignored. There is knowledge that will position you to live in abundance rather than in hardship. Learning must never cease in your life. You must remain teachable. Lessons should continue to come to you—through God and through people. Each new lesson adds a new dimension of blessing to your life. There are lessons that demand your serious attention. When you receive them, they will guide your decisions and shape your direction. Pay

attention to your lessons, for they are your blessings—and learn to celebrate them.

The Most Powerful Season of Your Life

You will experience many seasons in life, but among them, there is one that stands out as the most powerful. If this season is missed, only the mercy of God can restore it—and even then, such restoration is not to be taken for granted. The duration of this season varies from person to person. For some, it may last one year; for others, five, ten, or even twenty years. Often, God does not reveal the exact timing of this season. The most powerful season of your life is **the hidden season**. This is the greatest and most formative period of your journey. It is the time when you are not widely known, not sought after, and not regarded as important. Yet, it is in this season that true growth, preparation, transformation, and learning take place. The primary blessings of this season are the lessons you acquire. During this time, pride, arrogance, self-sufficiency, and dependence on human strength are broken down within you. Much is happening in your life beneath the surface, even though the time for public unveiling has not yet come. When this season is complete, events may begin to unfold so rapidly that you can scarcely keep pace with them. What once required great effort will begin to happen with ease. The manifestation of greatness will no longer need to be forced. Many people are currently in their **hidden season**. Do not be in a hurry to emerge. Allow the process to be completed, and you will be amazed at what God brings forth in your life. Do not despise this season. Though you may not be seen or recognized, continue to labor faithfully in silence. The God who governs time and opportunity will, at the right moment, bring you into the open and display His glory

through your life. The hidden season is a time of equipping, building, training, and preparation for greater works. It is a season that demands a deep commitment to prayer and to the Word of God. It is also one of the most valuable periods of your life, for during this time, God is making significant investments in you. You, too, must invest intentionally in yourself—through reading, learning, exposure, and personal growth. Be patient with your development. In this season, you may exert significant effort with little visible result. Do not be discouraged. When the season shifts, your life will become a testimony, and the things that once seemed ineffective will begin to produce results and gain recognition. Do not be idle during your hidden season. Remain diligent in carrying out the tasks and responsibilities entrusted to you. Though your efforts may not yet bring the visibility or impact you desire, continue working faithfully. In time, the season will change, and you will begin to see results from every direction. All things will align for your good. Do not grow weary in doing what is right during this season. The hidden season offers you the rare gift of focused, uninterrupted time—use it wisely. Maximize it fully, for it is preparing you for the life that lies ahead.

CREATING SHIFTS AND DRIVING CHANGE AS A ROLE MODEL

The Touch of Divine Signature

There is something known as the divine signature. This is the seal of God's approval upon a person or a work. Deuteronomy 33:11 declares, "Bless his substance, Lord, and accept the work of his hands; strike the loins of those who rise against him, and of those who hate him, that they rise not again." In the Message (MSG) translation, it reads: "God, bless his commitment; stamp your seal of approval on what he does. Disable the loins of those who defy him; make sure we've heard the last from those who hate him." The seal of God's approval can rest upon the works of your hands. When this seal is upon what you do, you will find that people have little choice but to acknowledge and endorse it. This divine approval is the touch of God's signature. It brings favor, distinction, and undeniable acceptance. Therefore, you must desire that the seal of God's approval rests upon all that you do.

Four Things to Engage When the Touch of Divine Signature Is

Upon Your Work

a. You Must Re-envision

This means that you must receive a clearer, broader, and more refined vision. The touch of divine signature is often expressed through vision. You gain the capacity to see again—and to see more. Joseph, for example, had a dream and then received another, greater dream. Each successive vision revealed a higher dimension. When the divine signature is upon your life, your vision expands. You begin to perceive beyond what you previously saw.

b. You Must Plan

God Himself is a planner. His approval upon your life is reflected in the way you plan and organize your pursuits. The plans you make to execute your vision are vital. God's thoughts toward you are purposeful, and He communicates direction within your heart. Vision shows you where you are going; planning provides the pathway to get there. When the divine signature rests upon you, it will propel you to plan with greater clarity, structure, and purpose.

c. You Must Re-brand

Branding is essential in everything you engage in. You must intentionally package what you do and give it a distinct identity. Branding sets your work apart and gives it recognition. Without it, your efforts may lack visibility and significance. Re-branding involves refining how your work is perceived. It is the process of creating a renewed and stronger identity for what you do. There is also a spiritual dimension to branding—it enhances attraction and visibility. If you desire favor upon your work, you must present it with excellence, clarity, and purpose. God Himself is not opposed to transformation and redefinition. Abram became Abraham, Sarai became Sarah, and Jacob became Israel. In the

same way, you must be willing to refine and elevate what you do so that it reflects deeper meaning and greater impact.

d. You Must Re-launch

You must re-launch your vision and ideas with renewed strength and commitment. This is the stage where execution becomes paramount. You step out to implement your plans and bring your vision into reality. Do not abandon the work entrusted to you. Do not give up on your vision in any area of your life. The touch of divine signature demands persistence. Stay committed, remain consistent, and move forward with confidence.

The Annoying Anointed

It is possible to be anointed and yet be unpleasant in conduct. All believers are anointed, for the proof of this anointing is the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit Himself is the Anointed One, and His presence within you is the evidence of God's anointing upon your life. However, there are many who are anointed yet lacking in character. Who, then, are the "annoying anointed"? ***They are believers who carry the Spirit of God within them but lack the character that reflects His nature.*** This deficiency reveals itself in the absence of the fruit of the Spirit in their lives. You are called not only to carry the Spirit but also to manifest His fruit. You must cultivate the character of the Holy Spirit and refuse to allow your life to contradict the truth of God's Word. The life of the Spirit must find full expression in you. The character of Christ must be evident in your conduct. Your life must not be devoid of the fruit of the Spirit. Rather, it should consistently reflect love, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and meekness. What can be said of a believer who lies without conviction? Or

of a Christian who embezzles public funds? Such contradictions reveal a disconnection between anointing and character.

How to Stop Being an Annoying Anointed

The solution is transformation. True change comes only to those who are doers of the Word of God. The Word is not merely to be heard—it is meant to shape and refine your character. Now that you are saved, you must consciously put on a new nature. Any believer who does not manifest the fruit of the Spirit risks becoming an “annoying anointed.” Galatians 5:22–23 declares, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” These are the qualities every believer is called to embody. You cultivate these virtues by yielding to the guidance and instruction of the Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit represents the character of the Spirit. Just as you yield to the Holy Spirit to express spiritual gifts, you must also yield to Him to develop and manifest His fruit in your life.

Let There Be Light

Genesis 1:3 declares, “Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.” When God encountered darkness, He spoke light into existence. In essence, “Let there be light” also means, “Let there be change.” When light enters your heart, it brings clarity, and with clarity comes the realization of the changes you must make. People come into the awareness of necessary transformation when light dawns within them. These changes may include:

- Changes in your insight
- Changes in your decisions

- Changes in your actions
- Changes in your results
- Changes in your behavior

Light always produces change. The proof of light within you is seen in the transformation that occurs in and around your life. Whenever light appears, it reveals what must be adjusted. Therefore, where there is light, there must be change. In every area where you desire transformation, be bold to declare light. As you do, remain attentive to the direction and insight that will be imparted to your heart. Declare light over your life—your mind, finances, ministry, church, health, work, company, relationships, profession, and family. The assignment of light is to bring clarity—to make things known. Every area of concern requires light. As light shines, it reveals the specific changes you must make. Wherever light is present; change becomes evident. Light empowers you to rise and shine. However, you cannot truly shine if you refuse to embrace change. If your life is to reflect brightness and excellence, you must identify and act upon the necessary adjustments. This principle applies to every aspect of your life—your career, family, relationships, and personal growth. When you resist change, you hinder your ability to shine. Therefore, trust God to reveal what must be transformed. When clarity comes, respond promptly. One of the most important prayers you can pray is for God to continually show you what needs to change. Be bold enough to ask Him for this insight—and when He reveals it, act without delay.

The Righteous Rebellion

You must never be a rebel in the negative sense. You should be known for loyalty, integrity, and faithfulness. Anything asso-

ciated with conspiracy, rebellion, disloyalty, or unfaithfulness must be far from you, for such traits can damage your image, hinder your future, and affect your reputation. However, there is a form of rebellion you must embrace—**righteous rebellion**. This is the deliberate act of resisting everything that should not be found in your life. You must rise in opposition to laziness, slothfulness, dullness, gossip, hatred, disloyalty, poverty, stagnation, unproductivity, prayerlessness, shame, sickness, and foolishness. If you desire to avoid dullness, you must commit yourself to thinking, reading, learning, and observing. Growth is intentional. At times, opposition may arise as a result of progress; nevertheless, such resistance should not deter you. The real enemies to confront are those that hinder your advancement. The journey out of poverty often begins with access to the right knowledge. The righteous are delivered through knowledge. The information you receive can bring liberation from limitations and challenges. There are truths that, once embraced, can deliver you from many forms of adversity. You must consciously rebel against anything that does not align with righteousness. Certain habits create pathways for negative patterns to persist—habits such as laziness, idleness, wastefulness, and sluggishness. When you eliminate these, you close the door to stagnation and lack. Let your success speak for itself. Do not boast about your accomplishments; rather, allow your results to testify on your behalf. There are conditions and patterns that must not find expression in your life. Your life should not reflect shame, ridicule, or disgrace. Practice righteous rebellion daily. Do not permit your body to dictate your actions without discipline. Resist sickness by being mindful of your lifestyle, caring for your body, and standing firm in prayer as you declare health over your life. Let the words of your

mouth consistently communicate wisdom. In all things, stand firmly against what is wrong, and align yourself with what is right. This is the essence of righteous rebellion.

Make Yourself Relevant

How do you make yourself relevant? To be relevant is to be impactful—indeed, to be great. While it is God who ultimately makes a person great, you also have a responsibility to position yourself for that greatness. Genesis 12:2 declares, “I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.” One of the primary ways to become relevant is by becoming a blessing to others. Relevance is not limited to a particular group of people. You should be relevant to both ordinary and influential individuals. Those who are distinguished, influential, and prominent should also find value in your presence. Be intentional about making yourself relevant to people of influence and importance. One key way to do this is through reciprocity:

Become a Blessing to Those Who Bless You

Do not remain only on the receiving end. Be deliberate about giving back, especially to those who have supported, helped, or lifted you. Find meaningful ways to add value to their lives. Your relevance should extend beyond the ordinary—let even the prominent count you as significant through your generosity and thoughtfulness. When you give back, you strengthen your place in their hearts. Relevance grows where value is exchanged. Make it a principle in your life that anyone who has supported, financed, encouraged, or lifted you should also experience your support in return. They may not always ask for your help directly, but you must be perceptive enough to identify ways

to assist them. Look for opportunities to make their work easier, their responsibilities lighter, and their lives better. Be intentional about remaining relevant in the lives of those who matter. Identify what you can do for people of influence and significance, and commit yourself to adding value consistently.

The Oppression of Indecision

When we consider the subject of oppression, we often attribute it to Satan or to wicked individuals. For example, we recall the oppression of the Israelites in Egypt under King Pharaoh. Governments, too, can oppress people through dictatorial and tyrannical leadership—inflicting hardship through hunger, scarcity, weak economies, inflation, austerity, and poverty. However, oppression is not limited to the activities of Satan or unjust leaders. There are systems, ideologies, and internal patterns that also perpetuate oppression. One of these is the oppression of indecision. The purpose of this form of oppression is to hinder your progress and keep you stagnant in life. In a deeper sense, indecision acts as a force that resists your advancement. It prevents you from taking meaningful steps and keeps you confined to mere expectations and desires without corresponding action. Indecision robs you of promptness and clarity. It creates a gap between vision and execution. Many people have vision, but only those who make firm decisions are able to act on what they see. Indecision wastes time, limits productivity, and keeps individuals from fulfilling their potential. It has affected generations—causing people to speak, plan, and even declare intentions, yet never take the actions required to move forward. You must break free from the oppression of indecision. Over time, indecision can become a habit—one that weakens your resolve and clouds your judgment.

Where indecision persists, procrastination inevitably follows. The oppression of indecision will keep you behind when you are meant to lead. It will cause you to spend time without producing results. It may even lead you to be spiritually active—praying and hoping—yet failing to take the practical steps that align with your prayers. Whenever you know what to do, you must also decide to act. Where indecision exists, three signs are often evident:

a. Powerlessness

A person under the oppression of indecision feels unable to act. There is a lack of strength to reason clearly, step forward, and make things happen.

b. Helplessness

Indecision creates confusion. Individuals become uncertain about how to use their gifts, skills, knowledge, and opportunities. Doubt replaces confidence, and they begin to question their own abilities.

c. Motionlessness

Indecision leads to inactivity. It manifests as sluggishness and delay, preventing forward movement. Its ultimate aim is stagnation. When these conditions persist, they hinder you from attaining the success and heights you desire. Indecision can even isolate you from the very people who could help you—your counselors, helpers, and supporters. It may fill your mind with negative assumptions, preventing you from seeking guidance or sharing your concerns. To overcome this, you must act with intention. When you know what needs to be done, make a decision and set a time for execution. Do not shift your deadlines. Commit yourself to disciplined action.

Above all, trust God to deliver you from the hold of indecision. As you align your decisions with your convictions and act with

consistency, you will break free from its oppression and move forward into purposeful living.

THE SPIRITUAL REALITIES OF ROLE MODELS

Individuals Who Are Clear Examples of Role Models

This chapter examines Scripture to highlight individuals whose lives serve as role models—men and women worthy of imitation and emulation.

Model of Faith

a. Abraham

Abraham stands as a towering figure of faith, widely regarded as the father of faith. Isaiah 51:2 declares, “Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you; for I called him alone, and blessed him and increased him.” This passage reflects God’s instruction for us to look to Abraham as a reference point for faith. There are moments in life when you must look to certain individuals as examples. Romans 4:19 states, “And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb.” Abraham did not allow natural limitations to weaken his faith in the promise of God. He remained steadfast, trusting that what God had spoken

would surely come to pass. Even after the promise was fulfilled and Isaac was born, Abraham's faith was tested again. God instructed him to offer Isaac as a sacrifice, and he obeyed without hesitation. Abraham believed that God was able even to raise Isaac from the dead. This demonstrates a profound level of trust and surrender. Abraham was not only a man who received promises—he was a man who trusted God completely, even when the instructions seemed contrary to human reasoning.

Abraham stands as a practical example of a man who modeled faith. His walk with God was a continual journey of trust and obedience. When God called him to leave his household and step into an unknown land, he obeyed without having full details of the destination. This act of obedience is the essence of faith.

Can God trust you to the point of giving you a command? Will you carry it out even when you do not have complete understanding?

Abraham did not have all the answers, yet he chose to believe God and act boldly on His word. His life was a living expression of faith. Such a reality can also be evident in your life. When people look at you, they should be able to observe, learn, follow, and desire to emulate your walk with God. However, beyond Abraham, there are many others who serve as role models of faith. You must strive to live a life that is fully yielded and obedient to Jesus Christ. Hebrews 11:6–7, 22, 32 declares, “But without faith it is impossible to please Him... By faith Noah... By faith Joseph... And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets.” Hebrews chapter eleven highlights individuals who operated in faith. Beyond the names recorded, there are many others who also walked in faith but were not captured in that chapter. There are lives you can observe to understand what it means to walk by faith. Your belief

in God has the power to produce results in your life. Faith is the expression of your reverence and trust in God. The three Hebrew men—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—demonstrated faith through their bold declaration that God was able to deliver them. Their faith remained unshaken even in the midst of intense trials.

Everyone in Scripture who demonstrated faith began with a firm conviction and belief in God. That belief was expressed through their words and ultimately manifested in their actions. Therefore, the pathway of faith is belief, confession, and action. Hebrews 11:33–34 further declares, “Who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire...” Daniel, for example, shut the mouths of lions through faith. Faith in God does not fail. Faith can also be expressed through giving. Abel demonstrated faith in his offering. Abraham and Sarah demonstrated faith through their patience as they waited for the fulfillment of God’s promise. ***Can your faith be testified of as one that stands for righteousness and truth?***

The Spirit of Faith

Through faith, you are empowered to make moves that transcend human imagination and comprehension. When the spirit of faith is at work in your life, it enables you to do what appears impossible and strengthens you to walk in boldness and courage. The spirit of faith operates when your belief and your speaking are aligned. As written in 2 Corinthians 4:13, “And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, ‘I believed and therefore I spoke,’ we also believe and therefore speak.” When the spirit of faith is active within you, your mouth will continually express what your heart

believes. The spirit of faith is never silent—it gives voice to conviction. When last did you boldly declare what you truly believe in your heart? Whatever you believe must be spoken. If God has given you a promise, the evidence of your faith is your consistent declaration of that promise. When doubt arises, respond with boldness—speak the Word and affirm what God has said. Declare with confidence, “I shall not die, but live,” and proclaim every truth that aligns with God’s promises for your life. Throughout Scripture, individuals such as Abraham, Daniel, Sarah, Esther, and Samuel demonstrated lives of faith. Though they have passed on, the testimonies of their faith remain powerful examples to be followed and emulated. If you are to become a role model of faith, you must be prepared to endure challenges. It is often through adversity that faith becomes visible. Many of the trials people face present opportunities to demonstrate faith, thereby becoming examples for future generations to observe and learn from. In more recent times, men such as Reverend Kenneth Hagin, Pastor Enoch Adejare Adeboye, and Bishop David Oyedepo have exemplified lives of faith. Through their teachings, lifestyles, and testimonies, they have demonstrated what it means to live by faith and have become models worthy of imitation.

Model of Humility

Jesus Christ as the Model of Humility

Philippians 2:5–8 declares, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus... And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” Jesus Christ perfectly exemplified humility. His obedience, even unto death, was the ultimate expression of a humble heart. Obedience becomes easier when

humility is present. In many ways, humility is the foundation of true obedience. You are called to be obedient to God, to those in authority, and to your parents. It is impossible to claim humility while living in disobedience. Jesus demonstrated humility by willingly enduring shame and reproach, even though He had the power to avoid it. His submission was not out of weakness, but out of purpose. Consider this: will future generations benefit from your obedience today? Let your life be one that speaks of humility long after you are gone. True humility is best revealed in the presence of power and influence. You may consider yourself humble, but it is when you possess authority, prominence, and privilege that your humility is truly tested. Many believe they are humble simply because they have not yet been placed in positions that expose the condition of their hearts. When you observe a person who has wealth, influence, and authority, yet remains humble, you are witnessing a life refined by God. Conversely, some may appear humble only because of their circumstances. Situations of limitation or lack can produce an outward appearance of humility, but true humility is a matter of the heart. Therefore, guard your heart against pride. Pride leads to shame and eventual downfall. God desires that you maintain a posture of humility—a heart that does not exalt itself above others. Nothing you possess—whether achievements, wealth, or influence—should cause you to see yourself as more important than others. The moment such thoughts take root, they lead toward disgrace. You must consistently regard others with honor and value. Philippians 2:3 instructs, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.” This is the essence of humility. Be a model of humility to others. Even when you have every reason, by human standards, to become proud,

choose to remain humble. Jesus Christ remains the perfect example. Though He possessed all things from the Father, He chose the path of humility—even unto death.

Model of Patience

Job as a Model of Patience

James 5:11 declares, “Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.” Job stands as a profound example of patience and endurance. In the end, Job received double of all that he had lost. The restoration he experienced was the intended outcome God had prepared for him from the beginning. Yet, neither Job nor Satan was fully aware of this divine purpose at the time. While it appeared that Satan was afflicting Job, God was ultimately working out His greater plan. What seemed like destruction became a pathway to restoration. Job demonstrated a level of patience that is rare. He endured suffering that many would not withstand. Even when his wife urged him to curse God and die, Job remained steadfast. He refused to yield to human reasoning and speculation, choosing instead to hold firmly to the God he served. His life teaches that patience is not passive—it is an active commitment to trust God in the midst of uncertainty and adversity. Job did not abandon his faith despite intense trials; rather, he remained anchored in his relationship with God. You are called to be a model of patience as well. In seasons of testing, hold firmly to God’s promises. Endure with confidence, knowing that God’s intended end is always good, compassionate, and merciful.

Model of Love

God as the Model of Love

God is the ultimate model of love. Scripture declares that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. The coming of Jesus Christ was for the restoration of humanity back to God. Indeed, God is love, and He consistently demonstrates the qualities and attributes of love. The truest test of love is revealed in moments of offense. It is easy to claim love when all is well, but genuine love is expressed when you are wronged. Your love is proven in how you respond to others, especially in difficult situations. The love of God has been poured into your heart, making it possible for you to love beyond human limitations. God demonstrated His love to the world, and you are called to do the same. You are to be a model of love in your words, actions, and relationships. This includes loving even your enemies, reflecting the very nature of God in your daily life.

Model of Wisdom

a. Solomon

God promised to give wisdom to Solomon, and He fulfilled that promise. The impact of this wisdom was extraordinary—kings from all over the earth came to hear him, and people from every nation sought his counsel. His wisdom was evident not only in his words but also in his works. The Queen of Sheba visited him and witnessed the excellence of his administration. As king, Solomon established an organized system of governance, appointing twelve governors over the tribes, each responsible for a region. He also surpassed the kings of the earth in riches and wealth. Solomon possessed a listening ear and followed the instructions of his father, David, who was himself a wise man. 1 Samuel 18:14–15, 30 records, “And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the Lord was with him...David behaved

more wisely than all the servants of Saul, so that his name became highly esteemed.” David’s life demonstrated wisdom in thought, speech, and conduct. It is therefore not surprising that Solomon walked in wisdom, with God as the ultimate source of that wisdom. He was widely regarded as the wisest man of his time.

The Qualities of Solomon

Solomon was a good listener. You must develop the ability to listen attentively to others. He was also a reader and an observer, attentive to details and situations around him. In addition, he was a deep thinker—one who reflected and listened to his inner voice. These qualities contributed to the manifestation of wisdom in his life.

b. Jesus Christ

Luke 11:31 declares, “...for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.” At a certain time, Jesus Christ appeared and proclaimed that One greater than Solomon had come. Jesus Christ is the very wisdom of God. Jesus also demonstrated wisdom in His life and ministry. He was a reader of the Scriptures and had deep understanding of all that was written concerning Him. His wisdom surpassed that of Solomon, for He embodied divine wisdom in its fullness.

Model of Miracles

Jesus Christ, Moses, Elisha, and Paul the Apostle demonstrated diverse expressions of the miraculous. These individuals operated in the realm of miracles through their relationship with God. Moses turned bitter water into sweet water. Elisha also performed a similar miracle, transforming polluted water into purity. These acts reveal that God empowers His people to

work miracles. Miracles are a function of faith. The evidence of this kind of faith is rooted in what you “see” and what you “hear.” Jesus declared that He could do nothing of Himself unless He saw what the Father was doing. He acted in alignment with divine revelation. Likewise, Moses responded to what he heard from God before performing miracles. Therefore, the operation of miracles is not random—it is guided by divine instruction. You either see or hear from God before stepping into the manifestation of the miraculous.

Model of Loyalty

David as a Model of Loyalty

David was a man marked by deep loyalty to both God and people. He was described as a man after God’s own heart because he consistently sought to align his actions with God’s will. He refrained from doing what God did not approve and remained committed to the principles of Scripture. David also demonstrated remarkable loyalty to his master, Saul. Although Saul sought to take his life, David refused to retaliate. Even when he had the opportunity to kill Saul, he chose restraint, declaring that he would not lay his hands on the Lord’s anointed. This was a powerful expression of loyalty and reverence.

Furthermore, David showed loyalty in friendship. After the death of his close friend Jonathan, he remembered their covenant and sought out anyone from Jonathan’s lineage to show kindness. This led him to Mephibosheth, to whom he extended grace and restoration. David did not forget relationships that mattered. In contrast, many people today struggle with loyalty. Betrayal becomes easy when loyalty is absent. The biblical expression for loyalty is faithfulness. You must guard the trust that others place in you and never misuse it.

Do not become a model of rebellion or betrayal. Many fail to consider how their actions affect others, making decisions without regard for people's emotions. Yet, life operates on the principle of sowing and reaping—whatever you sow, you will reap. If you sow betrayal, you will reap betrayal. Be intentional about living as a model of loyalty. Let your life reflect faithfulness, trustworthiness, and unwavering commitment in your relationships.

Model of Prayer

Elijah

Elijah was a man of like passions as others, yet he was devoted to prayer. His life demonstrates that effective prayer is not reserved for a select few but is available to all who are willing to engage God consistently. Your life should inspire those around you—friends, siblings, spouse, and children—to embrace the discipline of prayer. Without speaking a word, the evidence of your prayer life should be visible through the results it produces. When people observe your life, they should be stirred to seek God more deeply. In the home, spiritual leadership is crucial. If prayer is lacking within your family, you must take responsibility to cultivate it. When a husband is not consistent in prayer, it can affect the spiritual atmosphere of the home. Likewise, if one claims to be prayerful while the family remains disengaged, it may indicate a lack of unity in prayer. For those who desire a prayerful home, intentionality is key. Establish a regular time for prayer and gather the household together. Do not impose leadership on someone who is not yet spiritually inclined; rather, guide the process by providing prayer points and encouraging participation. In this way, your life becomes a model of prayer—one that inspires, leads, and nurtures a culture

of seeking God consistently.

Model of Kingdom Prosperity

Dorcas as a Model of Good Works

Dorcas (Tabitha) stands as a remarkable example of kingdom prosperity expressed through good works. Those who belong to this category may not possess abundant wealth, yet they faithfully support kingdom assignments with what they have. They use their substance to advance God's work. God desires that you engage in good works on the earth. Supporting kingdom assignments, caring for widows and orphans, and meeting the needs of others are all expressions of such works. You are called to be rich in good works, regardless of your financial status. Acts 9:36 records, "At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did." Dorcas was widely known for her generosity and compassion. Even after her death, her good works spoke so powerfully that people longed for her restoration to life. As recorded in Acts 9:39–41, Peter the Apostle was sent for, and through divine intervention, she was raised back to life and presented alive to the people. This demonstrates the lasting impact of a life devoted to serving others. Let your prosperity extend beyond your immediate household. Be intentional in using what you have to bless, assist, and uplift others. Prosperity is not meant for display or self-indulgence; it is a tool for impact. God prospers you so that you can become a blessing. To effectively meet the needs of others, you must be attentive and discerning—able to identify where help is required. In doing so, you become a true model of kingdom prosperity.

Model for Parenting

Every parent ultimately falls into one of two categories—intentional or neglectful. Good parents are intentional; they train their children diligently. They guide them in the way they should go and nurture them in the ways of the Lord. As a parent, you are responsible for shaping your children's lives through both formal and informal education. Beyond academic learning, you must also instruct them in the Word of God—teaching them how to pray, how to honor all people, how to give to the Lord, and how to walk in the fear of the Lord. Parenting is not merely about provision; it is about formation. The values, disciplines, and spiritual foundations you instill in your children will define the direction of their lives. Therefore, be intentional in raising them to become individuals of character, faith, and purpose.

List out the Areas You Desire to Be a Role Model

Examine your life carefully and identify the areas in which you desire to become a role model. Take personal responsibility to clearly define these aspects and be intentional about them. You are called to be an example not only to your present generation but also to those that will come after you. Let your life be a standard that others can observe, learn from, and emulate across generations.

AUTHOR'S CONCLUSION

As you come to the end of this book, one truth must remain firmly established in your heart: becoming a role model is a deliberate choice and a continuous process. It is not an accidental occurrence, nor is it reserved for a privileged few. It is the result of intentional living, disciplined action, and

unwavering commitment to growth and purpose.

Throughout this journey, you have been exposed to foundational principles—faith, productivity, discipline, originality, resilience, and influence. You have seen that your life must move beyond mere activity into meaningful accomplishment. You have learned that your present actions are shaping your future identity, and that your consistency today determines your relevance tomorrow.

You have also discovered that challenges, failures, and even seasons of lack are not meant to destroy you, but to refine you. They are tools that reveal your deficiencies, strengthen your character, and prepare you for greater responsibility. Your response to these moments will determine whether you rise as a model or remain in obscurity.

Never forget that your life is constantly communicating something. People are watching—not just what you say, but what you do. Your productivity will speak for you. Your discipline will define you. Your character will sustain you. And your influence will outlive you.

Do not fall into the trap of seeking immediate rewards. Instead, commit yourself to solving problems, adding value, and serving others. In due time, remembrance will come, and with it, elevation. Focus on becoming the kind of person whose life naturally attracts honor, respect, and imitation.

As you step forward from here, embrace responsibility. Take ownership of your growth. Identify the areas that require change and act decisively. Refuse to settle for mediocrity. Refuse to be distracted. Refuse to delay your becoming.

The world is in need of true role models—individuals whose lives reflect integrity, excellence, and purpose. Let your life be

one of them.

Rise with clarity. Live with intention. Produce with consistency. Lead with impact.

And ultimately, become the role model you were created to be.



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