

# TO SUCCESS



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# Chapter One

# **Power to achieve Success**

Success is the maximum utilisation of your ability. Success is bouncing back when you hit the bottom. Success is making your life a masterpiece such that you stand in the presence of God and you are not ashamed at all. Success is to know where you are going and to go there and fulfil the purpose of God for your life.

However, it is important to know that success in life is achieved through strategic empowerment. You will receive some extra abilities to be your best in life. Many people know about success. Many people desire success but never attain it because of some limitations and constraints. However, through the supernatural and enabling power of the Holy Spirit you can overcome all obstacles and reach your goals in life. God took Joshua into the secrets of success when Joshua was reluctant and discouraged about taking over the leadership of Israel from Moses.

Declare this loud "My Father empower me to succeed by the power in the blood of Jesus.

Joshua 1:8

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:6-8

Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

#### JOSHUA

Success is achieving all that God created you to achieve. Success is prospering in every area of your life. Success is discovering your best talents, skills and abilities and applying them to make the most effective contribution to your fellow men. Success, as far as the Bible is concerned, is the achievement of God's goals and purpose in your life. Success is doing those things God has ordained you to do and doing them in away that would satisfy God.

Success is to positively contribute to the betterment of others. Success is doing God's will. It has been well said by our ancient fathers that there can never be any blessing for the fish that decided to go on top of the tree. Success is to leave the world better than you found it. Success is recording accomplishments beyond your wildest dream. Success is thinking of yesterday without regret and thinking of tomorrow without fear. Success is making triumphing over of all your difficulties.

#### What is success?

Success is what you do with your potentials. It is accomplishing your set goals in life. It is a good journey towards your goals. Success is the development of your untapped potentials. Success is the ability

to spend your life in God's own way. Unfortunately there are many living their lives the way it was not written about them. Success is activating your inner power house.

Unto every man brought to this world is a power house given to them by God. Your power house may be your hands. It may be your brain, your voice or the way you hold yourself. Your power house may be your mental capacity. Success is activating your inner power house. Your power house may be your virtues that you need to activate to bring you what God wants to bring you.

#### 2 Chronicles 26:15

And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

My prayer is that may heaven help you marvellously in Jesus name. Everyone in life who is not a sick man or mentally derailed man wants to be successful in life. But many do not understand what success entails or requires.

## **GREATNESS IN LIFE**

Many who are successful in life and who have attained greatness in life can testify of spiritual abilities that enable them to become great. Joshua gave himself to the word of God and he became great in life. Through the supernatural power of God he divided river Jordan and Israel passed over to take their inheritance. God assigned a special angel to him. From the time that special angel was with Joshua the war of inheritance over Canaan was just a walkover. I pray that the angel that will empower you for success shall resume duty in the name of Jesus.

# **REAL SUCCESS**

Success that is achieved is not only by dint of hard-work or by natural means. You need a spiritually backed up success. There are plenty of talented men who are complete failures. There are plenty of intelligent people who are complete failures. You need divine assistance and empowerment. David was a bundle of success and he had great achievement. He was anointed and empowered by God to rule and to prevail over the enemy. He got a great name in Israel. Moses was a stammerer who ran away from Pharaoh because the king of Egypt wanted to kill him. However, when God met him by the burning bush in the desert, He empowered him and he became like a god to Pharaoh. With that rod in the hand of Moses, he wrested the children of Israel from the hand of Pharaoh. You shall be a god to your Pharaoh in Jesus name.

Paul the apostle was somebody who persecuted the saints. He too was saved and empowered to deliver the gentiles. Eventually he finished well and he wrote more than half of the books in the New Testament. He attributes his success to empowerment from God.

# THE KEYS

# What are the different ways of divine empowerment to succeed?

- 1. You can be empowered through diligence and hand work. The Bible says "Seeth thou a man who is diligent in his work, he will stand before kings. He will not stand before mean men.
- 2. You can be empowered through prayers. There is nothing that cannot be achieved through prayer.
- 3. Through violent faith. When you seek God you must believe that he Is a reward of those who diligently seek him.
- 4. Through walking with God. God is primary source of light, power and grace to succeed. The Bible says "In Him was life and this life was the light of men". When you walk with God you cannot fail. You cannot be unsuccessful for God will lead you to the place of greatness and breakthrough. The trouble is, we do our walk with God haphazardly. Some people only pray very well

- when they are happy. That time you went on holidays in prayer school, the enemy will use it to run faster into your life.
- 5. You can be empowered through righteousness. Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people. Righteousness will facilitate your greatness. Sin will lead to failure and ridicule. Righteousness is a defence and it has a voice that speaks on your defence to defend you. But sin opens the door of destruction unto people's life.
- 6. You can be empowered through the word of God. The word of God is the light that lightens our way. The Bible says the word of God is quick and powerful sharper than any two edged sword. When you believe in that word of God and you practice it, you will have good success.
- 7. You can be empowered through the baptism of the Holy Ghost and by receiving spiritual gifts. Every believer should ensure he is baptised with the Holy Ghost and spiritual gifts.
- 8. You can be empowered through the intervention of ministering spirits. Angels of God are called ministering spirits. They are sent forth to minister to the saints of God. They have assisted many believers to be successful. Even Jesus our master receives Angelic assistance. Angelic assistance also released Peter from jail. Angelic assistance also helped King Hezekiah destroy the Assyrians. At all times we need the supernatural assistance of ministering spirits.
- 9. We can be empowered through visions, revelations and divine ideas. You need to have a Joseph's dream. You need to have revelation on what to do. You need divine revelation from heaven that will make you shine and overtake those who have gone before you.

"Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go." Isaiah 48: 17

10. You can be empowered through brokenness. When you are completely broken you become a member of the council of heaven. God makes you a favourite person. He will confide in you, talk to you.

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

# **Prayer Points**

- 1. Lord, give unto me the key to good success, so that anywhere I go the doors of good success will be opened unto me.
- 2. Lord, establish me as a holy person unto you, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Lord, let the anointing to excel in my spiritual and physical life fall on me, in the name of Jesus.
- 4. I declare with my mouth that nothing shall be impossible with me, in the name of Jesus.
- 5. I reject the anointing of non-achievement in my handiwork, in the name of Jesus.
- 6. Lord, let your favour and that of men encompass me this year, in the name of Jesus.
- 7. Holy Spirit, control my ability to frame my words.
- 8. Let scorpions be rendered harmless in every area of my life, in the name of Jesus.

# **Chapter Two**

# **Success Blockers**

Unto everyman a particular airspace has been appointed in the heavenlies realm. There is a general heaven over the whole of the head. If you are concerned about your success, beloved, the first thing you need to do is to ensure that the heavens are opened. Before Jesus started His ministry the heavens opened over Him.

It was when Jacob got to Bethel and put his head on the pillow of stone that he saw Heaven opened and angels were ascending and descending.

If your personal heaven is closed, demons would overcome you with ease. Nothing will ever go smoothly. You would plant much but reap very little. There would be no rain falling to fertilize the land of your life. The whole of your life becomes a struggle because of the hard ground. Problems would remain the same even after multiple deliverance sessions. The devourers would be released upon your labour because the heavens are closed. You would be living on past achievements. There would be no fresh fire in your spiritual life. Scarcity would be created for you in the midst of plenty.

## **CLOSED HEAVEN**

One terrible thing about closed heaven is that it provides a comfortable position for the spirit of poverty to operate. Many people do not realise that it is because of where they are that the rain of blessing is falling upon their head. When they leave, the rain ceases to fall and then they come back again. When the heavens are closed over your prayers, such prayers become an ordinary noise. Your

mind will always wander during prayers. Bible reading becomes very difficult.

When the heavens are closed, the person finds it so difficult to coexit with darkness. There would be constant leakage in the person's purse and he would run into debt. There would be no vision and no revelation and there would be unexplainable hardship.

You must desire success. You must determine that you will benefit from achieving your goals. You must identify the obstacles and the required resources you need and you must have a vision with persistence. You must pray hard and work hard to be a man or woman of the word of God.

Every born-again Christian is destined for an all-round success. Success is your kingdom right. It is your covenant and redemptive right. No believer has an excuse for failure. Failure is an abuse of your salvation. You are born to be a winner. God equipped and expected people to be successful. Failure, they say, is an orphan, but success is a mother of many children. Unfortunately, success is often misunderstood and many people do not know what true success is.

True success is when you are successful in God's way. It is when you position yourself where God wants you to be. Any success outside God's agenda for your life is a waste of time and a failure.

### **IMPORTANT FACTS**

# Some facts of success are highlighted below:

- 1. Your life can be what you want it to be. You are as close to God as you personally want it to be. What you find time for is what you are really intrested in. If you want your life to be better than what it is at present, then you have to take steps to make it better.
- 2. Those who are successful do ordinary things people do with inspiration, more ideas and purpose. Endeavour to be

- whatever you are doing in an extraordinary way.
- 3. **Success and failure have roots.** I decree that every root of failure would be uprooted from your life, in the name of Jesus.
- 4. **Money does not determine success.** Many people had money yet they committed suicide. Success is prosperity in your body, soul and spirit.
- 5. It is foolish to follow the crowd blindly.
- 6. Success is using what God has given you to reach His promise for your life.
- 7. If you have no control, success would be far from you.
- 8. The shortest route to success is a straight route. Any cocked way to success is failure.
- 9. **Some people would not move until they are pushed.** Sometimes, God has to give that push.
- 10. **Ninety percent of success is correct positioning.** God is geographically minded. He told Elijah go to the Brook of Cherish where He would send the ravens to feed him.
- 11. If you cannot sacrifice anything to anybody you are not likely to succeed.
- 12. When you fail to prepare, you prepare to fail.
- 13. There is always a vacancy at the top
- 14. If you are a sleep addict you have failed.
- 15. When you are under pressure or tension, whatever comes out of you is what is really inside you.
- 16. Once you are expecting failure, you have already failed.
- 17. You must hear more and talk less.
- 18. You must control your tongue or it will control you.
- 19. You can't have real success until you know who you are.
- 20. If you are failing in your home, no success can compensate for it.

# **CLOSED HEAVEN**

1. The first barrier to success is a closed heaven.

Deuteronomy 28:23.

And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.

2. The second barrier is godlessness.

John 15:14

Ye are my friends, If ye do whatsoever I command you.

You need to make God your friend. When He is not your friend, you block your own success. God will not assist His own enemies. If you are His enemy, when He arises you will scatter. When you walk with Him you will succeed.

3. Having a bad self-image is another barrier.

John 4:13

Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

Do not run yourself down with your own mouth.

4. Laziness is another barrier.

Proverbs 22:29

Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

You must work hard. There is a place for work in destiny. Lazy people never succeed. Inherited laziness is even worse. Laziness is a disease.

5. Lack of creativity.

Job 32:8

# But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

You need the seed of the spirit or creativity. This inspiration can be tested when employers offer money to employees for creative ideas. Creativity gives birth to original idea that no one has ever conceived. Creativity requires inspiration. God is the Creator. He can plant progress idea into your mind.

# 6. Despising small beginning.

Zechariah 4:10.

For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

Do not despise small victories. Do not become unthankful in your small successes. Praise God for all your successes be they small or big. The unthankful will not move forward in the Lord.

# 7. Feeling comfortable in the tail department.

Deuteronomy 28:13

And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

You must refuse to be in the tail department. The world is filled with mediocre. Refuse to be average. Crave to the best in everything you are doing. It's an important way to get to success.

# 8. Bad time management.

Psalm 90:12.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

You must learn the principles of time management. Time wasting is a disaster.

- 9. Hatred of change.
- 10. Ignorance.
- 11. Planlessness.

Luke 14:31

Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

You should write down your plans, your goals and your ideas. When you write them down your chances of pursuing and achieving them will be increased.

#### 12. Talkativeness.

Ecclesiastes 5:2.

Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

God is not a talkative and does not expect you to be so.

#### 13. Disorder.

Many people are disorderly in their work habits, prayer habits, Bible study habits and such other habits that prevent them from improving seriously. Of course, they have problem with God. For example, God created the universe in six days, beginning with light. He did not create the world in a haphazard manner. Learn to be orderly, by depending on the Holy Spirit.

# 14. Incomplete deliverance.

Jeremiah 8:11.

For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

# **Prayer Points**

- 1. Lord, give unto me, the key to good success, so that anywhere I go, the doors of good success will be opened unto me.
- 2. Lord, let the anointing to excel in my spiritual and physical life fall on me, in the name of Jesus.
- 3. I reject the anointing of non-achievement in my handiwork, in the name of Jesus.
- 4. Let all those circulating my name for evil, be disgraced, in the name of Jesus.
- 5. Let all evil friends make mistakes that will expose them, in the name of Jesus.
- 6. I refuse to wear the garment of tribulation and sorrow, in the name of Jesus.
- 7. Lord, let the spirit that flees from sin incubate my life.
- 8. Lord, produce in me the power of self-control and gentleness.
- 9. I loose. . . from the bondage the powers of darkness are putting on him or her by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 10. By the blood of Jesus, I cancel and render null and void, all commands issued by the powers of darkness in ...'s life, in the name of Jesus.
- 11. I bind the god of this age and declare he can no longer blind... in darkness, in the name of Jesus.

# **Chapter Three**

# When Failure is Tragic

Ephes. 2:8-9

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

It follows therefore that no church activity can save you. The Bible says that Christians shall be known by their fruits. Thus, when somebody who calls himself a Christian is exhibiting fruits that are not Christ like one can then confirm that such a person is not a Christian. The Bible tells us that "whosoever is in Christ has become a new creature and old things are passed away; behold all things are now new". It is very certain that many churchgoers these days are not born-again.

Many just do what their mind tells them to do. Indeed, many find it difficult to live above sin. The message that God has been preaching to them for many years has not changed them. It is not surprising therefore that brotherly love is dying out, and people no longer trust each other. Tribalism is fast creeping into the house of God and gossip and backbiting have taken over in many places. But for those who are truly saved, they will always receive whatever they want from the Lord. They will always seek first the kingdom of God and all other things shall be added unto them.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF FAILURE

When somebody is not born again, he has already secured the greatest certificate of failure in his hands. He may go to church, he may have a Christian name he may even be confirmed and all kinds

of religious things may be happening to him, but if he is not born again, and has therefore not experienced what is known as salvation, he has the greatest certificate of failure anyone could think of. Sometimes, when people come to request for prayers concerning their troubled lives, the first question I usually ask them is, whether they are born again. If they say they are not born again, my usual response to them is the Bible quotation which says, "say ye unto the righteous, it shall be well with him, for he shall inherit the fruits of his labour, but say ye unto the wicked, it shall be ill with him, and God is continually angry with the wicked everyday" as far as a person is born again, it shall be well with him or her. However, the opposite is the result for whoever is not born again. The bible says that it shall be ill with the wicked and the person will get confused everyday because he has rejected the greatest miracle that God has for his life. I once asked somebody who came to visit me whether or not he had received the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said that he had received it, that he cost him fifty kobo! I wondered what that meant! When I asked him further, I found that he was talking about his baptismal card, which cost him fifty kobo. He did not know what salvation was, even as a regular visitor to the church!

### FROM THE CHURCH TO HELL?

This is why many people who go to church will advance from the church to hell fire straight away. We must go back to the foundation, because the issue of salvation is very basic. It Is not enough for you to sit down and convince yourself that you are saved, when you are not. Everything in your Christian life builds up from the God's given salvation. If I asked you, whether you were married. The answer I expect from you is either yes or no. It is the same thing with salvation; there is no sitting on the fence on issues concerning salvation. It is the purpose of salvation that brought Jesus to the world

1Tim. 1:15

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief".

Again, Matthew 1:21

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Acts 4:12 tells us in clear terms

"Neither is there salvation in my other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved".

So. Jesus is not only the basis of our salvation but he is also our Saviour. Salvation is deliverance from the guilt and penalties of sin. It is also put in place for you to enjoy the unchanging favour of God forever through Jesus Christ, who gave his all at the cross of Calvary. The prison warden in Acts 16 had to sincerely ask Paul and Silas to teach him how he could get his own salvation. He reasoned that it was the salvation of the duo (Paul and Silas) that gave them spiritual freedom. Although they were in physical bondage, they were nonetheless liberated In the spirit This is the foundation. A man is lost without a Saviour. Salvation is therefore your passport to heaven. Without that passport, you are going nowhere. If you are reading this book and you are not born again, you already have a certificate of failure. Turn to God today in repentance. God wants you to be saved. Please know that salvation is not by works.

# THE SCOURGE OF FAILURE

The word failure may no longer be strange to you. Perhaps you have failed at least once or twice, in a particular endeavour and you now know that failure is the inability to achieve something you set out to achieve. What may bother you at this junction is, what certificate has to do with failure. We shall analyze this with a close reference to the

Bible. Readers of the Bible will recognize that the failure of man started right from the Garden of Eden.

Adam could rightly be considered a failure. He disappointed God and lost the glory that God gave to him. He allowed himself to be deceived and so he fell. If Adam had not fallen, man would have lived forever and all the troubles and tribulations that we now experience would not exist. Perhaps there would not have been any necessity for prayer. But then Adam fell and lost both glory and paradise. He was therefore chased out of the beautiful garden. In addition, God put an angel to prevent Adam from finding his way back into the garden.

Adam failed and received a technical knockout from the devil. It then became necessary for the second Adam to come and resume the fight that the first Adam left unfinished. The second Adam was Jesus Christ, the Son of God who came in the flesh. But immediately, Jesus died and resurrected every failure of man had no reason to continue beyond that time. But in spite of all these, we have a lot people who are going about with certificates of failure.

Psalm 37:25

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

# THE JOY OF SALVATION

Salvation is therefore the most important thing that you can receive. A permanent feature that is always present in those who are saved is the joy of salvation. So, if you see somebody who is always feeling sad as if the whole world is going to collapse on his head, it is unlikely that the person is saved. Those who are saved are people who will always speak to sinners about Christ. They will also speak to God everyday in prayer. Please close your eyes and pray this prayer point: "Oh Lord, touch my heart, if I'm not saved, take away my false security in the name of Jesus" Many people are wearing the garment of religion. I pray that such people will not die before

repentance. God expects every Christian to sow the seed of salvation and not religion. Those who wear the garment of religion are not necessarily interested in salvation. Rather they want people to identify them with church titles and positions. That is religion and not salvation. And God did not call anybody to religion. God expects you to sow a good seed. What kind of seed are you sowing in your family? Does your family still come together for morning and evening devotions? If you don't do this, you are routing your family on the express path of destruction. It is not surprising at all that many housemaids have taken over the spiritual control of many Christian families. Many children have been bewitched because of the inability on the part of parents to SOW the seed of God in their lives. This again explains the reason why demonic housemaids find it easier to sow evil seeds in the lives of children without the good seed of God.

Parents who neglect the spiritual growth or well being of their children will certainly receive the wrath of God. What kind of seed are you sowing as a Christian? You must be able to sow seeds of honesty, loyalty, dedication and integrity. Sometimes ago, a group of Christian students from University of Lagos invited me to speak to them on a particular topic. I would have honoured the invitation, but I didn't honour it for an important reason. The envelope, which contained the letter, had NEPA inscription on it. I wondered when NEPA's became a Christian body. The envelope was NEPA's property. So, whoever used it to send a letter to me stole it. It was evident that there was no salvation in the life of whosoever did that. Believers cannot be doing a thing like that and expect to get to heaven.

## **REAL SALVATION**

There is no salvation in a believer who gets to office at 9.00 am, but writes 7.05 am in the attendance register. A believer who does that is not only making a wrong choice but also sowing an evil seed. Do they know you as a Christian where you are, or do they recognize you as a hypocrite who goes to church to give a false impression to

other people? Let us look at an interesting man called Lot in the Bible, who made a lot of wrong choice, let us see what befell him.

#### Genesis 13:10-12

And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot Journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

Lot was nobody until he followed Abraham. It was then that God blessed him because he was following God's elect. Unfortunately for Lot, he did not know how to manage the blessings he received through Abraham. Covetousness took over his life. When Abraham called him to choose first the area he would want to stay, the greed in him controlled his choice. He could not even ask Abraham to choose before he made his choice. It was not surprising that Lot eventually chose Sodom and Gomorrah. His wrong choice was based on covetousness, He chose to put his tent toward Sodom and live near the place of sin. But when Sodom was in trouble with God and God was going to destroy the place, Lot again made another wrong choice.

#### Genesis 19:1

And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

THE GATE OF SODOM

What was Lot doing at the gate of Sodom? He was a member of the town council. He had gained worldly influence in Sodom. Again, Genesis 19:16 tells us what the angels of God did when Lot was reluctant to depart from Sodom.

Genesis 19:16

And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

Lot had to be dragged out. He loved Sodom and the things that God hated. He loved the things that God was set to destroy. Lot chose to be weak, and because of his weakness, he had a lot of problems. When some people wanted to come into his house to rape his visitors, he was willing to give his two daughters to them for sin. And when he told his sons-in-law that God was going to destroy Sodom, the Bible says in verse 14, that he seemed to them as someone who was mocking. That is to say, they took it as a joke. They felt he was not serious. As if that was not enough, Lot again chose to disobey the angels sent to him. When the angels told him, to run out of Sodom, lot gave an unexpected reply. Verse 17 and 18 of the same chapter read thus.

Genesis 19:17-18

And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord:

# THE VALLEY SYNDROME

He preferred the valley to the mountain. Eventually, he got drunk and put his two daughters in the family way. Wrong choices eventually gave Lot an evil certificate. Today, we also have a lot of people who

don't have the certificate of salvation. We have considered the first certificate as the certificate of failure. Now

# 2. The love of money, love for the opposite sex and pride.

This is why witchcraft powers find it easier to operate in people's lives. Many young lives have been ruined by immorality. It is a great certificate of failure when that certificate Is in a person's hand, then one has to really pray and seek for deliverance.

Unholy association with the opposite sex is an evidence of being a student in the school of failure. This also has caused the failure of so many men in the Bible.

1Cor. 6:15-18

Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? Know ye not that he which is Joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is Joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

So a man, who joined himself as one flesh to a harlot about twenty years ago, may be having problems now. That was where the problems of Samson started. He was a powerful person, whose birth was prophesied by an angel. His birth was a miracle even as his life was a miracle. But he fell when Delilah came against him. Many people who are having problems now, cannot but trace their problems to the evil certificate they once collected at a certain time in their lives. That is number one certificate in the trinity. There is inordinate affection for money. It is difficult to love both money and God at the same time. You may have the ability to work for two masters, but you must still serve only one of them. Therefore, your attitude towards money is very important. When you have money of affliction in your hands, such money will chase away good money

from you. It will also destroy the life of children you are using the money to train. This is why the Bible talks about restitution. So if you took somebody's money in a way that is not scriptural the Bible commands you have violently or deceitfully taken away. This is well clarified in.

#### Leviticus 6:1-4

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, if a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour; Or have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein: Then it Shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found,

So, if you had defrauded anybody in the past or you had deceitfully kept somebody's money the Bible says you must make restitution by returning the thing. When you attach unnecessary importance to money, it is an evidence of enrollment in the school of failure. Repent today.

# **Prayer Points**

- 1. Lord, give unto me the key to good success, so that anywhere I go the doors of good success will be opened unto me.
- 2. Lord, establish me as a holy person unto you, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Lord, let the anointing to excel in my spiritual and physical life fall on me, in the name of Jesus.
- 4. I declare with my mouth that nothing shall be impossible with me, in the name of Jesus.
- 5. I reject the anointing of non-achievement in my handiwork, in the name of Jesus.

- 6. Lord, let your favour and that of men encompass me this year, in the name of Jesus.
- 7. Holy Spirit, control my ability to frame my words.
- 8. Let scorpions be rendered harmless in every area of my life, in the name of Jesus.
- 9. Let serpents be rendered harmless in every area of my life, in the name of Jesus.
- 10. Let the camp of the enemy be put in disarray, in Jesus' name.
- 11. Let all my Herod receive spiritual decay, in the name of Jesus.
- 12. Let evil worms in any area of my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
- 13. Let all handwritings against me be paralysed, in Jesus' name.
- 14. All those circulating my name for evil, be disgraced, in Jesus' name.
- 15. Let evil friends make mistakes that would expose them, in the name of Jesus.
- 16. Let the strongmen from both sides of my family, destroy themselves, in the name of Jesus
- 17. Let not my peace depart from me, O Lord.
- 18. I refuse to wear the garment of tribulation and sorrow, in the name of Jesus.
- 19. Lord, let the spirit that flees from sin incubate my life.
- 20. Let the secrets of hidden and open enemies be revealed, in the name of Jesus.
- 21. I command every satanic net to receive destruction, in the name of Jesus.
- 22. Lord, create in me a clean heart by your power.
- 23. Lord, renew a right spirit within me.
- 24. I renounce my rights to my anger, in the name of Jesus.
- 25. Lord, remove from me the root of irritation that keeps anger alive in me.

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