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BACKCOVER

# CHAPTER ONE

## BECOMING A STRANGER TO FAILURE

Success is achievable. To succeed, you need divine power. You need to receive the raw power of God, in order to succeed, and become a stranger to failure. To help you cultivate the habit of succeeding in life's endeavour, we shall begin with examining what it takes to become a stranger to failure.

To become a stranger to failure, you need to learn the basics of the successful lifestyle. To benefit maximally from this chapter, I want you to pray the following prayer points:

### PRAYER POINTS

1. Every yoke manufacturer, die with your yoke, in the name of Jesus.

2. Powers, that are swallowing my breakthroughs, vomit them, in the name of Jesus.

3. Pharaoh from my place of birth, I bury you in the Red Sea, in the name of Jesus.

Failure is not your lot. Success is your birthright. In fact, God expects you to be a total stranger to failure. Why? It is simply, because your Creator has never known failure. Thus, being the works of His hands, you should not be failure.

Failure is not God's handiwork. It is the devil that engineers failure. My prayer is that the Lord will help you, to become a total stranger to failure.

There is a message of hope for you. If you have recorded any failure in any area of your life, the Lord will rewrite your story, and will make you a symbol of success. Give heed to the divine instruction today, and, you will never remain the same. Here is God's Word for you.

**Job 14:7-9:** For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root there of wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

Somebody has rightly stated that failing is not what matter, what really matter is whether you remain a failure. Do not ever weep, or pity yourself over the failures of the past, because something new is about to happen in your life. Your name will soon become a household name. Get ready for enlargement and promotion because the God of heaven will make you a stranger to failure.

It does not take God much time to perform glorious things in your life. The Lord can bless you in a split second, and all you lay your hands upon will become prosperous. Allow God to have His way in your life, and you will never know failure. A day of breakthrough can make you forget years of sufferings. A moment of divine favour is all you need to forget all the years of fruitless labour. Your night will soon be turned to a glorious day.

## THE GREATEST SUCCESS

If you are asked to give an answer to what constitute the greatest success upon the face of the earth, what would be your answer? Maybe, you might conclude hastily, that it is buying the most expensive car, or building a mansion. Friend, that is far from the truth.

The greatest success was achieved by Jesus Christ. Although, going by human calculation, some people might look at it as a failure. Jesus Christ was born to a poor and lowly family of a carpenter. He started His ministry at 30. He fasted in the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights, after which some people did not recognize Him, as a Saviour.

Jesus was received in Jerusalem during His triumphant entry as king, but was later to be crucified in a bitter way on the cross of Calvary. Jesus Christ later gathered about 70 people, but later we did not hear much about them. He had to pray and do vigils to select His 12 disciples. Out of these disciples, one of them also chosen by prayer, became a traitor.

Jesus Christ invested in the lives of his disciples for three and half years, only to see none of them at the close of His ministry; they all ran away, when Jesus was arrested. The only person who stood was Peter, and he later denied Jesus.

John Mark (the writer of the gospel of Mark) was busy watching, what they were doing to Jesus. When they ran after him to arrest him, he removed his clothes and threw it at them. He had to run away naked. The ministry of Jesus did not go beyond a place called Palestine. He did not sound like a successful man.

By the time He rose from the dead ordinary women discovered that He had risen again. In fact, the disciples did not believe the risen story. They took all the stories of resurrection as a mere tale. We are made to know that they were searching for Jesus at the cemetery until an angel confronted them, asking them an eternal question -"why seek ye the living among the dead?"

Thomas Didymus doubted the resurrection of Jesus. He was an epitome of an honest and scientific doubter, who wanted to put his hands inside the place where Jesus had been nailed, to confirm the authenticity of Jesus' resurrection.

You will also discover that the disciples, who had been called to be fishers of men, soon forgot God's mandate upon their lives. After the departure of Jesus, they quickly resumed fishing career. Jesus had to go back to the place, where he had called them to still fetch them.

If you examine the ministry of Jesus with the eyes of men, you might conclude that it was a failure. But it is the greatest success the world has ever witnessed. Can you imagine that those unlettered fishermen and tax collectors were the materials used by God, to bring the gospel to you and I?

## THE GREATEST FAILURE

Having seen the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus as the greatest success, through which salvation has come to man, you will then discover what constitutes the greatest failure upon the face of the earth. The greatest failure a man could ever experience then, is to despise and throw down the offer of salvation.

Being rich materially and financially is not the ultimate. For you to be a stranger to failure, you must be rich in God. The richest man with all his riches; will perish one day, just as the poorest man will die. In eternity, riches will not matter. It is only the way you have lived your life on earth that will determine your success.

To be rich in God, is the step towards enjoying eternity with God in heaven. Repentance and salvation will make you to be rich in God. God will move you from failure to success, as you appropriate the gift of salvation into your life. The Bible laments the failure of rich men, who lack salvation in James 5:1-6.

**James 5:1-6:** Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.

## IGNORANCE, THE TRAGEDY OF HUMAN EXPERIENCE

All tragedies of human experience can be traceable to ignorance. Ignorance will impoverish and enslave you. It is ignorance that makes you a friend to failure, and a stranger to success. It is ignorance that will make you to roam about the beach, seeking for solution to life's problems. It is ignorance that will make a sister to visit a false prophet and to undress herself, and in the name of seeking for help, the false prophet will rob her body with an egg, all because she is looking for a husband.

Nothing but ignorance will make somebody, who bags a Master's degree from Cambridge to subject himself to a ritual bath. A University lecturer was once told to mount a live goat on his back, and go to the market for ritual, just to solve a particular problem. The lecturer asked if there was another way out aside the first option; without going through the ordeals of shamefully backing a goat. Prior to this time, he had fainted and was carried like a little boy. He was given another unpalatable option of breaking several coconuts at different junctions at night. Eventually, the lecturer ran to Jesus for help.

There is no help outside God. God is the only one, who can give you the power to overcome the surmountable mountains before you. That is why God should control your life.

## WHAT IS IGNORANCE

Ignorance simply means lack of knowledge. When you do not have the knowledge of God, His word and a particular fact or information, you are ignorant. Ignorance is detrimental and dangerous.

There are many educated, enlightened and intelligent men, who are still suffering from ignorance. Your educational attainment cannot exclude you from ignorance. In fact, there are some people, who are educated, but are ignorant of basic things in the Scriptures.

I was in a high-level government meeting sometimes ago, where the participants were supposed to be very intelligent people. One man had a hot argument with me over a thing in the Scriptures. The man told me that Moses in the Bible was so close to God, and prayed so powerfully to a level that horns came out of his head. "Horns on Moses' head?" I queried. He answered "Yes." I had to bring out my Bible, for him to show me that place in the Bible. He could not show me yet he insisted that it was in the Bible. One of them later said, "Dr. Olukoya, are you telling us that you have memorized every word and sentence in the Bible, that you now know that what the other man said was not in the Bible?"

As a Christian who wants to be a stranger to failure, there is a need for you to have a deep knowledge of the Scriptures. In fact, you should follow a guide that will make you to read the whole Bible through in one year. The Bible has shown us the peril of ignorance.

**Isaiah 5:13-14:** Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

Ignorance of the word of God, will not only make you a failure in life it will bring you into captivity and bondage. Ignorance will bring about eternal destruction in hell. If you can read your books as a student, and, if you can devote time to read newspapers, you have no excuse for not reading the Bible. Make the Bible your companion, and failure will be far from you. It is until you give time to Bible study, that you can have more understanding than your teachers.

**Psalm 119:97-100:** O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients because I keep thy precepts.

## SMART, BUT NOT WISE

It is possible for you to be smart but not wise. If a man is planting an evil seed, though he is ignorant of this, it will not keep the evil seed from growing. Education is very good, yet, it does not induce wisdom all the time.

In fact there are many educated illiterates around. As a matter of fact, those who are confusing the world, are very educated and intelligent people.

Information is not the same as wisdom. You can fill your heads with data, but may still be unwise. Age is not also equivalent to wisdom. One of my teachers in the secondary school has rightly said, "If beards were to signify intelligence, the goat would have been a genius." So, old age is not wisdom. It is very possible, for someone to spend the whole of his life learning the wrong thing.

A person can be an expert in ignorance. One can learn everything about nothing, without knowing anything tangible. Failure is an orphan. You would almost always notice that there is nobody, who wants to be associated with failure.

## YOUR POSITION

Your position as a Christian is a glorious and enviable one. You are not supposed to beg anybody. People should seek help from you. It is a shame for unbelievers to question your faith, because of failure, or poverty. Jesus Christ became poor, so that you could be rich, spiritually and physically. Why not close your eyes and pray this prayer fervently: *I shall not beg to eat, I shall not befriend poverty, in the name of Jesus.*

## THE YOKE OF FAILURE

Everybody wants to win, but not everybody is winning. The yoke of failure had griped men in seven major areas.

1. Business
2. Spiritual
3. Marriage
4. Career
5. Health
6. Ministry
7. Academics

## SUCCESS NUGGETS

☞**The secret of success is constancy of purpose**

Anything you want to do, and, you are not constant, you will fail.

☞**There is something worse than giving up and that is, not beginning at all.**

To give up is bad, but not beginning at all, is worse.

☞**Laziness is the attitude of resting, before you are tired**

☞**Everyone is in the gutter of life**

The only difference is that some pack the mud underneath, while the others aim at the stars.

☞**When a person is a loser, he will always visualise failure**

☞**When a person is a winner, he will visualise success, and that is why everything he does, must succeed.**

☞**Many people lose the substance, because they are busy chasing shadows.**

This reminds me of the good old days when I was in primary School. Before any term begins, one of our teachers used to tell us an interesting story. He went thus:

In a particular village, a dog decided to go to the meat market in order to pick from the meat, which the butchers were selling. The dog did, as if it was sleeping in the market. Shortly after, a big meat was laying somewhere, without anybody there. The dog ran quickly, and picked it up. It later ran away, though people shouted and threw stones at it. Later the dog had to cross a river, in order to eat the meat at the other side. Something interesting happened. The dog discovered a dog, with a big meat inside the river. Little did it know that it was only its reflection. The dog in anger, opened its mouth, so as to chase the shadow dog with the big meat, but eventually discovered that it was just its image. So, by chasing the shadow, the dog lost the substance.

☞**The activities you do are different from your achievements.**

You may do lots of things without achieving anything.

☞**If you are thoroughly satisfied with your present position, you are a failure.**

☞**Any problem you have carries the seed of its destruction.**

Close your eyes and pray this deep prayer: *Let my problems destroy themselves, in the name of Jesus.*

☞**God can do great things, through imperfect people, praying for perfection.**

☞**Everything in life, follows the principle of starling from the bottom to the top.**

The only exception to this is, when you are digging a hole. In other words, you will have to work yourself from up downwards.

☞**No man is a failure, until he begins to fail from the inside.**

## CAUSES OF FAILURE IN LIFE

☞**Living a floating life, without definite aims or purposes.**

In other words, you will fail when you do not know why you were born, why you are on earth, where you are coming from, where you are going and why you

are doing what you are doing.

Some years ago, a man used to pass through our house shouting, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." This he does every 5:00 am in his white garment. I woke up around this time one day, and decided to challenge him. I beckoned to this preacher, and I asked him, "What do you mean by repentance?" To worsen the matter, "I demanded to know which kingdom of heaven is at hand?" He only stopped and looked straight at me and said, "It is not given unto the son of man to explain."

Surprisingly, he made me realise, that it is not his pleasure to be doing, what he was doing. He also told me that it was one prophet, who told him to be doing the morning cry, because, if he did not do it, he would die. It is not good to live a floating life, without understanding what one is doing.

### ☞INHERITED FAILURE

Failure can be inherited, therefore you need to check your foundation. Abraham told lies that Sarah was not his wife, after which Isaac followed suit; he told lies again, that his own wife was not his wife. By the time the spirit of lies had gone from Abraham to Isaac, it doubled itself in Jacob. In fact, Jacob became an expert in lies. Also, the spirit of lie passed down to the children, who told their father, "Joseph, your son is dead." Check your foundation very well. Do not allow inherited failure to destroy your future.

The Bible says that David had many wives. This anointing of immorality was transferred to Solomon. He had 300 wives and 700 concubines (girlfriends). Solomon begat Rehoboam, who had 18 wives and married 60 girlfriends. Rehoboam's son called Abijah, also had 14 wives. The trend continued!

The seed of failure in your great grand fathers could be transferred to you, if serious prayer is not done. It is possible for your great grand parents to have dedicated you to idols, and the covenant might remain binding, if you do not go through deliverance.

A sister had a woeful result in her SSCE, and she ran home to meet her mother. The mother took her to a herbalist, who told her that since she had got the child through the river, there is need for her to make sacrifices to the river in June of every year. With this, the mother bought bags of rice and beans, chicken and other things. She threw everything inside the river at the command of the herbalist. After doing this, the sister got distinctions in her next result.

Later on, this sister got born again in a church, where deliverance was not practised. Thus, she stopped making sacrifices to the river. The devil waited to deal with her in the matrimonial home. One day, her husband brought three girls to the matrimonial home, and slept with all of them on the same bed. This made the sister to run back to her mother, who simply told her to make fresh sacrifice to the ruler-goddess. And not until the sister went for deliverance, was the problem solved. She had inherited failure in her background.

The Scripture says, "If the foundation be destroyed what can the righteous do?

Close your eyes, lay one hand on your stomach and pray these prayer points, with all your strength:

1. Every foundation of witchcraft in my family, die now, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every seed of failure in my root, die, in the name of Jesus
3. Every seed of witchcraft in my foundation, die, in the name of Jesus.

**☞INDISCIPLINE**

This is a major cause of failure. If you have the habit of a glutton, you can eat up anything available. For you to have success, you must control your emotions, temper, habits and what you eat. It has been said that the best marriage is the one that the wife's mouth has been padlocked, and the man's eyes blinded. In other words, there would be discipline, which will make the wife not to say anything wrong. The husband, too, will not see what will annoy the wife. This is what will bring about peace and success in life.

**☞BAD HEALTH**

If you are an ardent student of the Bible, you will discover that healing promises are found everywhere in the Scriptures. God knows that anybody who has good prospects, but in a deplorable health situation, cannot perform well. There is no point having millions in the bank only to squander it on bad health. For you to be a stranger to failure, you must avoid bad health and pray to God for sound health.

**☞UNFAVOURABLE CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENTAL INFLUENCE.**

Where you lived during your childhood, will either have positive or negative influence on you. There are some people, who have been assaulted sexually due to the environment of their childhood. This goes on to affect their adulthood. Scientists have made us to know, that character is already formed at the age of childhood.

Pray this prayer with all your heart: *Every childhood pollution, affecting my destiny, clear away, in the name of Jesus.*

### ☞LACK OF VISION

Vision is paramount to successful achievement. Somebody has rightly said that if you never have a dream, you cannot make a dream to happen. The Bible says:

**Proverbs 29:18:** Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

### ☞SELFISHNESS

Selfish people are always miserable. When you are selfish, you are only planning for failure. Selfish people have the habit of saying "Me, I, Myself, and that is all." The more people you help to go up, the more ladders you create for yourself to move up.

### ☞DESIRE FOR REVENGE

When you always want to retaliate, you are planning for failure. Have the spirit of forgiveness. Manifest the spirit of forgiveness from your heart, when people step on your toes. Offences will always come, but you must not take offence, or be offended. This is a mark of a true child of God who wants to be a stranger to failure.

### ☞INDULGING IN NEGATIVE GOSSIP ABOUT THE AFFAIRS OF OTHER PEOPLE

You cannot speak evil about others and expect prosperity. It is not possible for you to be a satanic broadcaster, and expect success from God. It is what you want others to do for you that you should learn to do to others. In the house of God, some people are gossips, spreading untrue rumours. If somebody wants to tell you something, ask, if he could repeat the statement in front of the person concerned. Gossips never prosper, because it is one of the works of the devil. Do not therefore run errands for satan.

☞**UNBELIEF OR LACK OF FAITH**

☞**IGNORANCE ABOUT PRAYING**

This is peculiar to everybody in the church. Both the leader and the laity as well might be ignorant of some prayer points.

This reminds me of a pastor who used to criticize The Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries. He complained about our kind of prayers, as well as our aggressiveness in prayer. Something happened to him one day as he took some converts to the water for baptism. The first lady to be baptized stepped forward, and the pastor immersed her in water saying "I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost." Before he concluded that prayer, the girl suddenly disappeared. The pastor thought he was in a dream; he did not believe his eyes. The people around advised him to run away immediately before the arrival of the police. The next person on the queue also refused to get baptized because she was afraid of the outcome.

It was at that point that the pastor remembered few of the fire prayer points he used to condemn in our church. Right in the water, the pastor began to pray that the girl should appear by fire of the Holy Ghost. He prayed even more aggressively. After about five minutes of hot and intense prayers, the girl appeared. The girl simply said, "Pastor, sorry for the embarrassment. I just felt like saying good-bye to my mates in the water." The pastor simply parked his Bible and left without conducting any baptism for that day.

After this experience, the pastor turned his church to a serious praying church. He learnt his lesson in the hard way. So, ignorance about praying, will cause a major failure.

☞**IGNORANCE ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD.**

☞**UNGODLY COUNSEL**

Rehoboam, the son of Solomon imbibed the counseling from the young men of his days, and despised the counsel of the elders. He increased the people's burdens, and the kingdom of Israel was split into two. Till today, they have not recovered.

☞**BORROWING CULTURES**

**☞LYING OR FALSEHOOD**

**☞CRITICAL SPIRIT**

**☞GREED**

Believers who need success must always learn to give and not be greedy. The more you give, the more you will receive.

**☞LACK OF CONFIDENCE**

There was an occasion, where a king had a very beautiful daughter. The king made it clear that his daughter would not marry the way other people marry. He, therefore called all men, who wanted to marry his daughter to a competition. Many young men were gathered to hear the condition for marrying the daughter of the king.

The king displayed his beautiful daughter in the full glare of everybody; he made it clear that anyone who wanted to marry the daughter would have to swim across a river. Meanwhile, the trouble with that river was that it had a minimum of 100 hungry crocodiles. Since anyone, who would marry the daughter must swim safely across this death-trap river, the great crowd of men that gathered began to turn back one after the other.

All of a sudden, they just heard a great noise in the river. Somebody has entered the river and the crocodiles began to pursue him. The man swam with all the strength he ever had. Just as the crocodiles grabbed his shoe, he landed on the other side. The king approached him and told him, congratulations! You have won my daughter. The man said, "Please, don't congratulate me, just show me the man, who pushed me inside the water. I want to know him."

This shows that the man would never have entered that river, without being pushed. He would not have swum through the valley of the shadow of death, without being under pressure. In other words, the man had the capacity to win, but there was no pressure! It took a shock experience for him to attempt the impossible.

Pray this prayer point: *Every dry bone, in my destiny, hear the word of the Lord, receive life, in the name of Jesus.*

# CHAPTER TWO

## POWER OVER FAILURE

A lot of people battle with failure, from the cradle to the grave. Such people record abysmal failure in many areas of their lives. To succeed, you must know how to eradicate failure. The moment failure is erased from your destiny, you will come into the highway of explosive success.

As you get ready to discover what it takes to exercise power over the spirit of failure, I want you to go into a session of aggressive prayers.

### PRAYER POINTS

1. Oh Lord, keep me away from the path of the destroyer, in the name of Jesus.

2. I bind and destroy every uncontrollable power of poverty, in the name of Jesus.

3. Oh Lord, divide the tongues of my enemies after the order of the Tower of Babel, in the name of Jesus.

4. Oh God, arise and connect me to your limitless power, in the name of Jesus.

5. Oh Lord, I want to see you, in the name of Jesus.

6. Oh ye dry bones, hear the word of Lord, receive life, in the name of Jesus.

In God's mathematics, no matter what one gets, it is still possible for God to do wonders. Impossibilities are found only in the realm of mortals. But, as far as God is concerned, there are no impossible situations. In fact, God sometimes begins to work at moments, when the strength of men ends. For you to have power over failure, your life must be governed with faith in God, and in His word. Even when situations are hopeless, you should learn to lean on the everlasting arms of God.

I know of a man, who was just standing by, while everything in his house was auctioned. Somebody later confronted him and asked him, "Man, why are you watching them auctioning your house?" The man simply replied, "As I am watching the auctioning of this one, my eyes shall watch them build another bigger and better one." That is the voice of success. The voice of failure will admit defeat, and the enemy will hold you according to what you have said.

One of the dangers that Christians fall into in any nation lies with what we profess. When you pronounce failure and curse upon your nation, nothing good might be done in such a place. It will be unto you according to your words.

I was in a bank sometime ago. A woman began to complain bitterly saying, "I just came back from England, and I have been in this bank for ten minutes, you are wasting my time." The clerk did not even look at her face, let alone talk to her. She later continued in her rage, "This country is finished." She started railing curses and abuses on the country, because of ten minutes delay at the bank.

Many Christians are also caught in this web of criticism. When you are full of prejudice, you will never see any good thing in your nation. What you will see is the negative side. I want to implore you to pray earnestly and sincerely for the healing of your nation and the rulers.

**Titus 3:1-2:** Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

This message will help you overcome, whatever situation you are grappling with.

### ☞Addiction

When a person is addicted to an evil thing, it becomes difficult to break free. Such a one is a candidate for failure. Many would have been very useful to their community, nation and the world at large, but for the addiction to marijuana and over hazardous things. This has made them to have a shattered dream.

I am always disturbed, when I see people smoking away their lives, all because of addiction. They lie useless under the bridge and end up becoming a nuisance to the society. If not for addiction, they would have probably occupied

prestigious positions in the nation.

Addiction to evil does not come in a day. It starts gradually, and later entangles its victim in a trap, where he cannot escape. Addiction can start from taking snuff. Taking snuff is like taking a cigarette. If anyone is attending the church of God and still doing this, such is twice a child of hell fire.

It is even possible to be addicted to football and sex. If you can despise going to the house of God, all because you want to watch or play football, you are addicted to it, and you will need to break loose, before it is too late.

☞**Procrastination**

Is an exercise in doubt. It implies putting off till tomorrow, what could have been done today. It is a serious cause of failure.

☞**Lack of persistence in finishing what one has started**

Good start, but poor finishing will lead to failure.

☞**Bad habits**

Do not allow bad habits to hinder you from succeeding.

☞**Gambling**

What is gambling? It is the desire for nothing.

☞**Indecision**

Indecision will lead to failure.

☞**Wrong marriage**

We do preach in the Mountain of Fire and Miracle Ministries, that a bad marriage is equal to hell fire. That is why the watchword for marriage is 'purpose before partner.' That is, know your destiny, before you get your partner. There must be fervent prayers, before getting your partner. Allow God to choose for you. Do not choose for God, because human beings are complex. When you open your eyes, you might make a wrong choice.

Close your eyes in sincere prayer and allow God to choose for you. As a child

of God, when your marriage is not anchored on the rock of ages, your ministry and purpose in life will be defeated.

Anytime your pastor tells you to go and pray again. You need to look inwardly and run to God in brokenness and sincerity. Empty yourself before you pray about marriage.

I remember the story of a brother, who the pastor told to go and pray again concerning his marriage. The brother quickly and sharply told the pastor that he had prayed through, even prayed on the mountain and in the valleys. And, that God has shown him the vision of the two of them inside a Mercedes Benz car. The pastor still cautioned, "Brother, go and pray again." The brother said, "I have prayed and there is nothing to worry about."

Later, the marriage was conducted and they had a nice reception. A lot of people attended the epoch-making marriage ceremony. The couple got home and the brother knelt down to pray. He said, "Let us thank God for the marriage, its success and everything." He started to pray, but he did not hear "Amen" from the sister. He opened his eyes and told the sister. "Excuse me, I am praying, please, say, "Amen." The sister shouted, "Do not mention the name of Jesus here again." The brother was shocked and asked the sister "What are you saying?" The sister simply replied, "I mean what I said." It then dawned on the brother, that he had married a fire extinguisher!

There are many satanic sisters and brothers in the house of God, who want to pull down men and women of God. That is why you need to empty yourself and pray very well before you marry. Never marry a deficit. Allow God to show you the person who will fulfill your destiny.

**Hebrews 13:4:** Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

A brother was mightily used by God to conduct deliverance. He was a powerful deliverance minister, and a very good interpreter. Being a graduate, he could speak English fluently, and was versatile in quoting Scriptures. A Jezebel later came to the church and this powerful deliverance minister broke all Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries regulations. He started by going to the house of this sister to hold vigils. Soon, the vigil became regular. Soon, the vigil resulted into pregnancy. Then he ran away from the church. This brother lied to one Baptist pastor, who conducted the marriage for them.

One day, the Jezebel wife came here, and started disturbing everybody, "I want to see the G. O." She was eventually ushered in. "Are you the G. O? She asked I answered "Yes." She continued, "Which panel did you set up to discipline my darling husband? You have no right to discipline him." She insulted me by saying all kinds of words that annoyed the people around me. I allowed her to say all she had to say, and simply told her, "Have you finished? God bless you Ma. You can go." She went away but today that brother is no more in the Lord.

You should know that marriage affects your life forever, and that is why you must pray your way to breakthroughs. If it is on the issue of marriage you will start hearing God plainly, it is worth it. Learn from the mistakes of others, so that you will not get into trouble.

☞**Fear**

The spirit of fear is the spirit of failure. The man with one talent in the Bible buried his talent because of fear. The spirit of fear should not dominate a child of God. Why?

**2 Tim. 1:7:** For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

☞**Divided interest**

Divided interest win lead to failure, because it is confusion.

☞**Wrong career or profession**

Do not pursue shadows by going into a wrong profession.

☞**Indiscriminate spending**

Be discreet in spending

☞**Bad time management**

When you manage your time properly, you will succeed.

Close your eyes and pray like this: "Every power polluting my time, die, in the name of Jesus."

## ☞Spiritual antagonism

Let it be established in your heart, that the hosts of hell do not want you to succeed. There will always be antagonism from every quarter and at every time. Spiritual antagonism is another cause of failure in life which you must fight against.

You must be a man and a woman of prayer, who can pull down every satanic opposition and structure. God will help you to overcome spiritual antagonism. But you need to be aware that the secret of overcoming spiritual antagonism is by guarding yourself with spiritual amour. Find below the amour for overcoming spiritual antagonism:

**Ephes. 6:10-18:** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye maybe able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above an, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

A sister had the problem of spiritual antagonism. The sister got married in a wrong way. Later on, she got born again and started praying. Two years after marriage, the mother-in-law came from the village to pay them a visit. But, the strange thing about that visit was that the mother-in-law brought two ladies from the village. And, when she was leaving, she told the sister, "I just want to inform you that there are two wives who will be staying with you, and you just have to live together. The sister said that would never happen." She threatened to leave, but later stayed.

When she complained to the husband, she was surprised to hear him, say that, he was expecting even four wives and not two. But something strange and bizarre happened one night as she was praying. As it happened on that day, the husband of the sister came to join her in prayers.

Unknown to her, there was a conspiracy. The husband had done money making ritual, and had only come to join her in prayers in order to use a ring on her. As they were praying, the ring fell on the floor and the sister pick it up. At this time, the husband was not aware of the falling ring. The Holy Spirit told the sister to place the ring on the head of her husband and instantly, the man went blank and dried up, and when this woman shouted his name, "Ambrose!", money began to fall off. It was then it dawned on her that a great deliverance from danger had been done to her. The ring was meant to be placed on her head, to terminate her life.

Close your eyes and pray the following prayer points: *Every witchcraft power, speaking failure against my life, die, in the name of Jesus.*

*Every power that has decided that I will not prosper, die, in the name of Jesus.*

It is through antagonizing and warfare prayers that you will be able to discover the secrets behind your failure. So take time to pray unto God with all your strength and power you have discovered that failure seems to dog your way.

Let me tell you the story of one Brother Aremu. This brother's case of failure got out of hand. He wrote the WASSCE for nine straight years, and had F9 parallel. The result of failure was even sent to him at a particular year that he did not even write the examination. This brother had to look inwardly. He decided to take a radical step; he determined to pray in order to discover the secret behind his failure, so he set a day apart and prayed to know the cause of his perpetual failure. After that prayer, the brother had a revelation. Where he saw his stepmother sitting upon his books.

He had to quickly go to their house in the village to settle everything. When he got to the village, he refused to greet anybody. He rested and woke up at about 12 midnight to fight it to finish. He prayed all kinds of warfare prayers that night, which shook the whole compound. Nobody was able to go out to ease his or herself. He ended the prayers by 6 am and decided to leave.

That night, he had been able to dethrone the powers of failure, which his stepmother was using against him. He told everybody around, that he would come back, if he should fail any examinations again. And, he never failed any examination after that exercise. This was because he had been able to locate the root of his failure, and had prayed to deliver himself from it.

Beloved, close your eyes and pray like this: *Every power sitting on my destiny, somersault and die, in the name of Jesus.*

**☞Possession of wealth with sorrow**

This is evil wealth that is not from God. When your wealth is not from God, you are looking for sorrows.

**Proverbs 10:22:** The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

**☞Talkativeness**

When a person talks too much, he can get into failure and trouble. God wants you to control your tongue, so that you could be the person He wants you to become. Cultivate the habit of talking less, but praying much. The psalmist says this in Psalms 141:3.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

**☞Carelessness**

Carelessness in handling things is not a sign of success, rather it is a sign of failure, which you must pray against. To become a successful person, one must be careful in everything one does. The consequences of carelessness are grave.

**1 King 20:39-40:** And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it.

**☞Curses and evil covenants**

If you have been cursed, or have entered into an evil covenant, you need to break loose from such, before you can enjoy the liberty of success. For many, it is a curse that is working against their success in life. To some others, they have dined with the devil, by entering into an evil covenant. You have to break yourself loose, before you can have a breakthrough in life.

If curses and covenants have been working against your success. I have good news for you today, hope is not lost. The God of heaven is still in the business of setting the captives of the devil free, and yours is not an exception. The Bible says:

**Isaiah 28:28:** Bread corn is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen.

**☞Hearing, listening to and speaking wrong words**

The things you hear or listen to, have a long way in determining your success in life. The words you speak will definitely do your life good or bad. That is why you must watch how you listen, and what you say. Believers words should be seasoned by grace. It should minister life and light to this dark world. The Bible says:

**Ephes. 4:29:** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

**☞Inconsistency**

Success is characterized by consistency, while failure is a brother of inconsistency. Consistency will lead you to stardom. Never allow inconsistency in your life if you want to have success. To become a stranger to failure, you must not move with people, who are inconsistent.

**Proverbs 24:21:** My son, fear thou the Lord and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:

**☞Ignorance of your potential**

So many today have great potentials lying idle. They become a loss to themselves, and to their community. Pray to discover your strength and potentials, and channel your energy to maximizing these God given potentials. The whole world is waiting for you to use your potentials, to be of benefits to people. Your potentials, to be of benefits to people. Your potentials are what you are capable of doing well.

**☞Purpose for living**

So many people pass through this world without achieving anything tangible in life, because they do not know the purpose why they are on earth. Let me tell you today, there is a purpose for every life. Pray to discover the purpose of God for your life, and try to live a purpose-driven life all the days of your life.

**Eccles. 10:15** The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.

It is lack of purpose in life that will make you to be a Jack of all trades, and be master of none. You may work like an elephant, and eat like an ant, if you do not have a clear-cut purpose.

**☞Sin is the greatest cause of failure in life**

Sin will bury a man, even before he is dead. Sin is dangerous, deceptive and damning. A sinful life is the poorest life upon the face of this earth, because such a one will be punished throughout all eternity. Sin is a cankerworm.

For you to be successful indeed, you need to run way from sin. This is so, because any success that is got in sin, will never last. In fact, God is angry with sin and sinners every day, and that is why, He is giving you time for repentance.

**Eccles. 10:11-13:** Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babbler is no better. The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness.

To be delivered from the yoke of sin, you need to pray for the salvation of your soul. Jesus Christ is He who can set you free from sins.

## THE SOLUTION

**☞Deal with sins in your life**

The first thing you have to do if you want to become a stranger to failure, is to pull down the foundations of sin your life.

**☞Become addicted to the word of God**

Speak the word of God over any situation in your life. There is power in the

spoken word.

**☞Commit yourself to obeying the word of God**

You need to obey the commandments of God from His word, before you can have success.

**☞Learn to use prayer strategies, which will get results**

Prayer is like a telephone communication, that will bring the desired results. Let me give you a short analysis:

One, who are you phoning? It is God. Two, what is the phone itself? This is the Holy Spirit. Who invented the phone? Jesus. And, who are the users or subscribers of the phone? Christians. The phone is not meant for unbelievers. For any unbeliever to subscribe for that prayer phone, such a one must pay the currency of repentance from sin, and genuine salvation.

If you discover that your telephone number is not effective, it means you are a Christian, who is not spirit-led. If your phone has been disconnected, it shows that you are backslider. When your line is not clear, there is guilt in your life, working against the communication. When you do not pick up your phone, at a time when the divine line is calling you, it shows that you have prevented God from talking to you. That is why you need to sit down, and learn the process of divine communication.

**☞Deal with the three great enemies you have**

All the sins that people commit can be grouped under these three greatest enemies. These things will even work to hinder a person from making heaven. What are these three great enemies? Anger, fear and selfishness.

Why did Adam eat the forbidden fruit? It is simply because of the fear that he might die; he wanted to live forever.

Why did Cain kill his brother? From selfishness, he could not stand seeing somebody greater than himself.

Why did Moses strike the rock instead of touching the rock? For anger.

Why did Lucifer want to raise his throne above God? For selfishness.

Why was Herod killing small children, when he heard about Jesus? The answer is because of fear. He was afraid that Jesus would dethrone him, and that his offspring will not reach the throne.

Why did Saul disobey God? He did so because of selfishness, he wanted to please himself.

You need to sincerely examine, and ask yourself, if these three enemies are ruling you. Is anger in your life? Are you selfish? Does fear rule over you?

Anger is a powerful and dangerous poison that can kill the soul. Let me make this clear to you. If you are still getting angry, your problem is more than that of all the witches and wizards of your country put together who are running after you day and night.

Anger could come, because of different things. It could come because of fear, anxiety, etc.

**Ephes. 4:31-32:** Let all bitterness, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

The people with bad tempers are very fearful people. Anger grieves the Holy Spirit, and blocks the flow of God's power. God will never deposit His power in an angry man. This is true, because, if he does, that power will destroy the life of that person.

Fear also punches the Holy Spirit, and limits God's power upon people. Anger just like fear can come under many forms. It could be disguised as hatred. In other words, you are not greeting the person silently because you just hate the person.

Anger can also come in form of bitterness. It could be disguised as malice. In other words, you are not free with a person, because of malicious anger. Anger can also be disguised as envy, intolerance, revenge, gossip, unforgiveness, criticism and sarcasm (sharp ridicule).

This therefore, shows that the anger which people exhibit today is in must cases bottled up and disguised, and this can be detrimental to one's physical and

spiritual life. Anger will block the success of its victim.

Anger and fear get people to the hospital than all other diseases. It has been shown from the science world, that prolonged anger and fear can damage a person internally. When fear is in your heart, worry, anxiety, superstitions and other things enter. It is imperative that you talk to God in sincere prayer so as to get rid of these enemies of your success today.

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Oh God, arise and anoint my life for greater achievement, in the name of Jesus.

2. Every power of the queen of the coast, working against my success, die, in the name of Jesus.

# CHAPTER THREE

## POWER FOR EXPLOSIVE SUCCESS

What you are going to read in this book will bring about a change for better in your life if only you can follow the blueprints, outlined in it. You must decide to give heed to the revelation of God in this book. And as you journey through the pages of this book, be rest assured that you will achieve uncommon breakthroughs, and explosive success, in the name of Jesus.

Let me sound a note of warning to you. Your life history can be re-written as you read this book. You will definitely be moved from obscurity into significance. Your night will be turned today. Stumbling blocks will become the stepping stones, that will catapult you to stardom. Every record of failure in your life, will be turned to records of explosive success. Just get ready for a divine lift. I am rest assured that you will never remain the same.

I want you to set ten minutes aside, for the prayer points below.

### PRAYER POINTS

1. Let my hands possess my destiny, in the name of Jesus.

2. Every stubborn battle confronting my life, be disgraced, in the name of Jesus.

3. As from today, I receive the spirit of favoar, in the name of Jens.

4. Every spirit of disfavour go away, in the name of Jesus.

5. I claim my favour, in the name of Jesus.

6. The mountain I could not climb before, I climb it this season, in the name of Jesus.

## NEVER KNOWN FAILURE

The God of heaven has never known and will never know any failure. Through the ages, the God we serve has been successful in all His undertakings. He has never known a single failure or defeat. You will discover that during the time of creation. God recorded explosive success. He created man perfectly. In fact, all the things which God created were perfect. In other words, there was no iota of defect, failure or shortcoming in the work of creation. Read this glorious and explosive success story.

**Genesis 1:31:** And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

One of the greatest evil thoughts and confessions which can ever be thought in this world by any one is to think and admit that one is a failure. Never and never relegate yourself to the background. Failure must never be associated with you.

How can you be a failure, when your heavenly father is a symbol of successful achievement. You are supposed to record successes repeatedly, not failure. Empty your mind of the wrong mentality of being a failure. You are never one!

Since you have read it yourself that God beheld everything He created and saw everything in its perfect state, you have discovered that God obtained more than a pass mark. Being a creature of God, you should also aim at excellence. All the things you lay your hands upon must be blessed and successful. You have to start breaking records and not counting failures. The hand of God will come upon your life, and God will set your feet in the platform of great achievements. You will exceed every record set by anyone in the past if you think, admit and all it in Jesus' name.

Explosive success cannot be hidden. It is always in the full glare of the public. You will discover that when there is an explosion or eruption anywhere, attention is drawn to such a place. Likewise, you cannot have explosive success without people coming to see. Explosive success will place you on the highway of upliftment and unprecedented breakthroughs. It will lead to a change of status.

God wants you to have explosive success that will shake the foundation of the world. Success just like healing is the children's bread. Explosive success is reserved for exceptional people who believe in Jesus Christ, and in the power of God. Explosive success comes on your way, when you are in good and unbroken relationship, with the King of kings and Lord of lords. Just prepare your mind

for the showers of explosive success, because I can hear the sound of abundance of rain upon your head.

Nowadays, before you can open or check your e-mail box, you need to have a password. In fact, there are some electronic gadgets that may not open to you if you do not know the right password. Thus, you must have the right password in order to plunge into the ocean of breakthroughs. Without a valid password, you may not be given access to browse through the website of explosive success.

You may ask me, what is the major password? It is simple and straight forward. It is just nine-word letter. The password to explosive success is SALVATION. Are you surprised? You don't have to. Salvation will grant you access to the giver of explosive success. If you have been genuinely saved, thank God. If not, you must go to God for that heart-felt experience, which will set your feet on the road to great success.

Maybe, you are wondering, why there are many unsaved people who are successful. The answer to that puzzle is direct. You cannot have an all-encompassing success, without passing through the gates of repentance and salvation. All round success covers all ramifications of life. Success entails succeeding, spiritually (which is the ultimate), physically, financially, and materially.

Let me make a point here. Any success obtained or attained outside God is ephemeral, temporary and short-lived. It is more or less like no success at all. Why? The reason is that such a success will soon land you in hell! Success without God is satanic, and will soon become sorrow and sadness. It is only the success from the One, who has known no failure, that will place you on the pedestal of peace, pleasure and prosperity. It is the will of God for you to blossom in success. He can do it for you, and He will do it. The blessing of God is unabridged with sorrow.

The Bible says:

**Proverbs 10:22:** The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Surely, explosive success is like gold. It is saddening to tell you that it is not everybody, who will be able to obtain this type of success. Have you ever taken time to think about the class stratification, that exists in the world? You will

always see the rich and the poor. The educated and the illiterate. The favoured and the disfavoured. That is how it has been from ages. That is what will continue to obtain, till the world will come to an end.

You will have to make a choice, whether to be rich or to be poor. Explosive success is meant for everybody, but it is not everybody that will have it. It is only those, who have the keys to opening the door of successful achievement that will become successful There is no doubt in my mind that, if you can put all the success nuggets that will be laid bare before you to work, success will be your portion, in Jesus' name. You are highly privileged to read this book because you will soon become a candidate of brilliant and extraordinary success.

## KEY TO EXPLOSIVE SUCCESS

Before you can have access to a treasure chest, you need to have the key. It is the key that will open the door of treasure to you.

In the same vein explosive success is reserved for people who are ready to pay the price of getting the key. You are advised to follow through the keys, that will open a flood gate of successful achievements to you. These keys are all outlined in the subsequent pages of this book.

### ☞Divine favour

In the spiritual realm, anointing makes the difference. But, in the realm of successful achievements, it is divine favour that rules the day. It is not just by mere stress or struggle that you become successful but divine favour is the key. The measure of divine favour sets a demarcation between two people. That is why you must pray a very important prayer, that God should baptize you with the spirit of divine favour. It is divine favour that will make you to obtain success without stress and on a platter of gold, for that matter.

I boarded an aeroplane one day, and I saw a childhood friend of mine. I knew him to be Okonkwo, but I was surprised, when somebody called him "Alhaji", and he answered. I became inquisitive and I decided to ask him, why he was addressed as "Alhaji." He simply told me that I should not mind them, that he only wanted to win a contract.

When you are clothed with the garment of divine favour, you do not need to be diplomatic or tell a lie before you get what you need.

***What does it mean to obtain divine favour?***

To have divine favour is to experience open heavens all the clays of your life. This is irrespective of your present situation or geographical location.

To have divine favour is to be preferred above others.

Divine favour will fetch you God's approval. Once you have God's approval, the approval of man becomes insignificant, because one with God is more than the majority.

It is through divine favour that you get God's preference. Gracious kindness from above will come on your way, when you have divine favour.

Divine favour brings about exchange. You need not fight your battle, the host of heaven will fight the battles of life on your behalf.

Having advantage over others will only come through divine favour.

Divine favour leads to the abiding presence of the Lord.

When you have divine favour, heaven turns you to an essential commodity. You will discover that men and women will be competing to do you good. Aside from these, divine favour will grant you the acceptance of the Almighty.

Divine favour makes angels to stand at attention, and demons to tremble at the mention of your name.

To have divine favouris to have an overflow of God's generosity over your life.

To have divine favour is to have divine delight. This will make heaven to make efforts on your behalf for your goals to be actualized. For you to have an explosive success, the first key is divine favour.

If you discover that you have not been having favour, this is the time to claim it back. You should take cognisant of the fact that without favour, you will be a failure in business.

Divine favour is your possession, if you ask in faith. You can claim back the favour, which the enemy has stolen from you. If the enemy has given you the

label of a slave, you must erase it through the power of divine favour. Anywhere you go as a Christian, you are supposed to carry the glory and majesty of God upon your life.

Divine favour will attract promotion, provision and protection over your life. The Lord is the giver of promotion.

The Bible says:

**Psalm75:6:** For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

God is marvellous. He does things that surpass human thoughts and understanding. Your failure and frustration can be turned into fulfilment. Do not be discouraged, or let the voice of the devil frustrate you. God works beyond human imagination.

If you have been battling with failure in any area of your life, be it academic, financial, marital or spiritual, I have a good news from the God who can do all things. The I AM THAT I AM wants to intervene in your own case. The set time of your breakthrough, fulfilment has come. You will soon experience fulfilment.

God's mighty hand will move you from the lowest estate to the realm where you will be atop. Get ready! The power of God will collide with evil powers bringing frustration into your life.

Divine favour opens the doorway, that leads to blessings. This is what characterises the life of someone to whom the Almighty God has given divine favour. God can turn a hopeless situation to a point of reference, where men will open their mouth in unbelief. In fact, it is very possible for God to defy the laws of nature in order to work wonders in the life of his favourites. It is indeed good to become the favourite of God! If God be for you, who can be against you?

I want to share with you an instance of God's favour upon my life.

There was a time, when I needed employment. The only prayer point I had was on divine favour. I took the prayer point aggressively. Only 17 people were short listed for that interview. Thus, I was the first person to be called in. As I was about to sit down, the people conducting the interview looked at each other and later asked me my name. I told them and I was told that I could leave. I was so surprised.

Others, who came for the interview wanted to know the questions they asked me, but I simply told them that I was asked no single question except my name. They were all surprised, when I told them, that I was not interviewed.

However, all other candidates went in for the interview. Eventually, my name was called. As I entered, I was asked, when I wanted to start the job. That was divine favour. Getting a job, even without an interview, is an evidence of divine favour.

### ☞Come out of your Egypt

Egypt, to the children of Israel, represented the land of slavery and bondage. To them, Egypt was the land of hardship and suffering. Thus, God commanded them to completely come out of their Egypt.

**Exodus 3:21-22** And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty: But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon yours sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.

There is one important truth, which I want to show you in the two verses you have just read. The truth is that, every man or woman, who will completely leave his or her Egypt, will receive divine favour. Every Christian ought to carry the power and the presence of God, because wherever you go as a Christian, favour is supposed to follow you.

Joseph had favour with God, and this made him to be in favour with men. As a result, men saw everything he did to be good and well pleasing.

The Bible says:

**Genesis 29:23:** And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.

Joseph was a slave. Daniel was a captive in a strange land. These two did not lose sight of God. They continued in steadfastness and holiness. This brought them the blessing of explosive success as a result of their steadfastness with God and divine favour.

Let me give you a formula at this time. Ignorance is deadly and dangerous. It leads to hardship, humiliation and wasteful struggling. Whatsoever good things you lay your hands upon, the stand of the Bible is that you must prosper.

**☞Govern your thought**

Explosive success cannot be discussed, without laying emphasis on the thought processes. The thoughts of your heart can lead you into success, or failure. You can create a future for yourself, through your thought processes and you can also pull down your future, through your personal thoughts.

It is quite unfortunate that many have allowed the enemy to manipulate their thoughts. When this is done, failure will always be the portion of such a one. Immediately you allow the devil to take control of your thought processes, you become enslaved to failure. No matter how smart and intelligent you are, if your thought processes are controlled by the devil, you will know no success. The devil will use your smartness and intelligence to work against you.

Do you know that thinking is the ultimate means of creation? Before anything will come into being, such must have gone through series of processes in the thought realm.

The Bible says:

**Proverbs 23:7:** For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

A product does not just come out, without being subjected to proper thought. It is the power of thought that brings about creation. Before man became a living being, the Trinity thought about it. The Almighty God saw the need for man's creation, and held a conference with God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, before man's creation became a reality.

The Bible says:

**Genesis 1:26:** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Right from the time of creation, the work of creativity has been given to man. In other words, the God of creation committed the work of creativity to man, His creature. That is why, your creative instincts must not die with you. The houses around you did not come into reality of their own accord. The design of any house is a product of the thinking faculty of man. Everything you see around is a product of the thought processes of some people.

It also follows that everything around you can be brought under the control of your thought process. It is your thought life that will determine the altitude you will attain in the area of successful achievement. If you limit your thoughts to your local environment, you will become a local champion. Whereas, if you move your thought to the international realm, be sure of becoming an international gem to be reckoned with globally.

It is your thought life that shows the true person in you. If you think that your home will break, it will break. If you begin to think that you will not make profit, you will never make profit. If inferiority complex rules and dominates your life you will become inferior. Also, if your thoughts are rebellious and dirty, you will become rebellious and dirty. If your thought is centred on failure, you will fail. If your thought is ugly, you will become ugly.

There is power in imagination. You can either break, or build with your imagination. In fact, imagination can mir or make your future. Positive imagination is constructive while wrong imagination is destructive. God knows the power of imagination, and the devil recognizes this. That is why God acted fast to compound the evil imagination of men, while they were building the Tower of Babel.

**Genesis 11:5-6:** And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

It is not good, to allow bad thoughts to rule your mind. Evil thought processes can destroy and pull anyone down. It can even lead to frustration, failure and untimely death.

As a Christian, you need not to be moved by any situation and circumstances that may be unpalatable. You should learn to hold on to God, and His word, when you are confronted by negative situations in life. Life is full of

vicissitudes. You must anchor your life on the Rock that can never fail. Men can promise, but they may never fulfil it. That is what make a man finite. It is only upon God, that you should rest your faith. If you do not rest your faith on God, the storms of life might make you sink.

There was a time, when a sister was in distress, and had to be carried to the church. She was paralysed. What was the problem? A day to her wedding, the man who was supposed to many her sister, just came and rocked the boat. He clearly told the sister, that he was no longer interested.

To aggravate the matter the lady who snatched her husband was her Chief bride's maid. The sister was perplexed and distressed. She decided to drug herself. She swallowed half a bottle of Valium! This made her to be in a state of coma. As she was carried to the fellowship, I was surprised to see her at that state. She then managed to tell me. "G. O, let me die!" I told her don't die, how can you die?" That same day. I made a prophetic statement to her. "The day I see you getting married, I will laugh at you."

Much later, what I said came to pass. The day she got married, I saw her dancing happily, and I reminded her. "If you had died on that day, would you have been here today?"

There are some people, who never get out of that kind of situation. A sister, who was abandoned by her husband, went everywhere, saying that "All men are devilish and dangerous." Beloved, need not to arrive at that kind of conclusion. God knows your plight. He cares for you and wants the best for your life. Certain circumstances may come your way as a test. You only need to lean on the everlasting arms of God, and He will see you through.

There are certain situations that look impossible and gloomy. Do not worry, the power of God will bring you back to the path of rectitude. You will smile, and testify to the fact that God is good, and that He will never let down those who trust in Him. Do not allow the devil to destroy your future but look at the future; see the future with your eyes of faith.

Now what do you see in your future? Do you see prosperity or lack, joy or sorrow, happiness or sadness, success or failure? Can you see promotion or demotion? If your answers are positive, why then must you go about with a long face, as if you are bearing the burden of the whole world? Just put on a smile, because the God of heaven will come to your rescue.

Let me tell you one secret today. Many things can go wrong in any area of your life, but the most terrible thing that can ever happen to you is to allow the devil to take control of your mind. One interesting thing is that whatever happens, God has made man a free moral agent. In other words, you can decide on what you want to allow. You have the power to decide or chose what you want.

But the human mind is one of the greatest vagabonds on earth. You need to therefore, take time to control it. Do not allow your mind to become filled with evil. Do not allow satanic cobwebs in your thought. If your mind is not free from evil influences, you may become a candidate of hell fire. All free-thinkers are merely thinking for the devil. Your mind should be filled with godly thoughts. If you have an open mind, you are only setting the stage for the devil to take control. If you can capture the thoughts of a mad person, you can control him. That is why satan fights seriously to see that he controls the mind.

There are about eight things that God wants you to meditate upon. Any other thoughts beside these are from the devil. They must be kicked away. The eight things are highlighted below.

**Philip. 4:8:** Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

**☞Control your time**

It is well said that a fool can waste money. But, the greatest fool will waste time. You have to focus on planning your time. Cultivate the habit of planning how to spend your time, a night before the day begins. Before you go to sleep, try to schedule, or plan your programmes for the following day.

**Ephes. 5:16:** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

An indispensable key to explosive success, is proper time management. Both the rich and the poor have access to the same amount of time. The only difference is that the rich maximizes the use of their time better than the poor. I implore you to make proper use of your time.

**☞Observe your quiet time**

Quiet time is the consecrated time you set apart, or devote for seeking the face of God. In order to experience explosive success in life. You must be an early riser who calls upon the name of God, for strength to face the day. It is through regular and consistent quiet time that you receive grace and favour from God. This will open your doors of breakthroughs and success.

During your quiet time, you pray to God and study the Bible. By this, you are sure of overcoming the barriers of success. Jesus Christ our Saviour never played with His quiet time, we have it on records that He observed His quiet time regularly.

**Mark 1:35:** And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Do not face any day, without taking control through prayer. Set aside the first hours of the day for talking with God. Hear instructions from Him. Do not be among extremely busy believers, who skip their quiet time, under the pretence of busy schedules.

You need to watch and guard jealously every access road into your life. In life, you can come across various kinds of people.

One, those who add to your life. Two, those who divide you. Three, those who decrease you, and Four those, who multiply God's grace upon your life.

Do not allow the people, who can decrease you gain access to you. Do not allow everybody to gain access to you. Whatever will not build you, or make you succeed, must be knocked off. Whosoever will not want to encourage your faith, must be avoided. Anybody, who ridicules you, must not be allowed to come close to you

Your association will determine your achievement. The kind of friend you keep, will either help, or hamper your life. You must also live a purposeful life. We are all at the market square of life, where everything beckons on your attention. If you have ever visited a typical market square, you would have discovered that there is a lot of noise there. Different people with different goods, displaying their products. You are the one to decide, on what exactly to buy.

There are different areas of life to watch. You must watch what you see, what

you hear, the things you read and what you think. Your sight, hearing, mind and thoughts must be properly controlled, as to make you wholesome.

**☞Face the future**

Another key to unlocking the door of explosive success is the ability to forget the past, in order to face the future. Do not ruminate over past failures. Look inwardly, and decide to face the hurdles and challenges of the present moment. If you continue to think about past failures and disappointments, you will never get anywhere.

There is what is called the rear mirror anointing. When driving a car, there is usually a mirror by the side of the driver. This is what the driver normally makes use of to see the back. If the driver should concentrate on the rear mirror, he might crash the car. Do not focus on the past. If you do, you will pass away with the past. Never allow your yesterday to spoil your today. Today is in God's hands. You may pass away like the past, when you focus on the past. It is God that gives vision, what the devil gives is confusion.

The Bible says:

**Isaiah 43:18-19:** Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Every problem that paralyses, die, in the name of Jesus.

2. Every problem that intimidates, die, in the name of Jesus.

3. Every problem that ridicules, die, in the, name of Jesus.

4. Every problem that threatens, die, in the name of Jesus.

5. Every problem that sticks to me, die, in the name of Jesus.

6. Every problem that mocks my prayer, die, in the name of Jesus.

# CHAPTER FOUR

## POWER FOR EXCELLENCE

In the previous chapter, we discovered the keys of explosive success, namely, favour, thought processes, proper time management, regular quiet time, the need for watchfulness, facing the future etc. Against this backdrop, we shall examine other keys, to unlocking the door of success.

Let us look into additional keys which inevitably plug us into explosive success.

**☞Draw a list of your priorities in life and follow them**

Proper planning, they say prevents poor performance. For you to achieve explosive success, you must draw a list of your priorities in life, and ensure that you are focussed. In other words, take control of your life; do not ever allow your life to be under the control of witches, wizards and satanic agents.

In life, you must be meticulous in everything you do. It will not be proper to rush into doing all things at the same time. Rather, you must learn to face the most pressing and urgent needs of your life, before attempting fewer important things. That is what priority is all about.

For a man who has goals, everything cannot be done at the same time. If you have goals, you will not mind how rough the road is when God is leading you.

Every moment of your life must be lived in accordance with the plan and will of God. You do not have all the time to spend in this world. That is why you have to set priorities on what you are doing. It is the priority you set, that will help you to do the right thing at the right time. Spend your life meaningfully and purposefully, by applying your heart to wisdom.

The Bible says:

**Psalm 90:10-12:** The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by

reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Many, today, will tell you that a fool at 40 is a fool forever. I beg to disagree. If you are about twenty-one years old, and you are already a fool, by the time you get to age 40, you will be one of the greatest fools in this world. It is lack of priority, that can position you in the company of fools. When you have a well-laid out priority on your goals, you will lead a fulfilled life.

You need to pray the prayer of deliverance, that God will set you free, if you are already leaving without direction. Your prayer should be patterned after Jesus' command, when He brought Lazarus out of the grave. You need to command your Lazarus to come forth by fire, and he will come out. At this point in time, I want you to lay your hand upon your chest and pray this prayer: "My Lazarus, come forth, in the name of Jesus.

## SELF EXAMINATION

Do you have priorities? Are you focussed? Well, I do not want you to hastily tell me, that you have a priority. I will take you through series of heart searching questions, that will help you to have the correct assessment of your self.

***Do I have a definite goal and purpose in life?***

You may never be able to be your best without having a definite goal in life. If you ask some people what they want to become in life, they will simply tell you that they want to get married. That should not be your major purpose in life. It could be a means of achieving your goal, but not the goal itself.

***Do I get depressed, when I am ill-treated?***

It is very possible for you to face lots of hurdles on your way to success. People can even maltreat you in order to get you depressed. But, it is only those who are resolute that will get rid of depression.

***Do I give up easily when I fail?***

It is the ability to bounce back that matters when failure comes. "Quitters never win, while winners never quit." For you to have explosive success. you

must never quit!

***Do I go out of my way to cheerfully help others?***

Helping others to achieve their goals in life is a key to your own fulfilment. When you help other people to get what they want, you will also experience open doors.

***Do I manifest inferiority complex?***

This has to be overcome in your life: Since Christ Jesus is in you, there is no cause for inferiority complex. Pray to God to help you overcome this complex problem.

***Do I refrain from showing off how much I know?***

***Are there many people, who rob me and who make me complain?***

***Do I sometimes challenge myself to move forward, or I wait for someone to push me?***

***When I am afraid, do I consider how I develop fear?***

***Under what situations, do I loose my temper?***

***Do I avoid making fun of others behind their backs?***

***Do I bear grudges against people for weeks, or months?***

***Do I dislike adjusting to changes?***

***Do I sometimes talk frankly to myself about my own mistakes, or have I formed the habit of always giving myself a pass mark?***

***Is heaven my priority or making money?***

If you can sincerely answer the above questions, you will know whether you have the right priority or not.

**☞Control your words**

The words that come out of your mouth are another key to explosive success. The words you speak can either elevate you, or, demote you. It will either

increase or decrease you. There is a need for you, to have the right words at all times.

If you continue to talk failure, you will get failure. When your words are full of discouragement, you will get discouraged. Talk and dream about success, and you will see yourself becoming a success. Words can be likened to the cloth you wear. It is either creative or destructive.

**☞Avoid discouragement**

This is another key to opening the door of success. You must not allow discouragement to take the good part of you. Discouragement is a terrible disease. It is quite sad that many people are waging war against themselves. If you allow the devil to bring discouragement to your way, you might get yourself into trouble. Refuse to be discouraged, anytime the devil wants to box you into a comer. Discouragement leads to hopelessness and despair.

How do you know the size of a person? The size of a person can be known, by how much it takes to discourage him. Encouraged people succeed, while discouraged people fail. A person, who is always discouraged, will die very quickly, even before his time.

A student in the University of Lagos once had an accident. He was taken to the emergency unit of the university's hospital. At that unit, there were two men, in a critical condition who heard the nurse screaming that one of the men was gasping for breath. Before the doctor could get there, the man gave up the ghost, and he was covered up. The man died of malaria. The other man, who was suffering from pile became inquisitive about the sudden death of this man. He became fearful, and discouraged. A week after, he also died.

There are many today, who have seen death, as the best solution to their problems. A sister got discouraged one day and decided to put an end to her life. Right in her room, she tied her wrapper on the fan, so as to hang herself. While she was doing this, her daughter came in and told her: "Mum, I will also like to do, what you are doing." This gave the sister a message, and she gave up committing suicide.

There are men and women in the Bible, who refuse to die even, when the enemy wanted them dead. Close your eyes and say this prayer: "I refuse to die, according to the wishes of my enemies, in the name of Jesus."

☞**Beg for bread?**

God is able to meet all the needs of your life. He expects you to be self-sufficient, and not to be a beggar. The unbelievers are those who are supposed to beg. The Bible says:

**Psalm 37:25:** I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

Lack must never be found with you. Your God does not want you to be ravaged by poverty. There is divine provision for all the needs of your life. Pray this prayer seriously: "Any power that wants me and my children to beg, die, in the name of Jesus."

A sister saw a vision of the devil in a market. The devil was selling different kinds of things in the market. The sister clearly spotted items like cancer, tuberculosis, frustration and other things, with prices attached to them. This sister later asked the devil to name the most expensive item. With this, the devil later brought out an harmless looking wooden instrument. The stick was old and out of use.

The sister was surprised, and she asked the devil what it meant. It was then that the devil came out plainly, that what she saw was the spirit of discouragement. The devil revealed that with the key of discouragement, he could get access to many people and thus open the doors of other problems.

## PRINCIPLES OF EXPLOSIVE SUCCESS

To experience explosive success, there are certain principles that must be imbibed. The following principles must necessarily be inculcated, if you want to experience breakthrough and success in life:

☞**Dream**

You must have a dream. This dream is not just about sleeping and seeing the enemy pursuing you. But, it is a drive, which will be in your subconscious motivating you to pursue successful achievements in life. Dare to dream like Joseph, dare to dream about reaching the pinnacle!

Dream and vision are closely linked. That is why the Bible frowns at person

without a dream or vision.

**Proverbs 29:18:** Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

It is the dream you have, that will give you the push and the urge, which will prevent you from never getting tired or discouraged, on the pathway to success.

**☞Desire**

This is another principle of success you cannot separate desire from success. For you to become successful in your life and ministry, you must have a burning desire that can never be quenched, with the water of discouragement. When your desire is backed up with actions, you can be sure of achieving success.

**Psalm 37:4:** Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

**☞Determination**

It is through determination, that you will become, what you ought to be. Determination will never dance to the tune of discouragement, or accept defeat. Even when things are going the wrong way, it is determination that will keep you up.

**☞Direction**

Direction keeps you in focus and will not allow your feet to be moved away from the pathway of success. Direction will help you on daily basis to be your best. You will never be derailed, when you have a clear direction.

**☞Diligence**

This is important for achieving explosive success. It is diligence, that will position you among highly placed personalities. When you are diligent, there is no height of success, that you cannot attain. The Bible says:

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

Idleness and indolence are not permitted in the Bible. God expects you to take delight in whatsoever things you do. Diligence will make you rich and

successful in life.

☞**Discipline**

Discipline will make you become what you really want to be life. If you can discipline yourself, you will achieve great things. It is through discipline that you will become distinguished from the crowd.

Have you ever taken time to study the biographies of successful people? If you have, you will discover that certain principles of success play important roles in their lives. It is through discipline, that you will be able to take control of yourself, your time and resources.

☞**Decision**

This is an essential principle of success. You take decisions on daily basis, which go a long way in making you a success or a failure. In fact, it is the decision you take in life, that will determine your success, and even, your destiny.

To have explosive success, therefore, your decisions must be directed and controlled by God. Let God guide and decide for you on daily basis. It is possible for you to take some seemingly right decisions, which might be detrimental to your well being. Right decisions must be taken on the choice of business, career, employment, marriage, etc.

There is a constant factor in your quest for explosive success. God never changes. He is the surest anchor of success. Men can fail, opportunities might not work out well, but God will never change. It is only God that can lead you to lasting success. No other person can guarantee you success. Make God your anchor today, and you will stand in the midst of the billows of life. He has done it before, He will do it again in your life.

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Every unrepentant arrow fire against my enlargement, die, in the name of Jesus.

2. You spiritual robbers return my stolen goods, in the name of Jesus.

3. Every witchcraft spirit, planing against my life, I command you to appear by fire, in the name of Jesus.

4. I reverse your power, in the name of Jesus.

5. Oh Lord, plant the seed of breakthroughs into my life, in the name of Jesus.

6. You spirit of the tail, I declare you guilty in my life, therefore, die, in the name of Jesus.

7. O Lord, let me locate my divine original, in the name of Jesus.

8. You heavens, refuse to obey the instructions of my enemies.

9. I come with the keys of David, and I command locked doors to open, in the name of Jesus.

10. Every satanic giant in the garden of my life, I bring a warrant of arrest against you from heaven, in the name of Jesus.

11. I renounce the control of the queen of heaven upon my life, in the name of Jesus.

12. Spirit of disgrace, disappear, spirit of glory, appear, in the name of Jesus.

13. Every evil attachment to any house I lived in before, break, in the name of Jesus.

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