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TOPIC

MAXIMIZING MY POTENTIAL

Introduction

What is potential?

- How far you can reach but have not yet reached,
  - -All you can do but have not yet done..
- What you can accomplish but have not yet accomplished.
- *Potential is unexposed ability and latent power.* *Munroe*

HOW CAN I MAXIMIZE MY POTENTIAL

1.GIVING GOD HIS PLACE
2.WORKING ON SELF DEVELOPMENT
3.UNDERSTAND WHAT IS SUCCESS
4.MANAGING MY FAILURES

1. GIVING GOD HIS PLACE

- **A. God is the SOURCE of potential**. ““Listen to me, all who hope for deliverance—all who seek the LORD! Consider the rock from which you were cut, the quarry from which you were mined. Isa 51:1, NLT

Phil. 4:13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

2 Sam. 22: 33 “It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.

- “It's been said that our potential is God's gift to us, and what we do with it is our gift to him.” –Maxwell, from “*The Success Journey*”

- **God is the JUDGE of potential**
- “So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.” Ro 14:12,
- He will one day examine your life and judge you, what you did compared to what you could have done
- **Appl. *“I fear getting to heaven and God shows me what I could have done.”*** Gothard

2. WORKING ON SELF DEVELOPMENT

[*An example of the boy working for bread]*

- “God has a PLAN for my life.”

Ps. 139:16 All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”

- ***I am an outcome of the creation of an intelligent God. I am unique***

❖DEVELOP my God-given potential.”

❖Temperament

❖Discover your gifts

❖Know your strengths

❖ WORK ON UR WEAKNESSES

You need to strengthen those areas of weakness that keep us from reaching our full potential

- ***“The first step toward improvement is to recognize weaknesses, make corrections, and cultivate strengths.”*** *–J. Oswald Sanders*

❖ WORK AT DEVELOPMENT

“You can reach your potential tomorrow if you dedicate yourself to grow today.” Maxwell

“The greatest of all miracles is that we need not be tomorrow what we are today, but we can improve if we make use of the potentials implanted in us by God.”- Rabbi Samuel M. Silver

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3. UNDERSTANDING SUCCESS

- Success is… ***Knowing*** *your purpose in life,* ***growing*** *to reach your maximum potential, and* ***sowing*** *seeds that benefit others*. –Maxwell
- A] Know.

We cannot be considered a success unless we know what God has called us to do in life.

B] CHOOSE to grow

- Growth doesn’t happen just because you’re breathing, it is a deliberate choice. It takes time and effort.

“You can be young only once, but you can be immature indefinitely. That's because growth is not automatic.” –Maxwell

C] Sow seeds that benefit others

- *“You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.” –Dale Carnegie*
- *Make other leaders. {Mentorship}*
- *What will you leave after you die?*

C] Develop Characteristics of Successful people:

- **Successful people have clear GOALS**

✓ People who are successful don’t arrive at their destination by accident. They planned to move forward.

✓Successful people have learned how to set goals and achieve them

“Before you can score you must first have a goal.” Greek Proverb

- **Successful people work HARD**

✓They make things happen.

✓They are not afraid of effort.

“You can always tell when you are on the road to success; it's uphill all the way”. Paul Harvey said,

C] Develop Characteristics of Successful people:

- **Successful people PERSEVERE**

✓ People who are successful don’t quit. If at first they don’t succeed, they try again. They stick to their goals. .

“Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit.” -Conrad Hilton, hotel executive

- ***Successful people take responsibility***
- ***Successful people has a positive attitude***

4. MANAGING MY FAILURES

- We often fail to attempt great things for God because we're afraid we won't make it.
- *Our greatest fear should not be of failure … but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter."* **– *Francis Chan***
- *"Do not be embarrassed by your failures, learn from them and start again."* ***–Richard Branson***

FAILURE

F = Find a new definition of fails. We all fail

A = Accept responsibility. ***“Others can stop you temporarily - you are the only one who can do it permanently.”*** Zig Ziglar,

I= Investigate your failures. ***“Don't waste energy trying to cover up failure. Learn from your failures and go on to the next challenge. It's okay to fail. If you're not failing, you're not growing***.” Stanley Judd

L=Leave your Failures. "If **you get up the same number of times you fall, you will be standing.**” Ed Cole

S =STEP out for more failures! “***When you fail, that is a great chance to start again. Learn from it and move on. Don't be paralyzed by the failure.”*** Myles Munroe

TAKE HOME

STRETCH TO REACH YOUR POTENTIAL

“I am here for a purpose and that purpose is to grow into a mountain, not shrink to a grain of sand. Henceforth will I apply all my efforts to become the highest mountain of all and I will strain my potential until it cries for mercy” *-OgMandino*