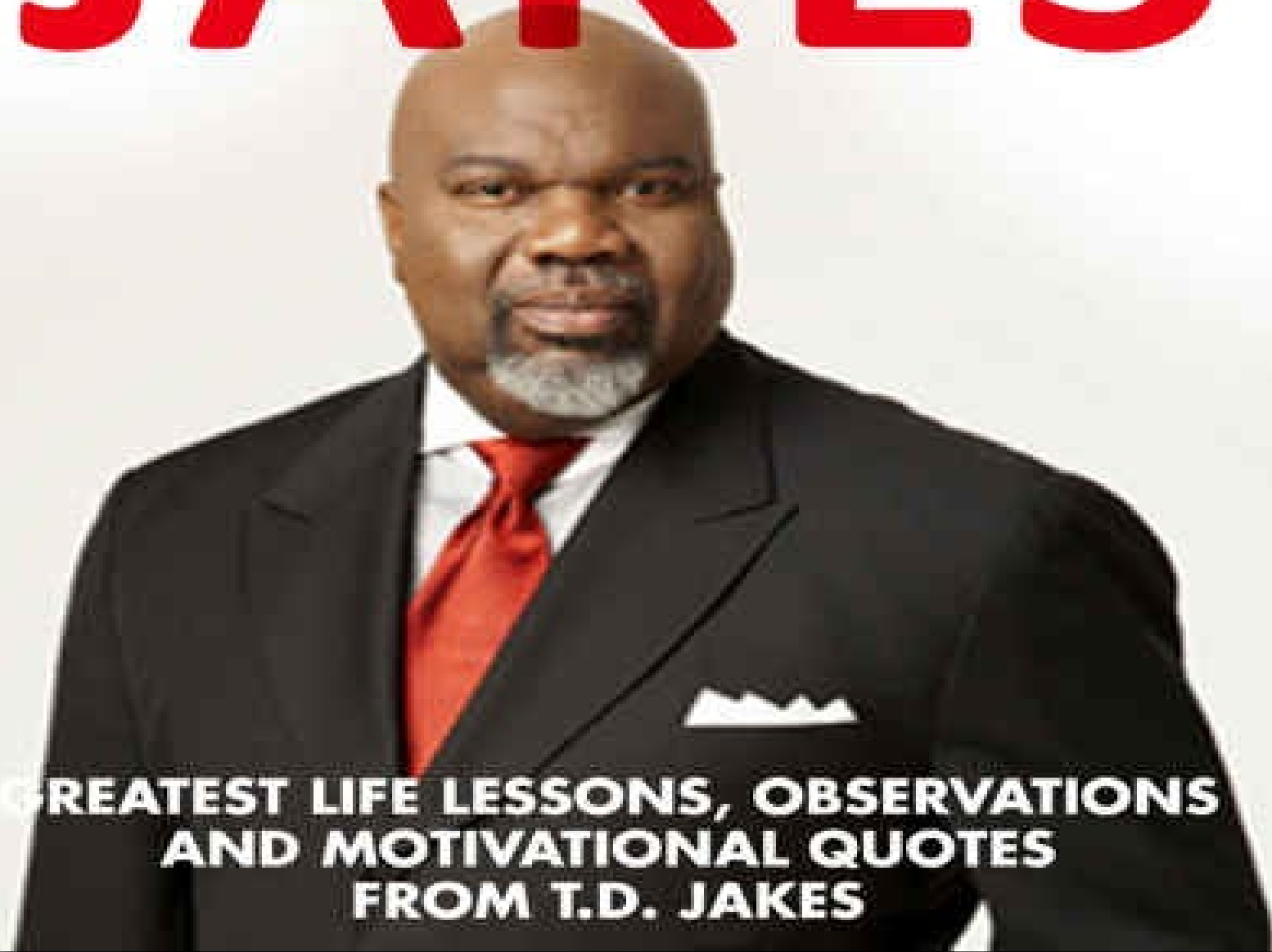


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Introduction

Thomas Dexter Jakes (T.D. Jakes) is a bishop of the non-denominational mega-church. He is awarded a number of honors and awards, such as 13 doctorates, Grammy and Dove nominations for Gospel album. He was called the latest version of Billy Graham.

He is famous for his “Let it Go: Forgive So You Can be Forgiven” and “Life Overflowing: Six Pillars for Abundant Living”. In 2014, he started producing a movie as well. His life, words, and works have lots of inspiration for other people. He started helping women who attended church in 1990.

He was focusing on the women who were abused, abandoned and neglected in their lives. He started Sunday classes for women and called them “Woman, Thou Art Loosed”.

In his class for women, he tried to encourage them to focus on their past pain to learn positive things from this experience. It will serve as a foundation for personal and spiritual growth.

“In order to have more, you have to master what you have. You can’t be fruitful until you are seedful” – T. E. Jakes

He opens the doors of his congregation for all religions to practice their faith with freedom. The freedom to practice your beliefs is a key taught by the Jakes.

Without the freedom, you will be unable to learn the things that will help you in your life. You should practice your faith because there is no need to learn anything that you couldn’t practice.

“All over this nation, all over this world, there are people going to church today and they say they are believers, but until you can take what you have been taught and bring it to the place you gave up. You will never be the radical believer that you need to be for the times in which we live” – T.D. Jakes

There are numerous lessons and quotes of T.D. Jakes that can help you to live a successful life. This book is designed to share some important quotes and lessons of T.D. Jakes. Read this book and fill your life with the new light and inspiration.

Chapter 1 – Great Life Lessons by T.D. Jakes

The Bible is one of the most read books with the word with lots of great lessons to learn. The reader can discover the love of God for man by reading this book. The cross is the most recognized icon to represent the union between the man and God.

It symbolizes the strength of day-to-day relationships between human beings. The T.D. Jakes has outlined some important life lessons from the Bible. There are some Biblical lessons of T.D. Jakes on Relationships:

Overcoming Differences in Relationship

The relationships require your attention because two people associated with each other may have a separate mindset and background. You should learn to live a balanced life while overcoming problems and accepting each other's strength and weaknesses.

Differences between you and your partner can be due to unique distinctions, but make sure to complement each other for your good qualities. Understand that your relation requires love, understanding, and strong bonding. You should understand the uniqueness of each other.

Emotional and Spiritual Freedom

Without emotional and spiritual freedom, it is impossible to have a healthy relationship. You should clear some emotional room in your mind to experience the change and give spiritual freedom to others. It is not good to live with your past and repeat old mistakes again and again.

You should move on in your life and keep your mind and emotional house clean. You can pay attention on praying, meditation, journaling, and exercising. These practices will help you to get rid of the emotional issues of the past and you can learn to move on in your life.

Get Some Courage to Love Someone

Love has a quality that it becomes stronger as the time passed. It is not easy to love others because it requires courage. Everyone has a relationship that may not work for one reason or another. It is really difficult to establish relationships and do some sincere efforts to maintain them.

The loss of a relationship will be a traumatic experience and it can affect your life for a longer period of time. It is important to understand your role in every

relationship and work to maintain love and peace between you. A healthy relationship requires you to let go of the bitter memories of past and moves on with a new hope.

Compromise in Relationships

There should be some healthy compromises in the relationships because the win-win situation requires negotiation. You should learn to see with the eyes of your partner and the healthy compromise will be a hallmark of your relationship.

The peace often helps you to understand the point-of-view of others and feel the pain of another party. You can't be stubborn to stick to your own views because without adopting change, it is difficult to compromise.

Protect Your Relationships

You can maximize your relationships and life by reducing your load. You should focus on the important things in your relationship. Reducing load means to try to release things.

It is in your hand to release something and move ahead to make your relationship strong. You can share your strengths and evaluate the things that are important to change and control. You should have some wisdom to see the important and meaningful things in your relationships for their protection.

Evaluate Your Personality

If you find yourself valuable to find love and attention, you should remove unnecessary boundaries around you. There will be some boundaries, such as ego and anger that may restrict you from understanding the other's point of view. Evaluate your personality and focus on your positive traits.

Your self-esteem is really important to reveal your actual personality. It will give the confidence to study your inner qualities and maintain healthy relationships. It may help you to make good decisions for you and your partner.

Chapter 2 – Motivational Quotes from T.D. Jakes

There are some inspirational quotes of T.D. Jakes that will help you to live a successful and satisfied life:

“You will have to deal with a lot of stuff, but I want the devil to know that though the storms keep on raging in my life, and sometimes it's hard to tell my days from the night. But, still there's hope that lies from within. If the storms don't cease and if the winds keep on blowing in my life, my soul has been anchored. My soul. My soul has been anchored. You may see me cry sometimes. You may see me stumble sometimes, but you will never see me quit.” – T.D. Jakes

“Step into a moment in your life you can feel a deep feeling of gratitude for. Breath in your heart; hear what you heard then; feel what you felt then, right now. Feel so grateful. Feel that moment; it was sacred; you were blessed.” – T.D. Jakes

“Victory is waiting on you.” – T.D. Jakes

“God's grace is painted on the canvas of despair.” – T.D. Jakes

“The greater the battle – the greater the spoils.” – T.D. Jakes

“You have to recognize as troubles and trials and tests come into your life you have to recognize that there is a God who sits high and looks low and has all power and has all power in his hand and if you want to communicate with the divine you do it by faith.” – T.D. Jakes

“Each day is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift to him.” – T.D. Jakes

“If you can't figure out your purpose, figure out your passion. For your passion will lead you right into your purpose.” – T.D. Jakes

“When you begin to realize that your past does not necessarily dictate the outcome of your future, then you can release the hurt. It is impossible to inhale new air until you exhale the old.” – T.D. Jakes

“And once you identify your passions and begin to understand, 'This is where I'm gifted. This is what gives me energy when I do it and lights my eyes up when I go about it.' Then to move in the area of your purpose puts you on a road to destiny,” – T.D. Jakes

“The first time I walked on a stage I knew that was what I was created to do. I

knew that there were a calling and a sense of purpose in my life that gave me fulfillment and a sense of destiny.” - T. D. Jakes

“I don't think that you can let the storms of life overwhelm you. When you do that, you are no better than the craziness that caused you to be under attack.” - T. D. Jakes

“I chose to present myself as one who comes from among the people, and I can be touched by their pain because I have my own.” - T. D. Jakes

“So though there are many things I would have done differently, I submit to God's sovereignty and His purpose in my life and I thank Him that He brought me the way He brought me and gave me what He gave me when He thought I could handle it.”- T. D. Jakes

“There are no college courses to build up self-esteem or high school or elementary school. If you don't get those values at an early age, nurtured in your home, you don't get them.” - T. D. Jakes

Chapter 3 – T.D. Jakes on Passion and Purpose

If you want to live a purposeful life, your life should revolve around your passion that can completely change your life. There are some quotes of T.D. Jakes on purpose and passion:

“If you can't figure out your purpose, figure out your passion. For your passion will lead you right into your purpose.” – T.D. Jakes

“When we feel misaligned, without passion or rhythm, we’re not being guided by our instinct. “Most people are manipulated by the needs of others, the paycheck that supports them and the demands that dominate them,” he writes in *Instinct*. “On this path, we eventually live like slaves to a man-made system. We chase the goals of others instead of pursuing our own dreams. We anesthetize our despair with the next purchase, pill or plunder. We do what we think we should instead of living beyond what logic alone can dictate.” - T. D. Jakes

The feelings of disconnect, despair, and foreboding that result from living outside our divine purpose make us what Jakes calls “a lightbulb without a lamp.” But when we listen to our instinct and ultimately follow it to realize our potential, “it is the feeling of fitting in, like a piece in a puzzle,” he writes. “It is the innate satisfaction that comes from giving the gifts that you and you alone can contribute to the world.” - T. D. Jakes

Instinct, he says, is fundamental in finding his direction—both small and large. “Whatever you do with your life, it should honestly be the outflowing of who you are. That way you don’t have to work hard to manufacture it. It’s best when it is organically and artistically an outpouring of your gift, your talent, your perspective.” - T. D. Jakes

“You know, I was thinking this morning just out of the blue,” he says, “how when the doctor was using an ultrasound and my wife was pregnant—that was years ago. We have grandchildren now. But when the sound got the loudest—ba-boom, ba-boom, ba-boom—you knew you were closest to the heartbeat. And I was thinking this morning about how you have to find the thing that makes your heart beat the loudest.” - T. D. Jakes

“As a teenager, Jakes was a pianist and loved music. But, he says, “It didn’t beat the loudest. Not until I started preaching and speaking. Then ba-boom, ba-boom, ba-boom.” Do I drag out of bed in the morning to do this, or do I run out of bed to do this?” - T. D. Jakes

“If you always do what you’ve always done, you’ll always be where you’ve

always been,” he says, leaning forward. “People become creatures of habit so easily. We get up, we go to work, we come home, we shop at the same grocery store, we drive on the same street. Get out of the box and see what else is out there that would impassion you and inspire you. Stop hanging with the same people. Get in another circle. Risk feeling awkward. Get out of your comfort zone. Get in a room full of people where you don’t know what is appropriate to say. If you always walk with people who look like you and dress like you and think like you and vote like you, you’re going to die of boredom. All of the creation exists through cross-pollination, and that’s when different things come together to be fruitful.” - T. D. Jakes

“When it comes to making the leap toward our passion, we can’t judge the validity of what we’re supposed to do by the responses of other people. “What people think is nuts is anything different from what they’d be,” he says. “You definitely, definitely cannot set your sail in somebody else’s wind. You have to have your own wind because as life goes on, even if they all agreed with you, there will be times they will all walk away and leave you. I mean, they walked away and left Jesus.” - T. D. Jakes

Chapter 4 – T.D. Jakes on Love and Strong Bonding

The golden words of T.D. Jakes about love and strong bonding really need your attention to improving your life:

“Love--what a word! It is a small word possessing only four letters, but it is loaded to the brim with every imaginable feeling. The Greeks have many words to describe the multifaceted concept of love. They divide the agape kind of love from the philia kind of love. The agape describes the divine, while the philia describes the brotherly affection between siblings and shared among humans. They use the word eros--from which we get the word erotic--to describe the intimate love of a man and his wife. Love ... what an intimidating feeling to describe accurately. It is limiting at best to be left with words alone to describe the abstract feelings of the heart, but to have only one word to describe all the types and levels of feelings, a word that means different things to different people--well, we often fail to describe the variety or the intensity of the intoxicating impact of the love feeling.” - T. D. Jakes

“Love is to life what a scent is to a rose. It is the spice of life, and it adorns life as clouds decorate the skies. Many women have tasted the nectar of romance. Many men have swayed beneath the influence of the memory of a special moment shared with that special someone. Even the aged see youth rekindled in the emblazoned moments of affection and the displayed admission of concern. From the cooing sound of a contented baby to the calm breathing of an aged grandmother, there is the constant need for and appreciation of affections that affect the ordinary and transform the mediocre. Yes, love is the magic elixir of the soul. It is a common denominator, something we all need regardless of our varied perspectives or vicissitudes of life. Whether love is communicated through a soft touch or a moistened eye, it is the message that we need. "The method is immaterial in comparison to the magnitude of the message itself.” - T. D. Jakes

“There is no drug that can compare with the intense, passionate feelings that are aflame when the heart is in love. It is love that causes the senses to heighten. It is love that causes the heart to pump honey to the soul and sedation to the mind. It is the sweet taste of the honeycomb that satisfies the taste buds of the soul. Without love, life tastes bland and success is empty.” - T. D. Jakes

“What can compete with love? It has kept the sick man alive and made the well man feel sick. It is love that gives us courage and yet loves that makes us afraid. It weakens the mighty and strengthens the feeble. It is the most intoxicating

feeling that any of us will ever have the privilege of experiencing. If it is given to the worthy, it is reciprocated and fruitful. If it is invested on the empty opportunist, it can create a pain that nauseates the soul and afflicts the mind. It can make an average person seem extraordinary. It has the capabilities to alter our perceptions and heighten our vulnerability. It is love that made Christ the and still that same love that made him arise from the grave.” - T. D. Jakes

“Without a doubt, we all want to experience love, but we must ask, Are we in love with others or are we in love with the idea of being in love? Many are the women, and men as well, who have turned to the arms of someone looking for the assurance that ultimately must come from within. How bitter they become when they look around for that which they must find inside themselves. They saddle their relationships down with undue weight and hold their partners in a perpetual state of guilt. They blame their partners for not being there for them. But what is actually meant is that their partners are not giving them what they expected. The greater question should be stated, Is it fair to expect anyone to bear the brunt of a life filled with pain and dysfunction? Who can restore what life has taken out of you, but God? Who can remind you of what God has promised you, but you? You are your own preacher, and occasionally you must say the kind of speech to yourself that enables you to be productive and accomplished.” - T. D. Jakes

“There are many types of love. But the one that we must begin with is the tantalizing allurements of the impassioned heart that enables us to love others. It is that passion that must start at home before it goes abroad. For the greatest of human perceptions is when the heart can look into the mirror and smile at the image that is reflected therein. It is the grace that enables us to wink at ourselves and appreciate our own gifts. It is a healthy mind that can celebrate itself. Then and only then can we determine whether we are loving others because they are lovable or because we are so famished for love that we will settle for anyone or anything that gives to us what we should give to ourselves.” - T. D. Jakes

“Light a candle, play a song, take a walk, and meditate on your own accomplishments. It is a poor hen that will not grow in her own nest. Quiet moments alone allow us to explore how deeply we are committed to our own sense of healthy well-being and fortitude. You must become the motivational speaker that is self-challenging. The passion for going forward is too important to be left to the happenstance of someone else's concerns for us. We need to be motivated, but it is dangerous to allow that need to become so overwhelming and desperate that it can only find fulfillment in the actions of someone else. We

need to be self-motivated in order to survive.” - T. D. Jakes

“Perhaps one of the most difficult things to achieve is the ability to be motivated by ourselves. Most of us have a tendency to live and receive motivation as martyrs. We live for others and their causes, making our own needs and presence secondary pursuits. Sadly, sometimes we place ourselves so far on the back burner that the dreams boil out and leave only a parched pot where once we had a personal expectation. When dreams boil out, a scorching heat of stress and anxiety causes the kettle to give a shrill sound before the burning begins. That shrill sound can be heard in our excesses and overindulgences, which camouflage the fact that we are frustrated with dreams that are denied and hopes that seem deferred. The burning, destructive, compulsive behaviors could all be avoided if we only, with patience and perseverance, took life in small doses and allowed us the privilege of having an appointment with our own attention and scheduled ourselves as clients that we must see before the day is over. In short, take time for yourself. Listen to the hissing sound before you catch fire” - T. D. Jakes

“It has been said that love is a many-splendor thing. If that is true, then one of those splendors should be directed inward. While we value and validate the worth of others, we must also take the time to fondly affirm our own sense of personhood and self-development. We must know that love is not an optional accessory that we can choose to exclude from life. It epitomizes the human experiences and celebrates all that we enjoy. It gives us distinction from lower forms of life whose presence is monitored by time alone. Our life is not the mere collection of days and months. We are connoisseurs of the fine architectural design of life, love, and the exchange of human energy. We are moved and motivated by the spirited synergy that comes from the passion of experiences and the fine nectar of moments shared.” - T. D. Jakes

“The real challenge that we all have is to find a place of balance between martyrdom and narcissism. The art of avoiding extremes is an art that is drawn on the canvas of maturity and painted with the abstract strokes of many experiences. The balance is as vital to you as it is to a high-flying trapeze act. We need not become self-consumed, but please realize that there must be something between selfishness and self-denial. This is not the blaring clarion call to become self-centered and egotistic. But it is a cry to balance the heart of women who have allowed everyone's plight to become more important than their own. It is a cry to recognize your strengths before you become lost in a perpetual state of being a cheerleader for someone else and never yourself.” - T. D. Jakes

“This is not just a feminine problem. It is actually a human problem. Yet the maternal instinct in women increases their susceptibility to it. Maternal instincts are great on a child, but don't try them on a man. They are dangerous when coupled with the societal bias that tends to usher women into roles of subservient behavior. It makes the lady a prime candidate to become a martyr for any cause but her own. When this happens, the milk of compassion in a woman often hardens in the breast and causes the heart to ache. There was nothing wrong with the milk. It was just invested into something or someone that was not worthy. There is nothing worse than giving the right thing to the wrong person.” - T. D. Jakes

“Many women find it difficult to appreciate themselves because society puts pressure on them to be completely selfless; any attempt at self-nurturing and self-love is condemned, eliciting accusations of being selfish and narcissistic, of not being an adequate wife, mother, or even an adequate woman. No woman wants these labels and so many comply--giving, giving, giving--never appreciating themselves. Never realizing that in order to truly give you must appreciate the gifts you possess. Sadly, some women's lives become as futile as a child's attempt to capture the entire ocean in his sand bucket. No matter how committed he is to his task, no effort is ever enough.” - T. D. Jakes

“It's not easy to overcome this pressure. Even the most liberated people are adversely affected by the pressure of public opinion. Withstanding the opinions of others is at best stressful and at worst debilitating. Many of us are crippled by the masses of people who do not allow us the freedom of our own opinions and the exploration of our own personhood. We all have a tendency to reflect the opinions of others. If someone says you look terrible in a dress, don't you wear it with reluctance the next time? Even though we say we do not care what people think, to some degree we are still vulnerable to their words and ideas. But if we are going to be effective individuals, we must develop the ability to embrace ourselves. A positive self-image is not arrogant. It is necessary in order to procure a healthy relationship with others. People who have low self-esteem are too obsessive to enjoy others. They cling to others like a vine to a wall. They need others to stand, and that need is compulsive and draining.” - T. D. Jakes

“It is virtually impossible to find someone to appreciate you as a person if you do not allow them to see you as a settled, stabilized force in the earth. They need to hear you sing your own song. They need to listen to your solo. Sing the melody of success and everybody will want to hum that tune with you. But make sure that you allow joining in only those who harmonize with your own self-

image. You actually train others how to treat you by how you treat yourself. Do not think for one moment that others do not observe your level of style, class, and preferences. All of us, when we shop, have had to deal with the fact that this person we are shopping for would or would not buy this item for him-or herself. You want to buy what would, at least, be comparable to what that person would select. You wouldn't give a cheap bag to someone who wears expensive clothes, would you? Who would feel comfortable giving a gift that would stand out among the person's possessions as an item beneath his or her normal standard? By being good to the self, this person has in essence set a standard that we all must aspire to reach if we are to be a blessing to that individual.” - T. D. Jakes

“Stop watering things that were never meant to grow in your life. Water what works, what's good, what's right. Stop playing around with those dead bones and stuff you can't fix, its over...leave it alone! You're coming into a season of greatness. If you water what's alive and divine, you will see harvest like you've never seen before. Stop wasting water on dead issues, dead relationships, dead people, a dead past. No matter how much you water to concrete, you can't grow a garden.” - T. D. Jakes

Chapter 5 – 4 Mistakes Pointed Out by T.D. Jakes that Keeps Your Purpose Away

The T.D. Jakes explains how it is important to live on purpose and be aware of some specific functions of life. Everyone has more than one purpose in life, such as raising a child, finding a suitable life partner, teaching others or any other activity.

Some people find it difficult to determine the purpose of their life and they often make some mistakes. There are four mistakes pointed out by T.D. Jakes that can mislead you:

“But I Love It” - T. D. Jakes

If you are a musician by profession and people are happy with your work and you are getting lots of appreciation as well. You may consider it as your purpose. You can be wrong at this point because your admiration doesn't mean that it is an actual purpose of your life. It shouldn't distract you from your actual purpose of life. Your hobby can't be the purpose of your life.

“But that Drives me Crazy” - T. D. Jakes

There could be some things that can drive you crazy and you may ignore them. It is important to have a closer look and don't ignore others for their errors. Some errors may drive you crazy, but you shouldn't criticize a person.

Focus on your inability to tolerate errors and what you can't bear. You can rectify things by focusing on some areas, such as administration. You should recognize your actual purpose and passion for working on your weaknesses.

“But Mu Dad Told Me” - T. D. Jakes

Your purpose could be completely different than your activities. Your family or friends may mislead you to a wrong path after noticing your education and background. It can be a restriction on your dreams because you are just following a path shown by your dad or your family.

Keep it in mind that you can't keep everyone happy, so don't try this. You may try to live the expectations of your father, but in reality, your purpose can be different. You should have the courage to endure the opinions and ideas of other people to follow your own purpose.

“Do Something – Anything” - T. D. Jakes

Your current life may not reflect your inner potential and you are making a mistake by wasting your potential. You should examine yourself before started doing anything. It is not healthy to start out a project without identifying your actual potential and purpose of life.

It can be difficult to identify the things that can give you gratification and fulfillment. Think it as secret ovation that can help you to feel the harmony with yourself. Once you find out about it, you will be able to hear it in a clear and loud tone.

Conclusion

The lessons and quotes of T.D. Jakes can be an inspiration for your life. This book contains important lessons of T.D. Jakes for love inspiration, motivation, passion, *etc.* Read this quote:

“Timing is so important! If you are going to be successful in dance, you must be able to respond to rhythm and timing. It's the same in the Spirit. People who don't understand God's timing can become spiritually spastic, trying to make the right things happen at the wrong time. They don't get His rhythm - and everyone can tell they are out of step. They birth things prematurely, threatening the very lives of their God-given dreams.” - T. D. Jakes

There are lots of lessons and motivational quotes that can help you to enlighten your life with positive light and thoughts.