

Kingdom Success: Course Manuscript

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Lesson 1: What is Kingdom Success?

As we delve into this course on kingdom success, it is very important we first understand the meaning of kingdom success. Because success in the kingdom of God differs a great deal from the world's notion of success. In the world, someone is considered a success based on the amount or quantity of material acquisition he or she has. But in the kingdom of God, which we belong, success is not measured in terms of material acquisition, but rather it is measured by how we are able to fulfill God's plans and purposes for our lives.

From the scriptures, we can take our Lord Jesus Christ and the Apostle Paul as examples of Kingdom Success. Concerning our Lord Jesus Christ, we can find his success story as he prayed before going to the cross in John 17:1-26;

In verses 4 and 5 of that particular chapter, the Lord says; "***I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.***"

So as The Lord was about dying on the cross, his success story was how he glorified the Father on earth and finished the work or the assignment the Father gave him to do here on earth. And after saying that, he then asked for his glorification from the Father God.

Then concerning the Apostle Paul, in his second Epistle to Timothy, in 2 Timothy 4:6-8 He says; "***For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only but unto them also that love his appearing.***"

In the above scripture, like the Lord Jesus, when Paul was about departing from this world, he says, he had fought a good fight (fight of faith). He also says he has finished his course or assignment and kept the faith. That as a result, a crown of righteousness was reserved for him by the Lord. And that the crown of righteousness is not only reserved for him, but also for those who love his (Jesus) appearing.

So from the two scriptural examples we have considered above, it is very clear that eternal glorification and crowning is for those who judiciously fulfill their divine plans and purposes here on earth.

So Kingdom Success is discovering your divine vision, pursuing and fulfilling it to the very end. And most importantly, it is not how well you begin with the pursuit, but ultimately how well you end.

You will end the pursuit of your divine vision or assignment here on earth very well in the mighty name of Jesus Christ!

Lesson 2: Discovering Your Vision And Purpose

Having explained that kingdom success is discovering your divine vision or purpose and fulfilling it to the very end. In this lesson, we will be looking into how to discover your divine vision and purpose. But before delving into how to discover your divine vision and purpose, you must understand that God has a special assignment for every of his children here on earth.

For some believers, their vision or purpose may be a call into any of the five-fold ministries (Apostle, Prophet, Pastor, Evangelist and Teacher). While for some others their divine vision or purpose may be a call to a particular business adventure, with which God will bless them to be a blessing to his kingdom works and people's lives. Then for others, their divine vision or purpose can be any other ministry apart from the five-fold ministries.

But in all, every divine vision or purpose must ultimately lead to the promotion and advancement of God's kingdom here on earth. In fact, any vision that detracts from the promotion and advancement of God's kingdom is definitely not from God.

So How Do You Discover Your Divine Vision Or Purpose?

From scriptures, we understand that often time, God's vision or purpose for his children are pre-programmed before birth. Such was the case of Samson (Judges 1-5), Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:5), the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:18-21) and the Apostle Paul (Romans 1:1). So when someone gives his life to Christ, God begins to reveal his assignment to him. The revelation may begin immediately the person gives his life to Christ or some later times, as the believer matures in his or her relationship or service to God.

This revelation of God's vision or purpose to the believer may come in different form. it could be from direct word from God, open visions, trances, dreams, spiritual impressions, etc. And most of the time, some believers are not able to really understand clearly God's vision for their lives.

And if you happen to be in such a state, you can simply ask God in faith, to reveal his assignment and purpose for your life to you. And as you ask God for the revelation, you take your pen and paper by faith and let the Holy Spirit help you to write down your divine vision and purpose.

Once you successfully discover your divine vision and purpose, you are right on course to becoming a kingdom success. Once you discover your divine vision, you should set out to start pursuing it under the leading and help of the Holy Spirit, using the keys you will be learning in the remaining lessons of this course.

Lesson 3: Faith—Key To Kingdom Success

As you set out to pursue your divine vision and purpose, absolute faith in God must be your number one virtue. If you must pursue your divine vision with miraculous success, you must make faith in God your lifestyle. Because everything in the kingdom of God works by faith in God.

Even though the bible says love is the greatest spiritual virtue, faith is the gateway to every other spiritual virtue, including love. Without faith, you cannot effectively experience the manifestation of God's love in your heart. So in your pursuit of kingdom success; in the pursuit of your vision, the all important place of faith in God, through his word, can never be over-emphasized. In 1 John 5:4-15, the word of God says;

"For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the son of God."

In the above scripture, the word of God says anyone that is born of God overcomes the world by faith. That is, faith that Jesus is the Son of God. Which means every born again believer—those that believe that Jesus is the Son of God and received him into their hearts by faith are potential victors...

But beyond the potential victory of believers in Christ Jesus by the saving faith, a practical lifestyle of faith in God, is required for practical victory and success in the kingdom of God here on earth. In Hebrews Chapter 11, the word of God reveals a catalogue of success and victories recorded by saints of God of different ages, which they all obtained principally by their faith in God.

In verse two of that particular chapter, the word of God says by faith, the elders obtained a good report. So if you too must obtain a good report, you must also embrace the virtue of faith as you pursue your divine vision to great success. To learn about faith in God, you can read up these my blog posts on faith: [Understanding the Christian Faith](#), [Exceedingly Growing Faith](#), [The Secrets of Exceedingly Growing Faith](#) and [The Triumphant](#). Then subsequently I will be uploading a complete course on the topic of faith.

Right now, I command the spirit of faith to come upon your heart in the mighty name of Jesus Christ!

Lesson 4: Love—Key To Kingdom Success

In the last lesson, we learnt that faith in God and his word, is a major key to kingdom success. But the bible tells us in Galatians 5:6 that faith works by love. So the faith that will lead us to success in the kingdom of God, must be rooted in the love of God.

Because the bible tells us in 1Corinthians 13:2 that even if we have faith so we can remove mountains, and we have not love, we are nothing. And the scripture also tells us in Romans 4:5, that the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Which means every believer in Christ Jesus, already has the spirit of love in their hearts. However, having the spirit of love in our hearts is one thing, then walking in the love of God is another. The spirit of love in our hearts, is our potential for walking in love. While walking in love or in the spirit of love is the practice of God's love as a lifestyle. And of course, practicing or walking in love, is solely our choice and personal responsibilities.

So How Do We Walk In Love?

In the book of John 14:21, the Lord Jesus says, "***He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that love me and he that loveth me shall be loved of my father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.***"

So clearly, from the above text, practicing or walking in the love of God means, practical obedience to the commandments of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. And of course, the sum of the Lord's commandments to us, the church, is to love one another as he has loved us (John 15:12).

The Benefits of Walking In Love

As we make walking in the love of God our lifestyle, we enjoy the following blessings from God.

- 1. Manifestation of God's Love and Grace in Our Lives:** In John 14:21 which I quoted earlier, the Lord says as we continually love him, we shall be loved by the Father himself. So as we make walking in God's love our lifestyle, we enjoy the manifestation of God's love and grace in our lives. Which include diverse manifestation of strange signs and wonders in our lives.
- 2. Access to Divine Providence:** In 1 Corinthians 2:9 the bible says; "***But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.***"

From the above text, we can understand that walking in the love of God as lifestyle gives believers access to divine providence or heritage in Christ Jesus.

3. **Steadfastness:** Among other things, walking in the love of God, enables us to be steadfast in our faith towards God, regardless of whatever comes our way. In Romans 8:36, 38 and 39 the bible says; "***Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or peril, or sword? For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creatures, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.***"

So walking in the love of God in Christ Jesus, makes us resilient to the very end. And ultimately leads us to eternal success in the kingdom of God.

Lesson 5: Word of God—Key to Kingdom Success

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success.”--Joshua 1:8

In the above theme text, the Lord gives us a great recipe for good success. He says to make our ways prosperous and have good success, we should not allow the book of the law (his word) depart from our mouths. He says we should meditate on his words day and night and observe to do according to all that is written in his book, which is the bible.

So as we pursue after success as believers, we must pay diligent attention to the word of God as written in the bible. In this lesson, we will be looking into the various ways to engage the written word of God for our eternal success in God’s Kingdom, here and hereafter.

How To Succeed With God’s Word

Listed and briefly explained below are the various ways we engage the written word of God in the scriptures for our prosperity and good success:

1. **Study The Word:** In our opening text (Joshua 1:8) the Lord charges us to not let the book of the law depart from our mouths. And that we should meditate on it day and night, so we can observe to do them. But before we can do all those instructions from the Lord we need to first of all have a knowledge of the book of the law.

And of course, to know what is written in the book of the law, we must commit ourselves to consistent study of the written word of God in the bible. So success with God’s written word, begins with dedicated and consistent study of the scriptures.

2. **Confess The Word:** As you read the word, the very next step you need in order to succeed with the word of God, is consistent confession of the revealed word from the scriptures. In our opening text, the Lord says the book of the law should not depart from our mouths. Which means we must dedicate ourselves to constant confession or speaking of the revealed word of God as much as we dedicate ourselves to the study of the word.
3. **Meditate On the Word:** Another vital instruction of the Lord in our opening text, is word meditation. The Lord says as we confess or speak the word, we

should also meditate on it day and night. And meditate here, means pondering on the word of God we read or study in our minds. Meditation in our minds can be either verbal or visual. But either way, meditation on God's word helps us to receive deeper insights or revelations from the word of God we study or know, by the help of the Holy Spirit.

4. **Do The Word:** The last part of God's Instruction concerning the written word in our opening text is doing or practicing the word. The Lord says as we confess or speak the word and also meditate on it, we should observe to do them. So as we study, confess and meditate on the word of God from scriptures, we must also be diligent, through the help of the Holy Spirit in us to do or practice them in our daily lives; in order to enjoy prosperity and good success from God.

Lesson 6: Godliness—Key to Kingdom success

“For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.” --1Timothy 4:8

The word translated as ‘godliness’ in the above opening text is from the Greek word “eusebia” which means: *piety*. That is, piety or holiness towards God. Other words that can be used for godliness is sanctification. In 1 Peter 1:16 the Lord says “*Be ye holy, for I am holy*” Which means God is saying, be you sacred, set apart, pure, morally blameless and consecrated; because: I am your God, I am sacred, pure, morally blameless and consecrated.

In our opening text, the Apostle Paul, by the Spirit, tells us that bodily exercise profits little. But that godliness or godly exercise is profitable unto all things. That godliness promises life or eternal life now and in the life which is to come. Which means godliness or holiness leads us to success in the Kingdom of God. Now the word of God in Ephesians 1:4 tells us that God has chosen us, believers in Christ, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blame before him in love.

Then in 1Peter 2:9 the word of God also tells us that we believers are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people that are called out of darkness into God’s Marvelous light, to show forth his praise. Which means every believers in Christ Jesus are already holy, sanctified, consecrated and pure unto God.

So what is required of us by God as his children, is to practicalize this our status. God requires us to behave ourselves as people that are actually sacred and pure like himself. So it is one thing to be set apart or sanctified by God through redemption in Christ Jesus, then it is another thing to walk in sanctification as a lifestyle. For instance, if someone goes to the university to study medical science, when he graduates, he is certified as a medical doctor; but if after graduation and certification he never practices medicine, his certification as a medical doctor is as good as useless.

At that point, the person only becomes a medical doctor by status or certification and not in practice; and that doesn’t do any good to his medical career and the patients he is supposed to serve. In exactly the same way, inasmuch as every believer in Christ Jesus is already holy and sanctified by God at Salvation, if the believer does not practice holy living as a lifestyle, he won’t profit or succeed so much in the kingdom of God. So if you must make great success in the kingdom of

God now and in the world to come, you must compulsorily walk in godliness or sanctification by the help of the Holy Spirit in you.

Lesson 7: Prayer—Key to Kingdom Success

No mortal man can successfully pursue a divine vision or assignment just with the energy of the flesh. As you set out to pursue your divine vision with great success, your faith in God as well as other virtues we have studied in the former lessons, need to always be alive and active. Then added to that, we as believers in Christ Jesus have eternal adversaries, which are the devil and his agents.

And of course, their major aim is to thwart the plans of God in the lives of his children and ultimately destroy them (see 1 Peter 5:8). And in order to keep our faith and other godly virtues active and also continually triumph over the devil and his cohorts, we need to give ourselves to an effectual and fervent prayer lifestyle.

Often time, we as believers encounter some tribulations and temptations of life that seek to crush our faith and other godly virtues; but through the key of prayers, we are able to overcome such challenges. A lifestyle of prayer helps us consistently draw strength from the Holy Spirit of God in us, when our flesh get weak.

Even our Lord Jesus Christ needed to maintain consistent and robust life of prayer, in order to fulfill his assignment here on earth. In short, at a particular time, he had to fast and pray for forty days and forty nights, in order to effectively carry out his ministry here on earth (see Luke 4:1-2).

Then as he was about being crucified for atonement for our sins, as he was challenged by the suffering and mockery he was going to face, he prayed earnestly till the sweat from his body was like drops of blood.

Then as he prayed, an angel of God appeared unto him from heaven and strengthened him (See Luke 22:39-44). So if you must successfully deliver on your divine assignment to the very end, without fainting, you must maintain a robust and consistent lifestyle of prayer.

How To Pray Effectively

To pray effectively, we must follow the blueprint of the prayer pattern our Lord Jesus taught us through his disciples, while he was here on earth (see Matthew 6:9-13) following the prayer pattern our Lord taught us, when you pray, follow this pattern:

1. **Start your prayer by thanking God:** the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. shower the Lord with thanksgiving and praises from your heart-- (Matthew 6:9)
2. **Pray for the kingdom of God and the will of God to be done here on earth as it is in heaven.** Basically, this means you pray for the body of Christ (the church) and also for the salvation of the souls of men (Matthew 6:10)

3. **Pray for your personal needs:** including your material needs and supply (Matthew 6:11)
4. **Pray for the forgiveness of your sins:** and this should also include your conscious confession of every of your known sins against God (Matthew 6:12)
5. **Pray that the Lord keep temptations away from you,** and also deliver you from the evil strategies of the devil and his agents (Matthew 6:13)
6. **Always conclude your prayers by giving glory, praise and thanksgiving to God by faith;** knowing that your prayers has been answered.

Receive grace for a lifestyle of effectual fervent prayer all the days of your life, in Jesus name!

Lesson 8: Soul Winning—Key To Kingdom Success

“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you” – John 15:16

From the above opening text, the Lord says we did not choose him, but he has chosen us, and ordained us that we should go and bring forth fruit. And that our fruit should remain or abide. That as we do that, whatsoever we ask of the Father in his name, he may give it to us. When the Lord talks of us bringing forth fruit in the context of the above text, he is referring to the fruit of righteousness or fruit of the Spirit and also the fruit of souls of men.

So the Lord is saying he has chosen us to bear fruit of godliness—such as we have discussed in a previous lesson in this course—and also win souls of men into his kingdom. And that as we bear these fruit of righteousness and souls, and ensure they remain, whatsoever we ask God the Father, may be given unto us.

Which means fruit bearing, which includes soul winning, gives us blank cheque of answers to prayers from God. Then in Daniel 12:3 the word of God says; *“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.”*

Which means apart from facilitating access to answers to prayers from God in this present world, soul winning ultimately gives us access to eternal glory in the kingdom of God.

So no matter whatever vision or assignment God gives to us, believers, it must ultimately be channeled into soul winning and discipleship. Even if your divine vision or calling by God is not for pulpit ministrations, you still have to channel your resources towards ministering to the unsaved, in order to draw them into the Kingdom of God for their salvation, healing and deliverance.

For instance, if God gives you a vision of doing a particular secular business or pursuing a particular career, his ultimate aim is that you use the proceeds from your business or career success to promote soul winning programs. And when I talk of proceeds it can be financial or influential.

As God gives you influences in your business or career, and also prosper you financially, you are to use them to partner with others, who are called into evangelical and discipleship ministry. You can use your influences to direct people to church or other evangelical and discipleship platforms such as this.

Then you should also use your finances to partner with churches or evangelical and discipleship platforms like this, to spread the gospel of Christ. And as you diligently and willingly commit yourself to these kingdom advancement campaigns or programs, you will certainly end up as an eternal success in the kingdom of God, both in this present world, and in the world to come.

Receive the grace to be a committed soul winner in the Mighty name of Jesus Christ.

Lesson 9: Diligence—Key to Kingdom Success

“Seest thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men”—Proverbs 22:29

The word **“diligent”** as used in the opening text above, is from the Hebrew word **“mahir”** which in a single word means “skillful”. So our theme text says a man that is skillful in his business, shall stand before kings and not mean or insignificant or low people.

So diligence is not just about hardworking, but about skillful or wise working. Diligence is about putting a touch of excellence in whatever you do. So as you pursue your divine vision or assignment, if you must make great impact and success, then you must pursue it with all diligence. That is to say, you must pursue your vision with the best skills required for its success.

You must pursue your vision with a super touch of excellence. Because no matter how spectacular your divine vision maybe, no matter how spectacular your gifts may be, if you don’t pursue your vision diligently you won’t make much impact and success.

So How Do You Pursue Your Vision With Diligence?

Having defined diligence in the context of this lesson to mean **“skillful work”**, it therefore means that diligence is all about skill, skill and more skills. And of course, skillfulness is principally a function of knowledge and wisdom. So to pursue your vision with diligence, you must continually hunt for knowledge and wisdom in your area of calling. And that include those that are called into any of the five-fold ministries: Apostle, Prophet, Pastor, Teachers, and Evangelist.

No matter how spectacular your calling or vision is from God, you need to be in constant hunt for knowledge and wisdom. Even if the Lord Jesus himself appears to you constantly, you still need to give yourself to constant learning and waiting on the Lord for more knowledge and wisdom to do your work more excellently.

You have to humble yourself and learn from those who are already successful in your area of calling. If your calling is to any secular business, you should invest your time and other resources in acquiring more and more knowledge as possible.

If need be, you can even register into the conventional schools, such as college or university and grab all the available degrees that will be beneficial to your vision or calling. Then even after getting all the degrees you want, you still keep on learning from other available resources that can help you sharpen your skill more and more.

In short, learning is a lifetime commitment. Because things and the way of doing things keep changing at a warp speed as the days go by. So to stop learning at any time, is to become retrogressive.

Then as I conclude this lesson, I must add that as you continually hunt for and acquire knowledge, you should also apply what you learn. Because it is the application of knowledge to what you do that translates to wisdom. One of the definitions of wisdom, is the right application of knowledge.

So as you give yourself to learning, also put in as much consistent effort or hard work to apply the things you learn. Because the diligence cycle cannot be complete with skill alone. Skillfulness and hard work must go hand in glove for you to make a great impact and success in the pursuit of your divine vision.

Receive the spirit of diligence right now, in the mighty name of Jesus Christ!

Lesson 10: Patience—Key To Kingdom Success

“Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promises”—Hebrews 10:35-36

For any divine vision or assignment you receive from God, there will always be waiting times and seasonal challenges along the way. For instance, when God promised Abraham and even told him to change his name from Abram to Abraham, Abraham believed God. But Abraham still had to wait up to 25 years before receiving the physical manifestation of the promise.

Within the period of waiting, he did go through some challenges, but yet he still patiently waited on God to make good his word. When God gives you a vision, he takes you from one phase to another from time to time. Then he also passes you through lots of processes; most of which may be very difficult or challenging; and even embarrassing.

And if you are not patient enough with God, you may throw in the towel along the way. And worse still, you may want to seek a short-cut to your destination and eventually sever your relationship with God; and begin to do things your own way. And sadly, this is the case of so many believers who received genuine visions from the Lord.

Most of them start off very well on the right path with God, but they eventually derail, as a result of impatience and lack of endurance.

You see, most people believe if a vision is truly from God, there won't be any challenge or difficulties along the way. But on the contrary, the scriptures actually says otherwise. In Mathew 16:24, the bible says; ***“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.”***

The Lord says anyone who will come after him must deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow him. Which means difficulties and challenges must come as you pursue your divine vision. But you must patiently endure, with prayer and faith, whatever challenges or difficulties that may come your way.

And most importantly, you must endure to the very end, in order to emerge as a kingdom success.

In conclusion of this lesson, let's take one last scriptural text from Hebrews 12:1-2,

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking

unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

So in summary, the above scripture is saying we should run our race with patience, looking unto our Lord Jesus for an example. Like he endured the cross, and despised the shame, and in the end is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. If we also endure our cross and shame, we also will be inevitably enthroned by God at the end.

Receive the fortitude of patience and endurance in your heart right now in the mighty name of Jesus Christ!

Lesson 11: Self-Discipline — Key To Kingdom Success

“All athletes are disciplined in their training, they do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadow boxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.”—1 Corinthians 9:25-27(NLT)

In the above theme text, the Apostle Paul reveals to us the importance of self-discipline as we pursue our divine vision, with the ultimate aim of success. He says all athletes or competitors for prize are disciplined in their training. And the aim of their disciplined training is for prizes that fade away. But the aim of our discipline as believers, is for an eternal prize...

He says, therefore he runs with purpose in every step; that he is not just shadowboxing, or boxing shadows. Then in the final part of the text, he says he disciplines his body like an athlete, training it to do what it should do. Otherwise, he feared that after preaching to others, he might be disqualified.

So if you must pursue your vision to great success, you must discipline yourself to be committed to what you need to do at every point in time. Because like the Apostle Paul pointed out, lack of discipline could lead to disqualification or total failure.

In this course, allots of secrets has been revealed for kingdom success. And inasmuch as these secrets are failure proof, if you do not discipline yourself to consistently apply what you have learnt in your daily life, you won't get any practical results. There is no two ways about that.

You need self-discipline to consistently study God's word, pray, exercise faith, exercise love, exercise godliness, work with diligence, etc.

Where You Need Discipline

Listed below are the various areas or aspects of your life that you need to exercise self-discipline on for success:

1. **Discipline yourself on how you sleep:** Yes, sleeping to rest your body is very important. But regardless, you still have to moderate your sleeping times in order to pursue your vision to success. Because no matter how much you sleep, your body will always want more and more sleeping time. And if you always follow the demand of your body for sleep you won't accomplish so much.
2. **Discipline Your Food Appetite:** Eating well is good. Especially as God blesses you abundantly. But you still need to moderate your eating appetite, so you can

deliver on your divine vision effectively. You need to discipline your food appetite to be able to fast and pray; and also save some money for investments when the need arise.

- 3. Discipline your sexual appetite:** Don't have extra marital affairs. Don't have sex with your spouse when any of you are having health challenge. Then avoid unhealthy sexual practices. Such as anal and oral sex.
- 4. Discipline yourself in your words:** For this, avoid saying words that are not in line with the word of God and your faith. Avoid saying filthy words. Then also avoid talking too much.
- 5. Discipline yourself in dressing:** Yes, you should dress well as much as God has blessed you. But dress decently and modestly as a believer. Don't be carried away by every reigning fashion. Your dressing must distinguish you as a believer in Christ Jesus.
- 6. Discipline your eyes on what you look or watch:** As a believer, you must discipline your eyes on the kind of things you look or watch. Either physically or in the media. You should avoid watching movies with pornographic and other obscene contents. The things you give your eyes to looking or watching can lead you to sin and even derail your faith.

Receive the spirit of self-discipline right now in the mighty name of Jesus Christ!

Lesson 12: Steadfastness—Key to Kingdom Success

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord”—1 Corinthians 15:58

In our theme text above for this lesson, the Apostle Paul by the Spirit instructs us to be steadfast, unmovable and be always abounding or increasing in the work of the Lord; because we know that our labour in the Lord is not in vain.

As you pursue your divine vision, a lots of things will seek strongly to derail your focus on your vision. The devil and his cohorts will continually seek to derail you. People, including some of your family members, friends and others, will seek to derail you. Different situations of life, both good and bad, will also seek to divert your focus on your vision...

And even persecutions and mockeries can seek to derail you, but in all these, you must determine and totally resolve to firmly focus on the pursuit of your divine vision right to the very end.

Then added to the list above, you may also be tempted to divert from your own vision into another person’s vision, because the person may seem to be more successful than you.

Every divine vision is unique, even if they may look the same with others. In the kingdom of God, two people can have visions that seem very similar, but their difference may be in the mode and pattern of administration.

While you are to humble yourself and learn from as many people as possible, including those with or without similar visions as yours, you must pursue your vision under the leading of the Holy Spirit. The only condition on which you must submit yourself or calling under another person’s vision, is if God himself specifically asks you to do so.

Else if you presumptuously abandon your vision to join another man in the pursuit of his or her vision, you won’t really make as much impact as God intends for you. And worse still, you may even get into lots of troubles and frustrations along the line. So as you receive your divine vision from the Lord, you must remain steadfast, unmovable, focused and very firm to the end; if you must emerge a kingdom success in the final end.

As I round up this lesson, let us consider briefly the second part of what our opening text (1 Corinthians 15:58) says... It says as we remain steadfast in our work for the Lord, we should always be abounding or increasing in our work in the Lord. So as you

pursue your divine vision, you must always be targeting increase and multiplication in your work and results for the Lord.

You must never get comfortable with any level of success you record per time. You should always keep aiming higher and higher till you leave this world or till the Lord Jesus returns for the rapture of the saints. Because the word of God says in proverbs 4:18; "***But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day***".

And of course, the perfect day for the believers, is the day the Lord will return for the rapture of the saints. So we must endeavor to keep our path shining more and more until the perfect day, when the Lord returns for us.

I pray the Lord keep you steadfast in him and in the pursuit of your vision, right unto the perfect day in the mighty name of Christ!

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So in this particular course, you have learnt that success in God's kingdom is different from what the world define as success. You have also discovered that succeeding in the kingdom of God begins with the discovery of your divine vision, which is God's purpose for your existence here on earth.

To apply all you have just learnt in this course, in case you have not yet discovered your vision, you need to start by seeking the Lord for his vision and purpose for your life. Then once you discover your divine vision, you should write it down and start off pursuing it; engaging the secrets you've just learnt in this course as guideline. And as you do, you are certain to emerge a great success in the kingdom of God; both here on earth and in the world to come.

I encourage you to retake this course as many times as possible, as you pursue your vision.

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