

**FIGHT UNTIL
YOU WIN**

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Dedication

I Would like to dedicate this book to everyone who has an unfulfilled dream. Where there is a desire there is a flame, where there is a flame someone is bound to burn but that should not stop us from fighting for our space in life.

To all youths who are striving for higher ideals, it is never too late to become. The mistakes you make today while striving to thrive would one day become a legendary. Never consider giving up an option for you are meant for greatness. It is possible to shoot down gigantic mountains of limitations into a bridge to your ever shining dream waiting to be digested.

I'm convinced beyond doubts the topics explored in this book will definitely map your way to the destiny you have always anticipated.

Fight Until You Win ~Vincent Tobiko Melonyie

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Chapter 1

Fight Until You Win.

In the intricate tapestry of life, challenges emerge as catalysts, nurturing the seeds of greatness within individuals. The essence of existence lies in the constant pursuit of meaningful endeavors, and as long as one draws breath, the potential for achieving greatness remains boundless. Unearthed treasures and dormant capabilities often lie beneath the surface, awaiting activation by the tumultuous tides and storms of life.

Human existence is marked by a fluctuating continuum of experiences, oscillating between moments of triumph and adversity. Unfortunately, many individuals fail to realize their aspirations and hidden treasures because they permit life's capricious currents to dictate their course prematurely. Life's vitality is not derived from the mere movement of the clock; instead, it stems from the perpetual renewal of one's mindset.

Profoundly remembered individuals of historical significance are those who flourished amidst life's challenges. Life operates in a dichotomy, sometimes propelling one in a favorable direction and, at other

times, challenging them to navigate against the current. Each day introduces its unique set of circumstances, whether benevolent or malevolent. While we must adapt to life's patterns, we should steadfastly resist being overruled by its whims.

Understanding one's destination is a pivotal victory in life's battles. Every heartbreak encountered in the pursuit of success presents an opportunity for refinement. The path to prosperity is sustained by persistent attempts, despite repeated failures. True heroes are not those who triumph at the outset but those who persevere through successive defeats until victory is secured. Failure, viewed astutely, becomes a valuable investment for future success.

One's emotional well-being should not be determined by external opinions but by the internal self-image. The power of imagination shapes one's reality, and harboring thoughts of despair hinders recovery. When circumstances threaten to derail progress, hope emerges as the antidote to the near-success syndrome.

Every individual undergoes metamorphosis on the journey toward self-improvement. The differentiating factor lies in the transformation of the mind. Regular mental renewal, shedding the weight of past negativity, and embracing innovative strategies are imperative for progress.

The trajectory towards personal growth involves leaving behind the setbacks of today and refraining from carrying them into tomorrow. Some victories require enduring pain, a crucible that shapes one into a new and improved version of oneself. Challenges such as divorce and bankruptcy may temporarily obscure dreams, but adversities are transient, and victory is everlasting.

One may find oneself at the right time and place, but a shift in mindset is crucial to align with the correct direction. The familiar must be challenged, for within each individual lies the potential to make a lasting impact. Many falter in leaving a meaningful mark due to the influence of naysayers, those who assert, "you cannot." The true custodian of a dream is the dreamer, and the resilience born from pain unlocks limitless opportunities.

Energies must be purposefully directed toward dreams, for what is fed with more energy will inevitably multiply. Choosing to fuel stress only diminishes the capacity to seize opportunities. Regardless of the reasons, the battlefield of life should not be abandoned until victory is achieved.

In conclusion, life's challenges are not impediments but stepping stones to greatness. By embracing the

ever-changing nature of existence, renewing the mind, persevering through failures, and remaining resolute in the face of adversity, one can unlock the boundless potential within and etch a meaningful legacy in the annals of time.

Chapter 2

The power of self-identity

Exploring one's identity may appear straightforward at first glance, but the journey demands profound introspection and self-examination. Often, individuals find themselves engrossed in pursuits that aren't aligned with their true selves, leading to a life overshadowed by unfulfilled dreams. The absence of a clear identity, whether as a business professional, an academic, a person with unique talents, or a leader, renders life flavorless, and its purpose becomes elusive. The fundamental question of why one exists becomes an arduous puzzle to solve.

Lacking self-identity exposes individuals to vulnerability, making them susceptible to challenges that impede the pursuit of soul-enriching achievements. This vulnerability may compel one to sacrifice personal ambitions for the sake of someone else's vision. Much like a river nourishing tree planted along its banks, self-identity acts as the source that nurtures the vision one holds for the future. Mimicry, therefore, poses a threat to achieving life goals. Embracing authenticity and defining oneself by personal aspirations, rather than external perceptions, is essential.

Self-realization serves as a compass, affirming one's direction in life and ensuring clarity about where one will ultimately land. Understanding one's intrinsic value is crucial for navigating life's journey. It demands recognition of the importance of self-awareness and a commitment to never settle for anything below one's true potential. Cultivating a mindset geared towards continual transformation equips individuals to confront life's challenges with resilience, free from complaints.

The power of self-identity lies in its ability to amplify capabilities, enabling the conquering of life's peaks and troughs. Without a clear understanding of oneself, opportunities remain elusive, hindering progress. Competence and assertiveness in one's chosen field are direct outcomes of self-awareness.

A stable sense of identity acts as a shield against the influence of public opinion, preventing vulnerability to adverse judgments. In its absence, external judgments distort true potential, leaving individuals defenseless and aspirations susceptible to external influences.

Consider this: envision staying unchanged for a decade, maintaining the same standard of living,

driving the same vehicle, and having a stagnant bank account. Such stagnation is contrary to growth. Self-identity becomes the catalyst propelling social, economic, and spiritual advancement. Failure to address this critical question impedes progress, fostering a mindset that blames external factors for one's current state.

Discouragement becomes inevitable without a solid understanding of one's worth, leading to submission to others' definitions of oneself. Leadership, too, relies on self-awareness, as decisions lose sensibility when swayed by public opinion. Recognizing one's value is essential for fruitful collaborations and maintaining dignity.

In the journey to success, discernment in choosing companions is crucial. Not everyone perceived as essential truly aligns with aspirations. Guarding one's vision judiciously, selectively sharing tactics, and being wary of envy and jealousy are paramount. The question persists: Are you who you claim to be or who others perceive you to be?

“If you really have your own identity, you’ll keep on doing what you think is really right for you, and you’ll also understand the next step you want to take.”-
Helmut Lang

Chapter 3

PAY THE PRICE.

The journey to success is a formidable one, demanding sacrifice, unwavering commitment, and a resilience to overcome mistakes and failures. A pervasive challenge, particularly among the youth, is the tendency to falter and struggle to rise again after setbacks. It's crucial to recognize that every misstep, when viewed through the lens of eventual success, becomes a pivotal part of one's journey. Though the path may be arduous, the key is to persevere and never surrender.

In the formative years of one's twenties, the most valuable asset is the collection of mistakes made along the way. Each error serves as a building block, preparing and shaping an individual to confront the challenges that lie ahead. While the present may seem daunting, it is imperative not to be daunted. Tomorrow offers a new opportunity; a chance to try again. Succumbing to the trials of today and letting them dictate future possibilities is an injustice.

Buried beneath feelings of low self-esteem, heartbreak, and disappointments often lie hidden treasures of immense talent and creativity. The journey

may be lengthy and taxing, but the alternative of regret is even more formidable. It is impossible to escape the pain of the process, yet carrying today's setbacks into the future is a self-imposed burden that hinders progress.

Acknowledging past hardships—be it bankruptcy, job loss, or health struggles—is essential, but they should not define one's potential. Many individuals constrain their creativity by letting challenges overshadow their capabilities. Others may have attempted and failed, yet that does not foretell your own outcome. Embrace your unique journey, make mistakes, and forge a path that aligns with your personal goals.

Take inspiration from the likes of Jack Ma Yun, a Chinese business magnate, investor, and philanthropist who founded Alibaba Group, a multinational technology conglomerate. Jack Ma faced numerous rejections in his pursuit of education, applying to Harvard School of Business over ten times without success. Undeterred, he enrolled in Hangzhou Normal University, a decision he didn't initially favor. Following graduation, he encountered a string of rejections, facing over 30 job opportunities, including manual labor.

The story of Jack Ma underscores the importance of perseverance, individuality, and trust in the process.

Don't be swayed by societal expectations or parental advice; follow your passion and embrace what excites you. The road may not be easy, but by being true to yourself, remaining open-minded, and trusting the journey, success becomes an achievable destination.

How if he decided to dump the process? Would he have earned the over twenty honors and awards?

Don't run Pay the price.

Chapter 4

The Power of self-rejection

Experiencing persistent rejection can be an emotionally challenging ordeal, leading one to dilute their essence in a bid to gain acceptance, driven by a fear of inadequacy. Rejection often stems from a negative mindset that relentlessly undermines self-worth, fostering a belief that improvement is unattainable. In the human journey, self-rejection is an inevitable facet, yet our response to it defines our character.

The impact of self-rejection extends beyond a mere blow to confidence; it erodes the positive outlook of a determined individual striving for loftier aspirations. Embracing one's true self, acknowledging both economic and health statuses, regardless of their current state, forms the foundation for constructive personal growth.

In our shared existence, we each navigate distinct paths, sometimes squandering valuable time attempting to surpass others or validate our worth to peers. This diversion often obscures untapped opportunities that could lead to personal fulfillment. Recognizing that success is not a zero-sum game, and one person's advancement does not diminish another's

chances, is crucial for redirecting focus towards personal goals.

Though past hurts may linger, dwelling on them hinders progress. Every painful encounter, when viewed as a lesson, contributes to personal development. Cultivating self-love and resilience becomes paramount. Patience is key, for worthwhile achievements often require time and perseverance. Struggling with present circumstances is not synonymous with failure; it signifies a transitional phase toward a brighter future.

The journey may seem arduous, but the anticipated reward surpasses the current challenges. Prioritizing self-acceptance is imperative; one must love and value oneself before seeking affirmation from others. Life is fleeting, and facing the future with faith, devoid of anxiety, is crucial. Shielding emotional energy from the scars of the past is a conscious choice that propels growth.

You are not confined; your current situation may be demanding, but the promise of a substantial reward looms ahead. Preceding external validation, cultivate an unwavering relationship with yourself. Conquering thought patterns that hinder growth and fostering happiness led to the attainment of seemingly impossible goals. Elevate your mind above

environmental stressors, liberate yourself from the weight of past scars, and witness the transformation of the once deemed impossible into the achievable.

In my personal journey, I've come to appreciate the profound lesson of perseverance. The echoes of 'No' and the sting of rejection are not always conclusive; rather, they serve as pivotal moments demanding resilience. Timing, I've learned, holds paramount significance, requiring steadfast dedication. The understanding that, when the opportune moment arrives, it will be both gratifying and impeccably timed, is a testament to the endurance required in the face of setbacks.

Rejection, I've observed, can manifest long before an individual's existence. It can be rooted in parental preferences, where the mere accident of being born the 'wrong' gender results in a lifetime of unwarranted rejection. The impact of such early categorizations can cast a lingering shadow, perpetuating the belief that one is unwanted.

Regrettably, some individuals succumb to the weight of rejection, forfeiting their ambitions in the process. It prompts a soul-searching query: "What is it about me that elicits such disdain?" Even historical figures like Jesus experienced rejection from those he healed

and fed, underscoring that even acts of benevolence do not guarantee immunity from rejection.

Yet, a powerful antidote to rejection lies in anchoring one's future firmly to unwavering beliefs. The journey towards self-definition may be devoid of applause, with many withholding celebrations during defining moments. However, the eventual triumph is a testament to the resilience cultivated during periods of rejection.

Moreover, rejection is not solely external; it can become an internalized mindset. The utterances we dispense, both to ourselves and others, wield the potential to become inhibitors of destiny. Thus, caution is urged in the words we choose, as they can either fortify our resolve or contribute to the insidious proliferation of rejection.

In navigating the complexities of rejection, the wisdom lies in recognizing its transient nature and embracing the fortitude required to weather its storms. The journey from rejection to triumph is a testament to the power of perseverance and an unwavering belief in one's intrinsic worth.

Chapter 5

Limitations aren't permanent

Life presents us with various limitations, each with its unique timeline for resolution. Some are fleeting, while others linger, yet the certainty remains that all limitations are transient. Consider the aspiring entrepreneur who yearns to transform an idea into a profitable venture but is hindered by the lack of initial capital. The path to investment success demands patience and unwavering focus, requiring one to appreciate the value of incremental savings.

Having a visionary business idea is merely the prelude to the complex journey of investing. Don't be disheartened by the current inadequacy of your financial resources; instead, acknowledge the flicker of hope that illuminates your path. Life's limitations, whether financial constraints or the skepticism of others, possess a temporal nature. Words spoken by others can morph into limitations if allowed to permeate our mindset. Filter out negativity, embracing only positive and constructive input. Don't let the doubts of those around you construct a barrier to your dreams; be the force that breaks free from within.

Utilize the stones thrown your way as building blocks for a grand life structure. Push beyond your comfort zone and immerse yourself in audacious dreams that both challenge and inspire. Focus not on justifying setbacks but on fortifying your resolve to inch forward. Progress, even if incremental, propels you toward monumental achievements. The uphill climb demands energy, perseverance, and the ability to endure sweat and moments of despair. Yet, when you reach the summit, the view is spectacular, and the energy expended transforms into jubilation.

Success, as exemplified by luminaries like Henry Ford, Walt Disney, and Albert Einstein, is often forged in the crucible of life's challenges. Ford faced bankruptcy but emerged as a pioneer in the machine revolution. Walt Disney persisted despite obstacles, birthing iconic characters. Einstein overcame academic struggles, eventually winning a Nobel Prize in Physics. Oprah Winfrey triumphed over a traumatic past to become an influential figure and the first black female billionaire in North America.

Life's limitations may scar our hearts, but the lessons and experiences garnered become invaluable tools for personal growth. Success stories are enriched by the hurdles, challenges, and adversities that individuals overcome. Before one dons expensive shoes, they

must have walked barefoot; before enjoying a restaurant meal, they may have dined in humble surroundings. Our strength grows in proportion to the severity of the challenges we confront, underscoring the essence of resilience in the face of life's limitations.

“Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again” Nelson Mandela

Chapter 6

Your star can be lit up again

In the journey of life, there are moments that test our resilience, tempting us to surrender to the challenges that confront us. Some may consider drastic measures, such as contemplating suicide or choosing shortcuts, while others, like expectant mothers facing financial instability, may contemplate abortion as an escape from the impending difficulties of raising a child.

Single mothers, burdened with the responsibility of providing and educating their children, often see a bleak future instead of the potential for greatness in their offspring. Orphans, grappling with the absence of basic needs and support, may resort to illegal substances or life on the streets in an attempt to find solace.

These adversities are all too common, and many find themselves ensnared in seemingly insurmountable situations. The desire for a world devoid of hardship is a common sentiment, but it is through life's storms that we discover our strength and resilience. Growth is often a product of the challenges we face.

Each of us was created by a higher power with a unique plan, crafted with care and purpose. While it is not the intention of the Creator for us to suffer, life's

trials are inevitable. There is a divine blueprint for our lives, and even in the face of impending doom, there is a point at which intervention occurs to restore order and wholeness.

Consider the story of Esther, an orphan and maid in Mordecai's house. Despite her circumstances, God's favor remained with her, culminating in her becoming the queen. In moments when life seems devoid of meaning, it is often the divine intervention that restores purpose.

There are times when those we believe to be true friends or family drift away, doubting our ability to overcome illness, addiction, or financial setbacks. These moments are precisely when divine intervention occurs to strengthen us. Just as Jesus calmed the stormy waters for his disciples, so too can faith revive sinking careers, lost jobs, and fading visions.

God's faithfulness extends to restoring health, reclaiming stolen opportunities, and revitalizing careers. In times of pain and adversity, God works diligently to provide comfort, paving the way for eventual joy. Embracing challenges and bearing the scars of life is a testament to resilience and perseverance. Behind every dark tunnel, a light emerges, and celebrations follow the struggles.

While people may disown and criticize you today, the same individuals may salute you tomorrow. Do not allow criticism to stifle your dreams; instead, forge ahead. Many have abandoned their paths due to life's storms, but the key is to press on and endure. To be celebrated, one must conquer the obstacles that arise on the journey.

Reflect on the story of Mephibosheth, who never anticipated dining with the king until King David summoned him from Lo-debar. Your "David" is also seeking you out, ready to elevate and transform your circumstances. Remember, stars can't shine without darkness. In the depths of your struggles, there lies the potential for your brightest moments.

Chapter 7

Success is a battle field

What is success?

Success, a multifaceted concept encompassing the acquisition of wealth, favor, or eminence, serves as a compass for personal and professional growth. Its essence lies not merely in the accumulation of titles, degrees, fortunes, or fame, but rather in the pursuit and achievement of individual goals, irrespective of their scale.

Within the intricate tapestry of personal narratives, countless tales of success remain unspoken and unwritten. However, when examining success at the familial level, the yardstick is not measured by societal benchmarks but rather by the simple act of accomplishing personal objectives. Success, in its most fundamental form, commences with the realization of one's goals, regardless of their magnitude.

Yet, the path to success is not devoid of challenges. Each goal attracts its set of hurdles, and it is only by surmounting these obstacles that one can be deemed successful. The journey to success demands the courage to confront and overcome barriers, marking a transformative process.

In the words of a sage, "If you can't fly, run; if you can't run, walk; if you can't walk, crawl—so long as you're moving." This encapsulates the essence of success, emphasizing the importance of continuous progression, irrespective of the pace or method. Success, therefore, is not confined to grandiose achievements but extends to the diligent completion of even the smallest tasks.

Celebrating the small victories along the journey becomes crucial. Recognizing and owning the scars of failures serves as a testament to resilience and tenacity. Success is not solely defined by the absence of setbacks but rather by the willingness to persevere, learn, and keep moving forward.

"I have failed over and over in my life and that is why I succeeded"

All successful have sad stories to tell. You cannot make success unless you dedicate and commit yourself to overcoming the hurdles it comes with.

"Quitters never win" Those who fight consistently without quitting the struggles will in the end be

celebrated. Those who keep trying and failing will one day make it.

“Failure is simply an opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently” Henry Ford

Achieving success often entails traversing a path laden with setbacks. Before adorning the crown of triumph, one must endure a succession of sacrifices. Take, for instance, the journey of Bill Gates, the co-founder of Microsoft software. Prior to shaping the technological landscape, Gates faced the pivotal decision to drop out of Harvard University, a choice undoubtedly fraught with emotional turmoil. This move may have seemed counterintuitive, especially for a young visionary with aspirations on the horizon. Yet, it was this very resilience and refusal to succumb to setbacks that set Gates on the trajectory to success.

Bill Gates persevered when his peers may have doubted him, forging ahead with the creation of Microsoft software. This endeavor catapulted him into the realms of unparalleled achievement, ultimately earning him the title of the world's youngest self-made billionaire.

The question then arises: where does one discover the essence of success? A prevalent mistake hindering many from reaching their goals is the search for

success in the wrong arenas. In Gates' case, the allure of a prestigious degree paled in comparison to the fervor and determination to realize his vision. The shiny diploma held less value than the relentless pursuit of success.

It is imperative to celebrate success when it arrives but equally vital to preserve the lessons gleaned from failures. Bill Gates' narrative underscores the notion that success is not confined to conventional pathways but is often unearthed through tenacity, passion, and the willingness to learn from setbacks.

“It is fine to celebrate success but it is more important to heed the lessons of failure.”

In the journey towards success, one is bound to encounter moments of frustration and disappointment. It is crucial, however, not to become complacent with these challenges, but rather to navigate through them with resilience and determination. Adversity, much like bitter situations, serves as a crucible for forging a stronger and more focused individual, surpassing the limitations of the past.

Not every hardship encountered on the path to success is intended to be a destructive force. Instead, these challenges contribute to one's fortitude, preparing them for the myriad tests that life may present. It is imperative to seize every opportunity for growth presented by adversity, much like an eagle facing a storm. The eagle understands that storms, far from hindering progress, actually elevate it, allowing them to rest their wings on the clouds and gain strength for further flight.

Life's storms, akin to challenges, bring forth numerous opportunities, albeit wrapped in difficulty. The key lies in avoiding the trap of incessant complaints and negativity, and instead, embracing the inherent potential for growth and development.

To evolve in skills and fortify oneself, it is essential to confront difficulties head-on, stretching beyond the comfort zone and enduring the pains and thorns of life. It is through such endurance that a meaningful and successful conclusion can be achieved.

Consider the inspiring example of Raila, who ran for the presidency six times without tasting victory. Despite the apparent pain and sacrifices, he persisted in pursuing what he loved and believed to be his path to success. The numerous small achievements along

the way, no matter how seemingly insignificant, contribute to the broader definition of success.

In essence, success is not solely measured by final outcomes, but by the journey, the resilience displayed in the face of setbacks, and the continuous pursuit of one's passion. Embrace difficulties, for within them lie the seeds of growth, and each step forward, no matter how small, is a testament to the triumph over adversity.

An adopted college dropout who became one of the top 10 world billionaires.

Larry Ellison, a prominent figure in the tech industry, faced a challenging start to life when his mother, unable to care for him, handed him over to be raised by his aunt and uncle. His adoptive family, immigrants from Russia, struggled to make ends meet, and Larry took on the responsibility of caring for himself when he battled pneumonia. Despite the adversity, he excelled as a science student and earned the title of Science Student of the Year in premed.

However, Larry's academic journey faced interruptions as he dropped out of university twice, first after the death of his adoptive mother and then shortly after enrolling at the University of Chicago. At the age of twenty-two, he took a bold step and moved to Berkeley, California. Here, he found himself in the right place at the right time, working odd jobs for tech firms and acquiring computer programming skills. Inspired by the theories of computer scientist Edgar F. Codd, Larry co-founded a small company with partners, eventually forming Oracle Systems Corp, where he turned the theory of relational databases into a reality.

The road to success for Larry Ellison and Oracle Systems Corp was far from smooth, but today, he stands among the world's wealthiest billionaires, a testament to his perseverance and determination.

Similarly, Howard Schultz, the CEO of Starbucks, faced a challenging upbringing. Born to parents who never graduated from high school, Howard's father, an immigrant and World War II veteran, struggled to make ends meet. Howard witnessed the hardship of his father, who, after breaking his hip and ankle while delivering diapers, lost his job without insurance to cover his medical expenses.

This experience ignited a fire in Howard Schultz to create a better life for himself and others. Despite falling short of a college scholarship through sports, Howard persevered, relying on student loans, multiple side jobs, and even selling his blood during tough times. Graduating with a degree in communication, he found success in sales, making up to fifty cold calls a day selling office equipment door to door.

In 1982, Howard's path led him to Starbucks, where he worked in marketing. Later, he ventured out to start his own coffee brand, *Il Giornale*, and eventually merged it with Starbucks during the 2008 financial crisis. Schultz played a pivotal role in transforming Starbucks into the international brand it is today.

Notably, in 1988, Starbucks became the only company to offer health insurance to all employees, including part-timers, showcasing Howard Schultz's commitment to creating a socially responsible and successful business.

In the narrative of Michael Oher, a resilient individual emerged from the challenging backdrop of a fractured family and the societal struggles of the crack cocaine epidemic in 1986. Born into poverty, Michael's life took an unexpected turn when his father was tragically murdered, and his mother, grappling with addiction, struggled to provide a stable home.

Despite facing numerous hardships, Michael found himself navigating through foster homes and changing schools, repeating grades along the way. Tony Henderson, recognizing the potential in this young and athletically gifted individual, intervened by enrolling Michael in a Christian school. It was here that he crossed paths with the Tuohy family, known for their affluence and generosity.

The Tuohys embraced Michael with unconditional love, transforming his life from homelessness to the opulence of a luxurious mansion. For the first time, Michael experienced the warmth of genuine affection. Encouraged by his newfound family, he began to hone

his innate talent as a football athlete, eventually earning scholarships to esteemed universities.

Michael's journey epitomizes the transformative power of discipline and hard work, propelling him from humble beginnings to triumph as a key player in the 2008 Super Bowl XLVII. His story underscores the indomitable spirit that arises when one is fueled by a burning desire to overcome adversity.

Similarly, the saga of Elon Musk is one marked by an unwavering passion for technology and entrepreneurship from a young age. At just 12 years old, Musk sold his first computer game, and by 17, he founded his initial venture, Zip2, providing business directories and maps for newspapers. His subsequent milestones included the founding of PayPal in 1999, SpaceX in 2002, and Tesla in 2003.

Musk's ascent to the position of the world's richest billionaire is not merely a result of financial success but is rooted in his ability to tackle seemingly insurmountable challenges and convert them into reality. What sets Musk apart is his capacity to innovate without fearing failure, maintaining a distinctive vision for the future, and taking calculated risks to realize that vision.

The key lesson drawn from both Michael Oher's and Elon Musk's stories is clear: with an unwavering desire and commitment, one can overcome adversities and achieve remarkable feats. Their tales serve as beacons of inspiration, emphasizing the importance of perseverance, innovation, and the courage to pursue one's dreams despite the odds.

Chapter 8

No man born knowing

Every individual begins their journey through life as a result of the miraculous processes orchestrated by a woman. The intricacies of biological and psychological development unfold under the auspices of a divine force that grants us the gift of life.

Embarking on this journey, we traverse four distinct stages of life. The initial phase, marked by dependency, requires guidance and support from those more experienced. Transitioning to the second stage, one assumes responsibility for their life, emancipating themselves from external guidance to care for siblings and navigate the challenges independently. The third stage, characterized by fruitfulness, allows individuals to relish the fruits of their labor. Finally, in the inheritance stage, the baton of legacy is passed on to progeny and family members.

Despite the universality of these stages, the environments in which individuals find themselves can be either nurturing or adversarial. Education becomes a critical vehicle for navigating life's journey, akin to fastening our safety belts before embarking on a journey of learning. None of us is born with innate

knowledge; rather, we acquire it through commitment, positive attitudes, and engagement with the real world.

Discovering our talents and gifts requires experimentation and testing. Before recognizing artistic prowess, one must first explore their voice and musicality. Leadership, too, is an acquired skill that evolves from leading small groups to assuming national leadership roles, with each step building confidence and competence.

Consider the inspiring tale of Cristiano Ronaldo, who emerged from a challenging background. Born to parents facing personal struggles, he played football on an empty stomach and begged for food. His relentless pursuit of skills and knowledge led him from Andorinha to Sporting Lisbon, catching the eye of Sir Alex Ferguson, ultimately becoming a legendary footballer with numerous accolades.

The essence of this narrative is rooted in the pursuit of learning. Becoming a successful businessperson necessitates continuous practice and skill acquisition. Mastery is achieved through profit realization and the development of astute investment skills.

Similarly, honing one's public speaking abilities requires seizing opportunities to speak and present. Courage, confidence, and articulate prowess naturally

develop through consistent engagement in the art of public address.

The story of Ben Carson, an average student facing personal adversity, further illustrates the power of belief in oneself and the pursuit of dreams. Despite his mother's struggles and an early life marked by challenges, Carson emerged as the first neurosurgeon to successfully separate conjoined twins. His journey, devoid of inherent knowledge, showcases the transformative power of learning, passion, and the unwavering pursuit of aspirations.

In conclusion, the journey of life is marked by stages and challenges. Success, whether in sports, business, or medicine, is a testament to the enduring commitment to learning, skill acquisition, and the pursuit of dreams.

“You have the ability to choose which way you want to go. You have to believe great things are going to happen in your life. Do everything you can -prepare, pray and achieve- to make it happen” Ben Carson

Chapter 9

Failing is not a weakness

The concept of failure is often associated with negative connotations, implying a shortfall or an omission of anticipated outcomes. In our daily pursuits and objectives, we encounter instances where our efforts do not yield the expected results. These setbacks, while disheartening, should not deter us from the essential processes of planning, setting goals, and making earnest attempts.

Embracing failure as an integral part of our journey is crucial. Each failure serves as a stepping stone, offering valuable insights into alternative approaches and fostering personal growth. Rather than succumbing to the discouragement that accompanies failure, we should view it as an opportunity for refinement and improvement.

Failure, far from being a deterrent, can be a catalyst for rejuvenating self-esteem and enthusiasm. It instills confidence and fortitude, equipping individuals to confront more formidable challenges that life may present. Often, individuals who abandon their aspirations at the early stages of career development do so out of an inherent fear of failure. This fear becomes a formidable adversary to success,

preventing the discovery and cultivation of innate talents and gifts.

To overcome this hindrance, one must reject the paralyzing influence of fear. Embracing the possibility of being labeled a "failure" by society is a small price to pay for the invaluable lessons and opportunities that arise from persistence. History is replete with examples of individuals who confronted failure head-on, ultimately achieving remarkable success.

Consider great investors, renowned footballers, and accomplished professionals like neurosurgeon Ben Carson, innovator Bill Gates, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., liberator Nelson Mandela, evangelist Joel Osteen, and athlete Kipchoge Keino, who consistently broke and set new records. These individuals did not allow the fear of failure to impede their progress; instead, they used setbacks as stepping stones to greatness.

In essence, the fear of failure inhibits our ability to unlock our full potential and stifles creativity. Rejecting this fear opens the door to a world of possibilities, where resilience and perseverance lead to remarkable achievements. Embrace the inevitability of failure, for within those setbacks lie the seeds of unparalleled success.

“But it is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all, in which case you fail by default”

Failure is a measure of the ability to overcome that challenge. It will give clear definition of yourself. It will add your experience besides knowing other ways that won't work.

“I have not failed I have discovered 10,000 ways that do not work.” Thomas Edison.

Once you miss in your first attempt, reattempt again. To grow stronger, you have to get subjected to failures a number of times. Not because you are weak, but because you have the zeal to achieve.

Success minus failures is not success.

“Our greatest glory is not in never failing but in raising every time we fail.” Confucious, the way you perceive failures, gives a map of where you are going to land tomorrow. In any time, you find yourself down, do not belittle yourself, see how strong you are, you can instead diminish the challenge. Smile that you have gotten an opportunity to restart afresh. Having many defeats in life and one victory makes you an all-time legend. Be a student of failure. Grab the skills and experience you find by failing.

A child will not just get born, walk and perhaps go to school, no! it is a process that involves a series of failures. She starts by crawling, support herself with the pillars, but she never stops discovering new things every day. Sometimes she misses a pillar only to hit a stone by her forehead. She will cry because of the pain, but after she gathers courage continues with her mission till, she learns to stand by her own the amazing deals to start by her own

Chapter 10

Small efforts yield exceptional results

In the journey of building your career, it's crucial to embrace the humble beginnings. Often, the initial steps may seem discouraging, and the progress may be slow. Initial grades or feedback might not reflect your ultimate potential. People around you might suggest abandoning your chosen path, deeming you incapable. Whether you are pursuing a creative endeavor, starting a business, or seeking leadership roles, the initial challenges can be disheartening.

Perhaps you've invested in a small venture, like a hotel or taxi, only to find little support from those around you. Despite your efforts, frustration may set in, and external opinions might undermine your confidence. It's essential to remember that people may continue to doubt your abilities, question your strength, and talk about your shortcomings. Yet, it's crucial to press forward.

In the face of adversity, don't rely too heavily on the opinions of friends. Strive to achieve greatness independently, as every effort you put in matters. Recognize that success is a gradual process, akin to the saying, "Rome wasn't built in a day." Small, consistent

efforts will eventually yield significant results, just as incremental savings accumulate to create wealth.

For those in academia facing challenges, tackling weak areas and seeking guidance from peers can lead to progressive improvement. If your goal is a Ph.D. and you fall short of university entry marks, start with a diploma, progress to a degree, and over time, you will attain your ultimate academic goal.

Life, like an ocean, is built drop by drop, and the smallest sacrifices contribute to significant achievements. A year is comprised of 365 days, each essential for it to be complete. Embrace the process, and don't underestimate the impact of your small contributions toward your goals.

Patience and faith play crucial roles in this journey. Many falter in building their future by imitating others, comparing paces, or aspiring to a lifestyle beyond their means. The secret lies in walking your own path, believing in yourself, and staying true to your capabilities.

Avoid the temptation of shortcuts to instant fame or wealth. Instead, put in the hard work and dedication required. Focus on your dream, and resist the urge to surpass others. Accept your current situation,

confident that you are steadily moving toward a better version of yourself.

In financial matters, live within your means and resist the pressure to keep up with extravagant lifestyles. Embrace what you can afford, be it a bicycle or a radio. It's unnecessary to take shortcuts for quick success; instead, earn your achievements through sincere effort and determination.

Whatever comes easy goes faster, cheap is expensive.

Chapter 11

Words determines your destination

The impact of spoken words on our progress is a subject often underestimated. The tongue, though small in size, possesses the remarkable ability to shape the course of one's life, either as a harbinger of blessings or a conduit for curses. Many individuals find themselves ensnared in situations that could have been avoided had they exercised control over their spoken language. Words, it seems, hold the potential to either hinder or propel dreams and visions.

The detrimental effects of a negative mindset are especially evident. Those who construct walls of negativity through their words often find their aspirations sinking beneath the weight of self-imposed limitations. It is imperative to approach each day with caution, mindful of the impact the initial words uttered will have on the unfolding hours. Uttering phrases like "I'm weak today" sets a foreboding tone, overshadowing the day's potential achievements. Conversely, proclaiming "I'm healthy, happy, and great" imbues the day with vitality, joy, and the promise of greatness.

A positive mindset is a powerful ally. One must refrain from sizing up challenges and declaring them insurmountable. Words such as "this is too big, I cannot get out of this" act as self-imposed shackles, obscuring one's innate potential. The narrative of David confronting Goliath exemplifies the transformative power of positive language. Despite facing a formidable adversary in Goliath, David's resolute declaration of "I can kill him" underscores the potency of unwavering self-belief.

External voices also play a pivotal role in shaping one's destiny. The cautionary tale of Saul advising David against confronting Goliath due to his youth is a reminder to be discerning about the words others speak into our dreams. David's refusal to internalize Saul's negativity and his persistence in speaking positive words ultimately led to the downfall of Goliath.

Belief in oneself, coupled with confidence in the face of adversity, is a formidable force. The power of positive affirmations can sustain individuals enduring prolonged challenges, fostering the belief in recovery, the resumption of work, or overcoming financial hurdles. When the path seems insurmountable, the resounding declaration that "it's possible" becomes a guiding light toward accomplishment – whether it be

finishing a race, acquiring a home, marrying, or pursuing international opportunities.

The principle that what we feed our minds is reflected in our actions underscores the importance of maintaining a positive outlook, even in the absence of immediate gratification. Holding onto hope during trying times is a testament to resilience, anticipating a future where aspirations have materialized, dreams have been realized, and accomplishments stand as testaments to one's journey.

The biblical narrative of God instructing Abraham to envision his future ownership based on what he could see serves as a compelling analogy. The extent of one's vision directly correlates with the magnitude of achievement. The message is clear: ambitions should not be confined by negative words; instead, they should be fueled by the expansive vistas of possibility.

The notion that one's potential is not determined by familial, societal, or national precedents is a liberating concept. Adorning one's life with positive affirmations can propel individuals beyond the limitations imposed by historical performance. In the grand tapestry of creation, the power of words holds a central place, a truth epitomized by Barack Obama's mantra "yes, I can," which propelled him to the presidency of the United States of America.

In essence, the simplicity of language belies the profound impact that words can exert on our destinies. By embracing positivity, cultivating self-belief, and carefully selecting the words we utter, we fashion a narrative that propels us towards greatness and achievement. The power of the tongue, though often overlooked, remains an indispensable tool in the realization of our dreams.

“As a man thinks in his mind so he is”

Chapter 12

You are not born without a purpose

Each one of us is born with a unique purpose and a corresponding responsibility to fulfill. The challenge lies in identifying and embracing that purpose. Often, individuals find themselves engaging in roles and responsibilities that aren't aligned with their inherent calling. Just as a person cannot be an effective teacher without a genuine inclination for education, or a beloved doctor without a true passion for healing, misalignment with one's purpose can lead to frustration and disappointment.

From the moment of birth, we are presented with a set of life assignments, akin to a personalized question paper. Each person's set of assignments is distinct, and the key to peace and fulfillment lies in answering these questions correctly. Unfortunately, many succumb to the temptation of pursuing paths that may impress others but do not resonate with their true purpose. Choosing a career solely for external validation is a futile endeavor; the genuine impact comes from answering a higher calling.

Avoid the allure of choosing a path to impress others; instead, select a career or calling that aligns with your true purpose. Leave a lasting mark on the world by

positively impacting the lives of those around you. Nelson Mandela serves as an exemplary figure, fighting for the liberation of Africans from White domination through apartheid. His legacy endures, a testament to the power of aligning one's actions with their purpose.

Reflect on your purpose in life. Consider the inspiring legacy of Prof. Wangari Maathai, who is remembered not for academic achievements but for initiating the Green Belt Movement, earning her a Nobel Prize in 2004. Her unwavering commitment to environmental conservation and tree planting demonstrates the impact that can be made by answering one's unique call.

No one is born by mistake or chance; every individual is born with a purpose. Whether born into wealth or poverty, God's plan unfolds uniquely for each person. Embrace your circumstances and seek to understand your purpose rather than complaining. Your background, be it humble or regal, may be a crucial element in fulfilling your calling. Pray for guidance and focus on what you can do with joy, as it might be your true calling.

Make a difference in the world by excelling in your area of expertise. If preaching is your calling, be an outstanding minister who resonates with every

individual. For those in agriculture, explore innovative farming techniques and discover the best animal breeds. Don't shy away from answering your call, for it is in doing so that you fulfill your purpose.

Political figures like Raila Odinga are remembered for their commitment to democracy, just as Ben Carson is celebrated for answering his medical calling by separating conjoined twins. Your purpose is unique; do not measure yourself against others. Seek God's guidance to shine in your own capacity, whether it's in sports, leadership, or any other field.

Degrees and academic accolades do not define one's significance. Consider the achievements of individuals like Sadio Mane and Eliud Kipchoge, who excel in sports without advanced degrees. Embrace your talents, as exemplified by Kipchoge's world records in athletics. Your calling might not require a doctorate; instead, venture into your unique talents to make a lasting impact.

He will be remembered for the number of people he inspired. *"No human is limited."* If your call is to sponsor the needy, do it the best. Take time to answer your call.

Chapter 13

The giant in you is enough to shake the world

Within each of us lies a profound reservoir of unique gifts bestowed upon us by the divine, gifts capable of reshaping and revitalizing the very fabric of our world. It is incumbent upon us to recognize and unlock these latent potentials, for what resides within is not merely great but also noble.

Consider the gift of writing—a talent intricately woven into the essence of some yet undiscovered. The realization of this gift does not hinge on academic accolades or societal approval; rather, it beckons with the promise of transformative impact. It matters not how long one has endured humiliation, disownment, or disdain; what holds significance is the awakening to the colossal capabilities residing within.

Imagine a voice that, devoid of formal qualifications, possesses the power to resonate and shake the foundations of the musical realm. Have you contemplated the latent giant within you? Perhaps it manifests in football, athletics, science, music, drawing, or acting. Sadio Mane, a testament to such self-discovery, unearthed his giant on the pitch,

transcending into a global icon who inspires aspiring football stars and champions philanthropy.

Self-respect becomes paramount in the journey to greatness, for each individual is a unique seed sown by a divine hand. Esther, elevated to the position of queen through divine favor, serves as a poignant example. Moses, wielding a mere rod for shepherding, found his giant in the miraculous parting of the Red Sea.

Consider the scientific giant, Albert Einstein, who harnessed his knowledge to revolutionize the world through groundbreaking theories and practical applications. Could you be the next Einstein? Your giant might manifest as a shrewd business acumen, an ability to navigate the complex world of investments.

The current President of the Republic of Kenya, emerging from humble beginnings as a chicken seller, navigated the path to the highest office, propelled by an incomparable political acumen. His story resonates with the belief that "a son of nobody can also become the President of Kenya."

The aesthetic beauty bestowed upon you could be the giant within, waiting to be acknowledged and embraced. This could be the catalyst for expressing creativity in writing, akin to literary luminaries Chinua Achebe and Ngugi wa Thiong'o. Your creativity in

acting and singing may serve as a conduit to reshape the environment you inhabit, allowing your message to touch the world.

Every gift deposited by the divine holds immense potential, sought after by the world. The story of Rage Park documentaries inspiring Schwarzenegger, who then surpassed his predecessor to become Mr. Olympia, serves as a testament to the transformative power of recognizing and utilizing one's inherent giant.

Chapter 14

Life does not present to your expectation

In life, one often encounters unexpected challenges, and success is not handed out freely or to simply impress. It requires diligent effort and a proactive approach to address the complexities that accompany it, aligning them with one's aspirations. A fulfilling lifestyle emerges from the daily struggles and sacrifices made with unwavering hope.

Allowing oneself to be overwhelmed by life's adversities may lead to a sense of despair and discontent. Some individuals navigate their daily existence as if imprisoned, attributing their unhappiness to perceived injustices and favoritism towards others. It is essential to dispel this notion. Rather than resigning to adversity, confront challenges head-on and resolve them.

Success is not a birthright; no one enters the world clutching it in their hands. When confronted by the tempests of hardship, soar above the clouds like an eagle. Embrace the opportunities hidden within the turbulence, for they often pave the way to success. Do not succumb to the belief that others are inherently more blessed; instead, rise above adversity and seize

the chance to transform challenges into stepping stones towards a brighter future.

Principles that guide you in living a healthy life

1. Self-awareness is Key:

Knowing oneself is fundamental to charting a purposeful life. Identify your aspirations and diligently work towards achieving them. Resist the influence of peer pressure, staying true to your authentic self.

2. Acknowledge, Act, and Elevate:

Embrace your current circumstances without resigning to them. Whether it's a challenging family background, lack of parental support, or personal setbacks, recognize the reality but refuse to be confined by it. Strive to transform adversity into opportunity.

3. Esteem Yourself Always:

Maintain self-respect, understanding that every stumble is a part of life's journey. Trust in your ability to overcome obstacles and believe that you are capable of achieving greatness, like the Morning Star shining its brightest.

4. Your Only Competition is You:

Life isn't a race against others; it's a personal journey. Progress at your own pace and be content with your current circumstances. Let your past achievements be the benchmark for improvement, fostering a healthy competition with yourself.

5. Pursue What Brings Inner Joy:

Strive for personal satisfaction rather than impressing others. Choose a career and activities that resonate with your happiness and inner peace. Identify the sources of genuine joy and build your life around them.

6. Cultivate Genuine Connections:

Be discerning in choosing your friends; not everyone needs to be a confidant. Surround yourself with individuals who uplift and guide you towards greatness. Weed out toxic relationships that hinder your growth.

7. Nurture a Positive Love Relationship:

Avoid forcing connections and seek relationships with individuals who align with your aspirations. Choose a partner who shares your life ambitions. If a relationship fails to contribute positively to your growth, have the

courage to let it go. Toxic relationships have the potential to erode your well-being gradually.

“A relationship is not a do or die, if not necessarily do not get into it.”

Chapter 15

Smile in the midst of challenges

Navigating life's challenges is akin to traversing a winding path, occasionally fraught with obstacles that might induce frowns, bitterness, and short tempers. Yet, these challenges, when embraced with resilience and fortitude, become the catalyst for personal growth and excellence. Consider challenges as the exquisite flowers adorning the journey toward success, each petal representing a lesson learned or an obstacle overcome.

Successful narratives are not bereft of emotion; they are imbued with the tenacity to confront impediments head-on. Instead of dwelling on explanations and excuses, one's impact should resonate with hope, determination, and an optimistic spirit. Time is a precious commodity, too fleeting to be squandered on self-pity. Rather than lamenting the past, focus on the prospect of a new day, keeping one's gaze fixed upon the horizon.

The future is a canvas awaiting strokes of greatness – the accomplished, the influential, the brilliant minds in medicine, engineering, investment, and leadership. Fear has no place in this narrative. Tears and regrets offer no currency for success. Celebrate the

milestones, appreciate the journey, and forge ahead towards the destination with unwavering resolve.

In the face of adversity, cultivate a smile that transcends difficulties. Smile not only for oneself but as a beacon of positivity for others. Life, with its unpredictable twists, subjects everyone to trials. The beauty lies in maintaining a positive mindset – a reservoir of strength that propels one forward.

Imagine waking up with the daunting prospect of an HIV/AIDS diagnosis. The reaction one chooses becomes pivotal, determining the trajectory of life. Positivity, even in the face of adversity, transforms outcomes. True blessedness and happiness are not contingent upon a bank balance but rather on the ability to radiate joy regardless of circumstances. Every day is an opportunity to live anew, appreciating the diverse landscapes of our shared existence.

Embrace the universality of the human experience, recognizing that both Kenya and the USA coexist on the same planet. Love and appreciate the environment, finding solace in the simplicity of nature. Smiles possess transformative power, dissolving barriers and dispelling misfortune. Regardless of historical challenges, smile therapy fosters mental stability and resilience.

In the grand tapestry of life, let your story be woven with threads of perseverance, courage, and the enduring radiance of a genuine smile.

Chapter 16

Positivity is a cure to impossibility

Cultivating a positive mindset is the key to unlocking endless possibilities. When we train our minds to embrace positivity, we empower ourselves to surpass perceived limits and conquer challenges with newfound energy. The battles we face are often won within the confines of our own thoughts. Consider the tale of King David, who, instead of seeing Goliath as an insurmountable giant, perceived him as a young, uncircumcised Palestine. It's a lesson in viewing life through a positive lens.

In life, it's crucial to avoid magnifying our challenges into mountains. The weight of our physical build is irrelevant, as exemplified by David's victory over Goliath. What we compose in our minds inevitably reflects in our actions and responses to life's trials. Performing admirably amidst life's storms becomes possible with a positive mindset, serving as an antidote to the gloom of a depressed life.

Our self-perception shapes our reality. If we believe ourselves to be great businessmen, authors, leaders, or scientists, so it shall be. Conversely, dwelling on negative thoughts about bankruptcy or failing relationships can manifest those fears into reality. It's

imperative to envision victories rather than defeats, embracing big dreams that may initially seem intimidating.

Avoiding absorption of fear, mockery, or criticism is crucial, as these elements can derail our vision and plans. Progress demands that we persist despite discouragement, holding firm to the belief that success is possible, even when voices around us proclaim otherwise. It is more detrimental to doubt oneself than to be doubted by others.

Contentment with one's current situation, regardless of income, is vital. Budgeting and finding happiness in the present moment contribute to a fulfilling life. The adage "If you think you can, or you think you can't, you are right" emphasizes the power of self-perception. Ignoring external opinions and focusing on personal growth allows us to shine brighter.

Taking pride in oneself, dressing well, and maintaining a strong sense of possibility become pillars of a fulfilling life. Enjoying each moment while looking forward to a future adorned with the beauty of personal growth completes the tapestry of a happy and healthy life.

Chapter 17

Never compare yourself to others

In the pursuit of success, relying on comparisons with others may not be the most effective strategy. Such a mindset can inadvertently confine you within an environment that obscures your unique capabilities. From the moment of birth, each individual arrives in this world as a singular entity, devoid of knowledge of others. This inherent uniqueness extends to intellectual capacity, providing a foundation upon which to foster unwavering self-trust in one's actions.

Resist the inclination to emulate others merely for the sake of conformity. Life is not a battleground of competition; rather, it is a vast space where each person endeavors to realize their individual dreams. It is through the authentic handling of challenges, without resorting to imitation, that one truly distinguishes oneself as resilient and extraordinary.

When the urge to compare arises, turn inward and evaluate your own progress. This self-evaluation fosters personal growth and propels you swiftly toward success. Resist the temptation to harbor doubts regarding your progress relative to peers who may have attained titles or accomplishments at a seemingly

faster pace. Change is inevitable, and with time, circumstances may transform unexpectedly.

The key lies in allowing things to fall into place naturally, building confidence in your decision-making process. Prioritize actions that align with your vision for greatness. Make deliberate choices that carry minimal consequences and avoid succumbing to decisions influenced by external pressures. Instead, foster a habit of introspection, seeking counsel from within through self-reflection and personal deliberation. By doing so, you pave the way for a journey marked by authenticity, resilience, and ultimately, success.

Principles to greatness

1. Embrace Your Uniqueness:

Acknowledge and appreciate your individuality, regardless of physical attributes or age. Recognize that being alive carries a profound responsibility. Whether you move swiftly or methodically, accept it. Understand that you possess a distinctive identity and a legacy to forge.

2. Define Your Purpose:

In the journey of life, strive to understand your life's purpose. This clarity will enable you to direct your energy towards fulfilling your

goals. Everyone has a unique role to play, and finding fulfillment in your chosen field is a source of inspiration. If your ambition involves acquiring titles through your talents, pursue it wholeheartedly. If it's an academic pursuit, aim for as many accolades as possible.

3. Be Mindful of Your Time and Energy:

Time is a finite resource, irreplaceable once gone. Invest it in endeavors that contribute to your personal growth and greatness. Avoid expending your time and energy on trivial matters that do not enhance your value. Use your time wisely to uncover the beauty inherent in your life goals.

4. Establish a Personalized Schedule:

Craft a clear plan outlining your activities within specific time frames. This disciplined approach will keep you engaged and punctual. Procrastination undermines your progress and fosters disillusionment in achieving future goals.

5. Adhere to Your Principles:

Develop a set of guiding principles and adhere to them faithfully. Cultivate self-discipline by consistently being in the right place, at the right time, and doing the right thing. Show respect

for the principles you've established for yourself.

6. Choose Your Companions Wisely:

Surround yourself with individuals who align with your aspirations. Positive company uplifts and supports your growth, while negative influences can hinder your progress. Select friends who share similar values and ideas. Be discerning in forming connections, avoiding associations that may divert you from your goals.

7. Prioritize Your Goals:

Distinguish between essential and secondary objectives in life. Establish a hierarchy of priorities. It's unrealistic to pursue everything simultaneously. Identify what needs immediate attention and what can be addressed later. Resist the temptation to succumb to peer pressure, ensuring that your priorities align with your long-term vision. Remember, the order in which you prioritize determines the speed at which you'll achieve your aspirations

Chapter 18

Your past history DOESN'T determine your future

The trajectory of your past does not determine your future. Even if you feel you made mistakes earlier on, it's essential not to lose hope for what lies ahead.

Embrace today with joy rather than dwelling in agony over past missteps. Just like a newspaper, once read, loses its relevance, so do the difficulties of the past become obsolete.

Direct your attention to the present, for the old is gone, and your focus should be on what is happening now. A driver concentrates more on the windshield than the rearview mirror, recognizing that what lies ahead is far more crucial than what is behind. Your tomorrow holds greater significance than your today.

The transient nature of bad days is akin to the passing of news. They do not have a lasting impact on the future. Cherish your coming days as precious, and do not let temporary setbacks become a reason to fight against yourself. Instead, channel your energy into building a beautiful destiny. Life is too short to accommodate stress and depression.

Remember, it is never too late to correct mistakes, improve performance, secure employment, or refine your talents. The only true lateness occurs when you

cease to breathe. Cultivate hope for a future filled with opportunities, good friendships, comfortable homes, luxurious cars, and various forms of entertainment.

Even if you have a modest and humble start, accept it graciously. The end result has the potential to be remarkable. Avoid approximating your future based on current circumstances; they bear no relationship. Life is a dynamic process, and sometimes, you must navigate through challenging situations to reach more favorable moments.

Chapter 19

Have a vision

Vision is the ability to conceptualize and plan for a future, combining imagination and wisdom. Achieving this vision necessitates the act of committing it to writing. Whether envisioning driving a V8 Land Cruiser, constructing a mansion, entering matrimony, securing multiple tenders, or acquiring an estate within the next decade, vision goes beyond mere imagination. It demands a thoughtful process where one devises a strategy to navigate toward their envisioned goals within a specified timeframe.

In the face of an inherently uncertain future, vision serves as a powerful tool to mitigate uncertainties and provide a guiding light towards one's desired destination. It functions as a map leading to an otherwise unknown territory, illuminating the path to the future. While material possessions and capabilities may be at one's disposal, the absence of a clear vision can impede progress and success.

Vision is the driving force behind the toil and determination exhibited in various aspects of life. It elucidates the purpose behind hard work, diligent study, and unwavering commitment in professional pursuits. The absence of a vision undermines the

enjoyment of life's achievements, emphasizing the importance of having a defined direction.

To materialize a vision, setting small, attainable goals becomes imperative. These goals not only provide a roadmap but also serve as stepping stones towards the realization of larger aspirations. Consistent efforts to accomplish monthly savings targets, for instance, establish discipline and prepare an individual for more significant financial goals.

Without a clear vision, individuals risk overlooking the impact of their efforts, relegating their lives to a series of unconnected endeavors. Success, akin to a ladder, begins at the bottom, with vision acting as the catalyst for daily sacrifices and endeavors. Regular self-assessment, mirroring the construction of a house, helps ensure the solid foundation and incremental progress necessary for achieving a vision.

Bishop Dr. Peter Mankura's life story exemplifies the transformative power of unwavering commitment to a vision. Raised by a single mother, he encountered formidable challenges and financial hardships. Despite initial aspirations to become an engineer, his calling to evangelize compelled him to redirect his life's trajectory. His steadfast dedication to his vision led him to establish Dominion Chapel ministry, a global phenomenon that transcends geographical

boundaries today. Bishop Dr. Peter Mankura's journey underscores the resilience and fulfillment that emanate from staying true to one's vision, even in the face of incomprehension and adversity.

Chapter 20

All dreams are valid

Individuals harbor various dreams throughout their lives, ranging from grand aspirations to more modest desires, each unique to the dreamer. Dreams serve as distinctive markers, shaping our identities and enhancing the beauty of our existence. The saying, "If your dream cannot scare you, go back and dream again," underscores the significance of audacious aspirations. Even if a dream falters, there is no reason to shy away from rekindling it.

Consider the story of Joseph, who envisioned a future where he would surpass his family members in prominence. Undeterred by his age or the discontent of his brothers, Joseph held onto his dream tenaciously. Despite his siblings' ill intentions, divine providence shielded him. The lesson here is clear: fearlessly pursue your dreams, regardless of your circumstances, birthplace, or the opinions of those around you, for faith in your dreams will always find divine support.

Not every soul will share in the excitement of your dreams, and not all family members may support your aspirations. Nevertheless, the imperative is to persist in dreaming without fear. Joseph's journey led him to

become a high-ranking official in Egypt, overseeing critical responsibilities. Ironically, it was those same brothers who once sought to end his life that now sought his aid during a time of famine.

Avoid engaging in futile arguments over your destiny. Instead, hold fast to your dreams and seek divine guidance. Great dreams inevitably attract adversaries, but perseverance in the face of challenges is paramount. The world we inhabit today has been shaped by visionary dreamers who persevered through both joyous and sorrowful moments.

Dreams, likened to seeds, require nurturing and protection from pests and weeds. Just as a developing fetus draws sustenance from the mother for nine months, dreams necessitate continual care to prevent premature abandonment. Resist the urge to terminate your dreams, as they invariably encounter resistance and discouragement. Personal commitment and intervention are vital for dreams to flourish and yield fruit.

Never waver in your belief in your dreams. Barack Obama's historic presidency and technological advancements spearheaded by individuals like Bill Gates stand testament to the power of resolute dreams. Even renowned figures like Cristiano Ronaldo commenced their journeys with modest beginnings,

fueled by childhood dreams that propelled them to success.

Stay focused and unwaveringly committed to your dreams; success is inevitable. What dreams do you harbor in your life's journey?

“If you fail to dream today, do not expect much in the future” Vincent Tobiko

Chapter 21

All of us are children of the most high

In our journey through life, the path to success is equally open to all. It is vital to avoid self-pity and recognize the unique creation each of us is, bearing the imprint of a higher power. Endowed with distinct talents and gifts, we carry a purpose and responsibility that implore us to tap into our potential.

Our inherent greatness resides within, accompanied by divine favor and abundant grace. Rather than dwelling on our circumstances, gratitude should be expressed for the shaping hand of a higher being. Revel in the understanding that we are authentic reflections of the divine.

The ultimate caregiver, God assumes the role of a father to the fatherless and a mother to the motherless. He remains our vigilant guardian, providing sustenance even when uncertainty surrounds us. Each waking moment should be embraced with courage, for God has intricately crafted our paths, setting a bountiful table amidst adversity, amidst skeptics and detractors.

While confronting life's challenges, it is imperative to give our best effort and entrust the rest to God. His plans for our lives are laden with goodness.

Succumbing to despair in the face of problems is not a lasting solution. Instead, lasting resolution is found through unwavering faith and hope. Let us approach each day with resilience, knowing that our journey is guided by a higher purpose and fortified by the promises of divine providence. Believe in your pursuits, refusing to be swayed by temporary setbacks.

To enhance one's personality, consider the following principles:

1. Authenticity is Key: Be yourself, walk at your own pace, and maintain faith in your journey.
2. Value Your Abilities: Never diminish yourself for any reason; appreciate and leverage your unique skills.
3. Prayer and Trust: Be prayerful and maintain trust in a higher power.
4. Perseverance: Embrace failure as part of the learning process, and never cease trying.
5. Respect for Others: Never belittle or despise anyone; value and appreciate each person's presence in your life.

6. Optimism: Smile both in achievement and in the face of ongoing challenges; happiness is a significant component of health.
7. Resilience: Do not be discouraged by internal or external pressures; consistent focus holds great beauty.
8. Individuality: Be unique in your own way; avoid copying others and their methods.

By embodying these principles, one can cultivate a resilient and positive personality, grounded in authenticity and faith.

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God time is the best

As human beings, we navigate life based on our own timelines. Simultaneously, God operates on His divine calendar, orchestrating events according to His perfect timing. It is common for us to anticipate the fruition of our plans, yet God's plans unfold in due season. Often, we find ourselves shouldering blame for circumstances beyond our control, unaware that God holds the blueprint of our future.

In our quest for self-direction, we sometimes forget that God comprehends the trajectory we traverse, our current situation, and the pathway leading to our ultimate success. Rather than burden ourselves with needless complaints, it is imperative to live a life devoid of regrets, stress, depression, and worries, knowing that our tomorrow is securely ordained.

The realization that one's aspirations require divine approval and timing is pivotal. God, the ultimate arbiter, not only approves but also designates the appropriate time for their fruition. At the appointed moment, protocols are set aside, and success manifests effortlessly. Faith, not influential connections, is the key to this divine endorsement.

Every individual's birth is purposeful, not a random occurrence. Despite the adversities we face, it is essential to remain resilient when life's challenges assail us. The winds of life may blow against us, but we should bend without breaking, holding onto our ideas as they approach fruition.

Current societal categorizations, financial constraints, and negative perceptions should not diminish one's self-worth. Confidence, patience, and diligent efforts in the present moment pave the way for a prosperous future. God has already outlined our destiny; we need only trust the process.

In moments of humiliation and insignificance, it is crucial to maintain confidence. The tide will turn, transforming one from obscurity to prominence. Adversity today is a prelude to a compelling success story tomorrow. Though luxuries may be sparse presently, they will abound in the future.

Acknowledging that the present challenges are forging a path to a secure future is a cause for celebration. Endurance through challenging seasons is essential, as success, when achieved, surpasses the bitterness of past trials. Tomorrow's promise holds the anticipation of abundant prosperity, transforming today's struggles into a distant memory.

“For the sake of those who sacrifice because of you, refuse to give up, keep pushing until it happens.”
Vincent tobiko, author.

Quotes

1.Striving for higher ideals,
parting ways with an ordinary being,
lifting eyes far up the mountains,
In thirsty for soul quenching achievement,
no matter how impossible it could be,
You have one life to live.

2.REJECTION.

In the quest for understanding, individuals often turn to seeking empathy rather than actively pursuing solutions. While rejection has the potential to propel individuals towards their destiny, the absence of empathy in handling such situations can lead to profound despair, resulting in a dependence on sympathy. Many have unwittingly magnified their adverse circumstances, thwarting their aspirations in the process. It underscores the importance of addressing challenges with a balanced approach, blending resilience and compassion to foster personal growth and triumph over adversity.

3. The primary obstacle one must overcome before developing any idea or vision is the formidable adversary of self-rejection. Each of us possesses distinct weaknesses and strengths. Recognizing and embracing oneself constitutes a crucial element in the journey to discover one's purpose. You exist within the necessary boundaries to attain the best life has to offer, but self-rejection can impede the realization of your blessings. Confronting various challenges is essential to becoming extraordinary, and self-rejection has tragically led many to prematurely end their lives. Embracing oneself is not merely a personal affirmation; it is a pivotal step towards unlocking the full potential that life has in store.

Refuse to become a victim of self-rejection.

4. Channel your energy wisely, refraining from the need to impress others or dilute yourself to fit into their circles. Instead, concentrate on your individual journey and mission, striving to surpass your own objectives. Remember that the energy you invest within yourself has the power to multiply. Let go of past hurts and concentrate on the present moment. By

doing so, you pave the way for a more fulfilling and purposeful future.

"Personally, I've learned about perseverance: when you hear the word 'No,' and when you hear rejection, that it's not always final. And that timing is everything, and you have to stay the course and just keep working hard and know that, when your time comes, that it will be sweet and that it will be the perfect time."

5. The pursuit of elevated ideals is truly commendable. It transcends the mere notion of competition and underscores the importance of competence. Such a mindset navigates through challenges with a purpose, recognizing each obstacle as a stepping stone towards perfection. It embodies resilience, embracing a willingness to attempt, fail, and persist until success is achieved. This mindset not only accepts challenges but persists in the face of adversity, maintaining its dignity regardless of the current circumstances. It is a testament to the profound impact of a determined and steadfast approach to personal and professional growth.

That is a mind of a champion.

6. Not all Millionaires and Billionaires were born in the city.

It is about stepping out of the comfort zone stretching for where and when you desire to land on.

Success never resides in the world of weak wishes, but in the palace of purposeful plans and prayerful persistence.

Meet University dropouts who took a leap of faith leaving foot prints that truly defines the power of discontent, the desire to make a beautiful end.

7. Who seeks success, let him prepare.

Improvement is the son of discontent;
success is the offspring of preparation.

To emphasize the positive – the affirmative –
is to travel the high road of joy.

8. The situations you are facing are too small to shot down the giant in you, discover the purpose that you ought to serve before your welcome death.

9. There are blessings that come as a result of the big words you speak to your lives.

The power of life and the power of death are on the tongue.

Any word that you speak becomes alive.

If you speak negative words, negative words will come looking for you. If you speak positive words, your life will entirely get transformed.

The very first word you speak at the beginning of your day, will define the trajectory your day is going to take.

Positive words are like a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

10. The road might be difficult but knowing the direction of where you are heading, is a half-won battle. The gift that is in you is bigger than the resistance you will encounter in your road up to the top. It is never late to reignite your star.

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12. God operates in different dimensions, be patient and wait upon His approval, when it is your time to shine, all your enemies will join you on the stage. Since we're the work of His Hands, we have no otherwise but to trace the blessings hidden within us.

You're a special gift from above, no matter how tough the situations are, you can still bounce back.

13. If you believe you can, go for it. You are who you think you are.

14. We live in a world whereby we have to conform to its laws to be able to execute our purpose. We become whom we decide to become today. You want to make a great person tomorrow, decide today. You bear the label of the manufacturer, there is no any manufacturer who can dispense a product before it pleases him. A quality product reflexes heaps of praises to the Company of origin, how if it fails to meet the taste of the customer? We are the product of God, if you fail to

please Him in accordance to His expectations, you would be recalled from the market.

There is something unique that you carry

15. Accept the challenge but don't ever accept defeat.

Biggest income is the mistakes you make.

One day you will be 70s, 80s, 90s and the mistakes made during 20s would become legendary.

Biggest investment within this bracket is learning and staying focus.

If you give up at 20s, you will have to face regrets in your inheritance stage, what will children of a father or mother who gives up at 20s or 30s inherit when he or she is at 60s or 70s!!! Consistence is the rule of the game.

Before you give up, think of 50 years later.

16. THE POWER OF CONSISTENCY.

There are prizes meant for those who keep showing up without feeling demoralized might have attempted in the past but it never worked. THAT is NOT enough, show up again and again. Small improvement

everyday makes you better. Disconnect yourself from friends who doesn't stand with you during times of consistency. Consistency is what transforms average into excellence. Since you need it, keep showing up as many times as possible...small disciplines repeated over time will earn you success then greatness.

17.The power to become is fuel by the believe you hold upon yourself. Believing that you can, will always produce exceptional results. Your believe will either fatten or starve your dream. If you dare to dream, you'll discover two things, the measure of the potential that is within you that has never been made into use and thousands of ways of solving problems.

No one is limited,

We all have equal chances.

18.You will never ever become great if you continue dwelling in the past. Yesterday was a day further from your success. You might have had a tough past but that is gone.it is the right time to embrace a new version of yourself.

19. Your words can either build you or destroy. If you speak great things, great things will come looking for you. Negative words, attract negativity. Every living person harvests from the seed he or she planted.

What kind of seeds are you planting today? what kind of fruits are you expecting to harvest tomorrow?

Words are powerful...Fight until You Win.

20. The more you strive for greater goals; the more the resistance intensifies and the more you are required to consistently fight for your way without turning back. We all have one thing in common, one life different destinies. Each destiny has got its own price tag and not negotiable. The higher the resistance on your way up the higher the prize that awaits you up there.

Fight until you win, until you go home with it. The hidden treasure, untapped opportunities, giants that are inactivated state. Consistent inputs without turning back. Paying the price- no matter how expensive it could be. Fight Until You Win, You got energy, you're in right time. Dream big and believe in yourself..

21. There are 12 months in a year, 7 days in a week, 24hrs in a day and within an hour are minutes

and seconds. There must be a genuine reason behind God creativity on time and season. All of us have been allocated a slice of it and within it lies our destiny. what makes us successful is the resistance we encounter without surrendering. The commitments we swear to undertake no matter the cost. There are different paths with different length that

leads to our respective destiny. We cannot all be blessed today yet there is tomorrow.

22. Some necessary keys to remember.

~Be yourself, walk your pace and keep faith.

~Never diminish yourself whatsoever reason, appreciate what you can do best.

~Be prayerful and trust in God always.

~Fail as many times as possible but never ever stop trying.

~Be humble enough to accommodate other people guidance, no one born an island.

~Smile after you have achieved and when you're yet to achieve. Happiness is vital for health.

~Never get overrode by either inward and outward forces. There is much beauty in consistent focus.

~Be unique in your own way. Goals are personal.

23. Some treasures, big talents and creativity are buried under low esteem, heartbreaks and disappointments. The process might sound long and exhaustive, yes, it is difficult to wait but it's more difficult to regret. You cannot ever run away from the pain of the process, even if you hide under the hill, it will come looking for you. Never carry your today's setbacks into the future.

24. In contemporary society, a prevalent challenge encountered by individuals, particularly in their formative years, lies in the reluctance to resurface after committing errors. It is crucial to recognize that success does not erase past mistakes; instead, these blunders can transform into enduring lessons. Navigating this terrain can be arduous, yet resilience is paramount.

During the pivotal twenties, one's capacity to rebound from mistakes emerges as a valuable asset. Success is not exempt from errors; rather, each misstep contributes to the tapestry of one's journey. The

intricate interplay between success and failure underscores the significance of perseverance.

It is imperative to acknowledge the adversity inherent in overcoming setbacks. The resilience to persist after making mistakes is instrumental in crafting a legacy of triumph over adversity. In this phase of life, the wisdom gained from overcoming challenges can be more valuable than any financial gain.

In essence, the road to success is not paved with perfection, but rather with the ability to learn, adapt, and persist. The twenties, often characterized by exploration and self-discovery, offer a unique opportunity to cultivate resilience and transform mistakes into stepping stones toward a more impactful and fulfilling future.

25. And when the dusk knocks in, we temporarily lower our tools, pick up again at dawn. Until We all win.

26. Every heartbreak you encounter while pursuing success, offers an opportunity to perfection. The oasis of prosperity is being kept alive by the many times of attempting without succeeding. Once you discover the

secret behind trying without necessarily winning, you will automatically appreciate the power of fighting until you win. True Heroes and Heroines are not those who tries the first time and win but those who keeps trying and failing until they bring it home...

27 Life adversities are temporary, but the victory is eternal. You are at the right time; you are at the right place but you have to twist your mind into the right direction.

Challenge your norm, you got everything it requires for you to leave a mark.

28....You can decide to acquire a new house but that will not make your troubled marriage new. Purchasing new clothes won't make you a more focused, determined, goal-oriented version of yourself, it is all about the renewal of the mindset....it is not the movement of the clock that produces renewness of life but the movement in your mind.

29. You will not run emaciated and devastated by what people talk about you, but by what you think about yourself. You're a product of your imagination. If you

keep imagining that disease will take away your health, you will never recover.

30. Every challenge in life, breed and sprout seeds of greatness. As long you are alive, you got something great to fulfil.

There are a lot of untapped potentials that can only be activated by the tides and storms of life. Try and fail, failure on its own is an indispensable asset to acquire success.

31. Getting to know who you need in your life is a pre-eminent role that the laws governing how we should relate with one another in pursuits for success must be executed prudently. For the interest of your dream that might be fragile, cushion yourself with people whose unconscious mind are focused and determined to superimpose the little hope you hold to something meaningful. People who will rally around you to sail across the ill-mannered ocean waves of discouragement, criticism and the thoughts of daring to forfeit.

If you surround oneself with people who got no idea of the direction they are heading, you will

automatically go about same place thinking that your making a substantial move. Admit men and women of value whose dedications are to make you burst forth in the midst of sceptism. Assess and grade friends to determine and distinct a liability from an asset.

What you become is more important than what you acquire.