

Principles The Keys To Life And Successful Living

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A Guide to Achieving Your Goals

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Dedication Page

I dedicate this book to all citizens and ambassadors of the Kingdom of God, who use their gifts to serve mankind.

I pray that the principles in this book assist you in creating a world that benefits everyone.

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Introduction

We are going to look at how principles protect purpose and potential. To explore the relationship between potential, purpose, and principles and to understand them. I want to start by making a few statements of interest. Life has a purpose and the capacity to function according to certain principles.

Life was created for a purpose with potential, and to operate by a principle. Potential is generated by purpose, and principles protect potential. Consequently, potential without purpose leads to frustration. Have you ever been appointed to a position but not given the authority to fulfil it?

Have you ever been appointed to a position but not given the authority to perform it?

The most annoying thing is being called an executive manager but not having any real power. This is known as "purpose without potential"; they offer you a position and a purpose, but they withhold the power (potential) that goes with it. You are informed that you are a manager. You then experience frustration since you are expected to perform, yet you are not given the authority to carry out your duties. Thus, frustration arises anytime there is a purpose but no potential.

Lack of Principles

This is the second principle, which states that potential without principles leads to destruction. The first issue is that you get frustrated if you are in a position of authority but lack actual power. You therefore possess a purpose but lack potential. The other issue is if you have a purpose, position, and power but you lack the principles to guide you, you can become a dangerous person. You see, principles preserve potential and safeguard purpose. To put it another way, having a sense of purpose and potential is not enough; you also need protection from those who would abuse their power.

The most dangerous people to be around, are powerful people who lack principles. Some politicians are powerful, but they lack morals or integrity. Having someone with principles but no power is preferable to having someone with power but no principles. Why? Because they will use their power to kill you. There are people in your company who hold positions of power and all the connections that come with it, but if they lack principles, they will eat you alive.

- You will be let go by them.
- You will be destroyed by them.
- They will take action to discredit you.
- They will then mock you as you leave the company, finishing you off.

- No principles,

Therefore, life, which should be fulfilling and exciting becomes an enemy and frustrating if you fail to understand its basic principles. Since power is innocent, it may be extremely harmful if it is misused. When power is in the hands of someone who lacks morals, it can be a destructive instrument. In the upcoming chapters, I aim to address the following three questions in more detail.

What does purpose mean?

The reason for its being is its purpose, which is also the initial objective behind creation.

Potential: what is it?

Potential is the inherent ability to accomplish the purpose.

Principles: what are they?

The fundamental rules that govern potential functions are known as principles. Or how something should be done and how to execute it.

Chapter One

Purpose

The reason for something's existence is its purpose; consider the electronic keyboard, for instance. According to the maker, the objective of this instrument is to produce a variety of instrumental sounds, including piano, Hammond organ, pipe organ and violin. When you touch a key, the instrument sends electric signals to the speakers, producing sound. As a result, this product has the capability and potential to make sound. The potential and the guiding principles for its operation are intrinsic to the purpose.

Thus, we have the capacity and the intention, but we must also conform to the rules that govern how it should function. This product's potential will not be a blessing to us, and its purpose will not be served if we ignore, disobey, or violate the operating guidelines. One of the product's guiding principles is that it has an inbuilt amplifier and speakers for the sound. Another aspect of an electronic keyboard is that it needs electricity to function. Therefore, until you subject this product to the principle of electricity, you cannot fulfil its purpose. If you disregard the product's operating principles, you will fail. Principles safeguard potential and purpose.

You know a lot regarding the product's purpose, but it is not enough. Finding out how to apply the principles to complete the task at hand is the next stage. So, this is a simple example of all three facts and truths. The purpose is to play sounds, potential to amplify and principle to operate on electricity. You cannot be successful if you do not submit or adhere to principles.

Discipline To Adhere To Principles

In secondary school, there was this young man in my class. This young man possessed inherent athletic skill. He was good at several sports, but his favourites were football, basketball, and cricket. In the end, he decided to become a professional football player. He represented England at all youth levels and was given a position at West Ham United's football academy. A few years later, I learned that West Ham had to let him go because he would not turn up to train regularly. He got involved with drugs and is now in prison.

First, he began smoking, staying up late, and chasing the girls. The more he maintained this lifestyle, the less he trained, resulting in him being out of shape. So much so that the club became dissatisfied

with him and released him; when other clubs learned of his lifestyle, they refused to touch him with a barge pole. The point is that he disregarded principles despite having potential. He even had a purpose: to play professional football and represent England. He had a purpose and potential, but he lacked the principles necessary to be a top athlete.

This is a message for the young generation. You are now in sixth form; you have the ambition of earning a master's degree. Your dream is your purpose, and you have the potential to study. You have a great brain and an unlimited ability to understand the works of literature, you have to play by the rules if you want to accomplish your goal. Thus, you cannot expect to do well academically while going out with your friends every night.

If you spend all of your time partying, chasing the opposite sex, and skipping classes, you are unlikely to do well academically. You still have potential and a purpose, but you are not following the principles of study, discipline, fidelity, and dedication. Principles safeguard purpose and potential from destruction; principles protect purpose and potential.

No Substitution

Your life's purpose cannot be substituted, and what I am about to say has greater significance than anything you will hear today. Many people are saved, lost, and frustrated, but they cannot substitute for their purpose. I was trying to think of an example, but there are so many. Have you witnessed a manufacturer making a product and then changing it into something else because it did not turn out the way they wanted? They will not stop until they get what they propose.

You cannot operate your cell phone like an iPad, you are unable to choose. I am going to use it as an iPhone because I am sick of using Android. Its purpose cannot be substituted for another. It is also true about your life, even though you might laugh, there is no substitute for your purpose. Therefore, if you are attempting to become something you are not, you are abusing who you are. Your purpose is the only thing that can satisfy you, and Yahweh's purpose is the only thing that will fulfil your destiny.

"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21 (NIV). Prevail refers to the idea that if you pursued anything other than your true calling, it would come back to haunt you. Can you understand what Yahweh is saying here? No matter how good or big your intentions are, they will all be overruled by His purpose. Your success will be frustrated by your plans.

Which Is The Real You?

Some people may believe they are doing well, but when they close the door and turn off the light at night, they cry in their beds. They are angry because they do not feel satisfied, and even though they are receiving applause from the audience, they are miserable. Although on the inside you desire to be a lawyer, they think you are the best corporate CEO. You will become frustrated regardless of your purpose or gift. It will triumph over all of your achievements because the purpose itself will eclipse all of your hard work and triumph over your successes. You will impress people, but you are miserable because you are not doing what you were born to do.

Yahweh claims His plan will cause you to become sick. You will be haunted by my purpose for you. No

matter how successful the world perceives you to be, it will cause you to get so frustrated that it will force you to reflect. Some of you may be familiar with what I am saying. After fifty years of employment, all you receive from your employer at retirement is a wristwatch. You want to finish your assignment now that you are retired, you have squandered all those years.

Your purpose will frustrate you. Your purpose is the key to success and cannot be replaced. Anything else is a failure; you are only successful when you perform what you were meant to do.

What Is Purpose?

Nobody is born accidentally or by mistake. Our purpose for being on Earth is to fulfil an obligation, make a difference, or meet a need. You are the only one who can complete this task in a way that is uniquely yours. Your purpose is the reason you were sent here; it goes beyond simply being a good thing. Your purpose is the reason you began. Purpose is a destination, and the destination is your destiny. Yahweh supports you in starting your purpose, which is the predetermined goal.

You therefore start as though you were meant to start something that has already been completed. Your birth was the result of your destiny. It shouts softly, louder than any silence you have ever experienced. It is that which Yahweh has already established that you came here to accomplish, and regardless of where you go or what you do, it follows you, overcomes you and prevails. You attempt to smother it with activity, but it is too powerful. It is your occupation until you discover your destiny, despite your best efforts to ignore it, it is an obsession.

Therefore, your purpose is the special task that Yahweh has given you to accomplish throughout your time on this planet. To make an impact in your community and generation by serving people and meeting their needs. And so leaving a legacy for the next generation.

Chapter Two

Potential

Potential is an untapped ability. Potential is strength in dormancy. Potential is a hidden power. You are all that you can be, but you have not yet realised it. Potential refers to how far you can go in life that you have not yet achieved. You have potential, but we have not seen you yet. Potential is everything you are capable of becoming but have not done so yet. Your potential is everything you are capable of doing but have not yet done. Potential, in short, is never determined by your past actions.

Please remember that potential is always what you can achieve but have not done yet, not what you have done.

Anything you have done is no longer part of your potential. Therefore, all that is still inside of you but has not yet been used is your potential. I believe that there is a hidden gem that Yahweh has placed within each one of the eight billion people on the planet.

In other words, if the potential is defined as what you could do rather than what you have done, then what you have done has no bearing on what you could potentially achieve. As a result, you should never be impressed by what you have accomplished. Your admiration for your accomplishments prevents you from realising your full potential. Your previous achievement is the biggest obstacle to your progress. Getting too attached to your current position is the biggest obstacle to progress. Whatever you did, you died whenever you felt it was the best you could do.

You Came Fully Loaded

There is more if it did not kill you. You still have something else inside of you as long as you are breathing. You are pregnant until the end of time because Yahweh sent you here, and no one ever came to this world empty-handed. Again, no human was born into this world empty-handed. You came here loaded, and you came here to make a deposit, which you will make. You are a generational thief if you do not leave an impact, as the things you came to do are intended to benefit the future generation. You also deprive them of what you came to leave for them to enjoy if you focus on what you have already done rather than what you could have done.

For this reason, regardless of how good what you have done is, you should never let it deter you from accomplishing what you could do. Since you are the only one who knows the best-kept secret, I want

to talk to you about it. Except for your creator who created you, no one knows the truth about you. There are truths about you that have been concealed because people would not believe them if they ever found out. You will only receive the information in segments at a time.

Principles Of Potential

This is first mentioned in the book of Genesis. Genesis 1:11 states, "I have placed the seed of everything in itself." Let us examine this statement. In verse 12, Yahweh reiterates what He stated before in this passage: "I have placed the seed of everything in itself." In the Hebrew language, it reads, "I put the seed of everything in itself." It does not translate very well into English; hence the meaning is not clear. Saying, "See, I treated everything like a seed, and I put the seed of everything in itself," was what Yahweh was saying in Hebrew.

The most amazing discovery ever made is this one. According to Yahweh, everything has its seed in itself.

Yahweh no longer creates because, as he said, "Whatever something was created to become, I put it inside of the thing." People, animals, and trees are no longer created by Yahweh. According to Yahweh, the seed holds the key to life because it continually comes from within. I will give you an illustration. I want you to use your imagination. Can you see the apple seed I hold in my hand? Now, what would you say if I asked you what I have in my hand? An apple seed is what you would say you see.

Well, that is true to some extent, but it is not the truth. When I realised that a fact is not the same as a truth, my life was transformed.

Seed Within The Seed

The term "fact" refers to a description of a thing's current state. So, I ask you what I am holding, and you answer, "Oh, that is an apple seed." That is a proven fact. Why? Because it is the current situation, it is not the truth. The truth is in my hand. I have an apple tree, but that is also not the truth, because it is not the entire truth. I have an apple seed and an apple tree in my palm, but the tree has apples. Is this also, correct? Yes, but that is also not the whole truth.

Because you see the seed that has the apple tree with the fruit those apples also have seeds and that is not the truth either. The truth is I have a seed with a tree that has fruit that has seeds, but those seeds also have trees, well that is not the truth either. As you can see, what I have in my hand is a tree within an apple seed, and within that fruit are seeds that have fruit within trees that have fruit within trees that have fruit within trees. That apple seed has limitless potential; thus, this is a perpetual cycle. So, I ask you again what I have in my hand. Now, take note that I did not ask you what you saw; you missed the question. What I hold in my palm is potentially an orchid, not a seed.

"I have placed the seed of everything in itself," declares Yahweh, "So Yahweh hid an orchid forest in every seed." Yahweh hid a school in every fish and a herd in every cow. Flocks of birds are trapped within every bird, and Yahweh hid a wonderful man or woman in every young boy and every young girl. Yahweh hid success in every failure, which is why He never threw it away.

Chapter Three

Principles

Principles are the first law: "Prince" is a word that means first. Therefore, a principle is the first law that a product has from the moment it is manufactured. It is known as the first law for this reason. The fundamentals of a product's operation are incorporated by whoever develops it. Principles are crucial because of this; in fact, the word "precept" comes before "principle"; precept is the idea, and principle is the point at which the idea takes on a defined role.

So, principles are the keys. Principles are invisible because they are integrated into the product rather than being written down. So, let us start with an example from nature. The first law or principle of a seed is that it needs good soil, water, and sunlight to germinate; this is inherent in the seed. As a result, you bury the seed in the ground and provide it with water and sunlight to grow. Therefore, a principle is the first law built into a product by a manufacturer. Principles are so essential, and since they are innate, you must learn them quickly. They are not created by you; they are part of the product.

Example From Manufacturing

Let us look at our second example from manufacturing: an automobile's fuel system operates on the principle of unleaded petrol, which is integrated into the vehicle. Because you disregarded the rule on the kind of fuel that should be used, the car will not work correctly. I want you to concentrate on this because if you master principles, you will be smarter than people who know facts. Adhering to life's principles is the foundation of a good life.

My diesel automobile once had unleaded petrol put in it by mistake. Upon realising my mistake, I had to flush the engine and remove all of the unleaded petrol from the vehicle. The car was not designed to run on unleaded petrol, so if I had attempted to use it with the wrong fuel, it would have ruined the engine.

Establishing Principles

Every manufacturer establishes principles at the time of design. In other words, the design is the source of the principle, and they design it into the product during the

stages of developing and producing it. What makes this important? The idea behind a product's intended functionality is automatically and intrinsically designed by the manufacturer. Hence, potential is the capacity to achieve the aim, purpose generates the demand for the product, and design establishes the guiding concept.

What does this mean, then? It implies that the principles are not determined by the products. No car decides one morning that it is tired of operating on unleaded petrol. Let me try orange juice. I want you to keep applying this in your life; no product decides, upon awakening, that it is no longer willing to function in the manner for which it was designed. When the product gets to you, you have no control over how it works because the design phase incorporated the product's principle of operation.

The Customer Is Not Always Right

Consumers do not select or determine the operating principles; it makes no difference how wealthy or how much money you have to dictate to the manufacturer how to operate their products. The same principle applies to your life. You have no say over the product's operation as the principle was incorporated into it during the design phase.

When you buy a product, you get the principles within it; it includes everything, and the principles are intact. So, you take your forty thousand pounds and buy your Mercedes Benz with pride, as you walk into the car dealership and pay for it. Furthermore, you have no control over how the car operates. You see, the manufacturer had already set principles before they produced that product, so what happens next? They send you a manual (their word), and they state in the manual that this automobile functions on,

- Unleaded petrol only.
- Gearbox fluid is needed.
- To cool the system, add water to the radiator.
- Engine oil number 40.

This was decided before you bought the vehicle;

The Need For Water

Now, let us pause to think about it. Your body is not a vehicle and functions on an entirely different principle, you do not drink petrol. Water sustains you because it makes up more than 70% of your body. Yahweh is amazing. Did you realise that Yahweh anticipated your boredom from simply drinking regular water? He added water to all the plants, fruit, vegetables, and meat. So, if you get tired of drinking one type of water, you can drink a different type of water.

- Ninety-two percent of cauliflower is water.
- Seventy-nine percent of a tomato is water.
- Seventy-four percent of bananas are water.
- Ninety-two percent of watermelon is water.
- Seventy percent of white bread is water.

You consume water in different ways because our bodies function according to distinct theories. Coolade is a beverage made by adding a small amount of colouring to water. Lemonade is made by adding lemon or lemon juice to water.

Violating Principles Destroys Purpose and Potential

Understanding the two distinct principles at play here is important since the Mercedes Benz AG car company designed this particular kind of automobile to run on unleaded petrol. You may enjoy orange juice and believe your car will too. And you add, "I know this Benz is enjoying this orange juice," after you have poured two gallons of your best orange juice into the automobile's petrol tank? Just now, you have broken the manufacturer's promise. All of the manufacturer's warranties on the vehicle are therefore void. The same principle applies to your life.

The Bible says, "Fathers, train up your child." Fathers discipline their children, not the prime minister or the minister of education. They have broken a fundamental principle, and they will never correct it; the maker finished his product before humans came on this planet. Yahweh did not seek Adam's opinion; he did not say, "Adam, what do you think about this? Is this the proper way to approach this?" No! Yahweh gave Adam a command.

Listen, manufacturers do not seek your advice; they say that this operates this way and that operates that way; hence, we are not concerned about what you think. As a life coach, mentor, speaker and teacher, I am telling you straight from my heart, to follow the rules of life and you will succeed. How a product works is not determined by its users.

A New Way Of Doing Things

Years ago, a Times magazine article examined the possibility of gay marriage with a product of a manufacturer. They were debating their preferred modes of operation in light of shifting cultural norms and public sentiment, as well as current societal thought. They claimed that because of our change in viewpoint, we can now surpass the claims made by the manufacturer because we have a more open-minded outlook.

The manufacturer is uninformed; we are modern and up-to-date, whereas he is out of date and old-fashioned. Are you saying that women are for men and men are for women? We have discovered an entirely new approach. Would you like me to tell you something? Yahweh will not touch this matter; He will not become engaged in it. It has a built-in self-destruct mechanism, no different from any of His laws you deliberately break.

Judgment

Thank goodness that Yahweh does not pass judgment on anyone; the product itself does. There is no exception to this; it applies to everyone. If you violate this principle,

you will be destroyed. You are not wiser than the manufacturer; it is impossible to manipulate Yahweh's laws. Here is a lesson to remember: violating principles can result in your prayers not being answered, no matter how hard you pray. You are free to yell and cry out loud. Do you think Yahweh is interested in "Oh God"? According to Jeremiah 1:12, the Bible states, "He watches over His word to perform it." He watches his principles and executes them.

- So, your loudness,
- Your weeping,
- Your crying,
- And your screaming,
- Will not get you success in life

The simple truth is that potential and purpose are destroyed when principles are violated. Could I put it this way? Principles are the principal thing; if you keep disregarding the law, your dreams will be meaningless. You have the capacity and awareness to realise all of your imposing goals. However, if you do not follow the principles of success and the fundamental laws of life, all of your goals will fail.

You are left with nothing but hopelessness if you transgress the laws that safeguard your dreams and your potential. You cannot outwit life, so do not attempt to be smart. "Do not be deceived," the Bible says (Galatians 6:7). "You are not deceiving Him," says Yahweh. Why? When you transgress a life principle, you are not harming Yahweh because He is not mocked, He is not displeased, and He will never change.

There is no way you can violate a life principle and still survive. You may say all you want about grace, the blood, Calvary, and profound religious doctrine, it does not matter if you speak more tongues than everyone else; you never violate the law and go free. Even though you have been pardoned, you still have to deal with the repercussions if you transgress a principle.

You Are Forgiven

In a certain movie, a man decides to leap from a tall building, but before he does, he cries out, "Lord, forgive me," and the Lord grants him forgiveness. And the funeral was wonderful. Although Yahweh pardoned him, the man remains dead. The principle is still active. "Be not deceived, Yahweh is not mocked." Why? "What a man sows is what he will reap." This is addressed to the church, not the general public.

An example from the scriptures. Bathsheba, the woman King David had an affair with, became pregnant. When King David discovered Bathsheba's condition, he attempted to hide his transgression. He ultimately set up Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, to be killed in combat (2 Samuel 11:12–12:9). Yahweh forgave David, who had to bear the consequences of his actions. Because King David was a man of war, Yahweh forbade him from building the temple;

So, you see, you can never get away with breaking the rules. You are facing problems. He says, 'You have been destroyed, your purpose is being unfulfilled, your potential is being prostituted. Thus, I have arrived; I am the truth and the way, and you will experience life if you follow the truth and the way. You will have my blessing.

Simply said, obedience means following a manufacturer's guidelines. Obedience is submission to or conformity to a manufacturer's rules and regulations. The only way to be obedient is by handling the product according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Chapter Four

Obeying Principles

Following the manufacturer's guidelines is the only way to be obedient; following other people's advice is not what constitutes obedience. Listen to me, obedience in this case, means submission or adherence to the manufacturer's principles. This is the serious side of obedience. The only way to be obedient is to handle the product according to the manufacturer's instructions. and not following the advice of others.

Manufacturer's Handbook

Purchasing a microwave is a great example. A handbook on how to use and maximise the product's potential will undoubtedly be included by the maker. This is what you get from the product's manufacturer, whose word will inform you how to maximise its potential without damaging it. The operating principles of the product are outlined in the handbook by the manufacturer. Every manual comes with a page-headed Caution! And obedience is directly tied to the manufacturer's handbook, not to your friend's thoughts on the product.

Knowing the manufacturer's tenets is therefore the only way to be obedient; all other methods are only experiments, and experiments typically backfire. Therefore, to be obedient, you must understand the manufacturer's guiding ideas. Prince, the original word for principle, signifies first law. To put it another way, obedience is following or carrying out the first instruction. Any other person expressing a different opinion is lying. This is not the principle; rather, it is something else, because "prince" refers to the initial law, function, and direction.

You cannot make Your own Rules

So, you cannot establish your principles; anyone who approaches you and claims that "the Bible is outdated" is playing with Yahweh. You cannot add your ideas to a product that a manufacturer has made. You do not decide that the fridge you just bought will be operated from the garden shed and powered by orange juice because you enjoy orange juice. You just cannot decide how you want to do things. So, what is obedience? To get the optimal user experience as promised by the manufacturer, obedience simply means following their guidelines.

Therefore, you void the manufacturer's warranty when you choose to operate without consulting the instructions. After that, they assume no accountability for your merchandise. If you ignore the manufacturer and decide to play your electronic keyboard while having a shower; believing they are old-fashioned and have no idea what they are doing; you have a new way to play this thing and will demonstrate to them that you can come up with new ways to play an electric keyboard. Another principle comes to life: the concept of electrical conduction. Guess what happened? The manufacturer never gets involved.

Voiding The Guarantee

- When a word has "dis" as a prefix, the term becomes negative.
- Therefore, keep in mind that the manufacturer revokes his guarantee if you choose to ignore the owner's handbook and conduct business according to your own opinions.
- They will no longer bear liability for the merchandise after that.

The manufacturer is in another part of the world; he will not come to check if you are using his product according to the instructions because he has already sent his word. His promise is meant to keep you safe. So, you are determined to show him up by improving on his word. Believe me, the experience will be electrifying. You departed Earth since your experiment proved to be so effective. I will say something interesting: "The manufacturer did not kill you. Since the manufacturer was justified in sending you the instruction manual, he will not be held accountable for your demise.

You cannot sue him because he instructed you not to use his goods near water, hence he is protected from liability based on what he stated in his handbook. That is the reason it is shameful and sinful to hold Yahweh responsible for your issues. Furthermore, blaming the devil for your troubles is shameful and wicked because no one electrocuted you. You are the one who disregarded the manufacturer's instructions, and every principle that was meant to be your blessing has now turned into your curse.

You cannot claim that the thief came and killed you. Every manufacturer designs or produces a product with a specific purpose in mind, and they give it the potential it needs to achieve that purpose.

Chapter Five

Principles Of Success

Being successful in life is not hard at all; it is quite simple. Find the principles and follow them; obey them, and they will serve your purpose. May I propose that Yahweh made the universe and that He intended it to operate based on specific laws and regulations? He refers to these principles as his word. This is important. I say it again: Yahweh created the universe and intended for it to operate by specific laws and guidelines. He referred to these laws and instructions as His Word.

Religion has undermined this concept and interfered with the entire operation. One of the main issues facing the world today is religion, which has rendered Yahweh's Word of no effect. Success is then quite simple to accomplish; being successful is not difficult. Find the principles and follow them; obey them, and they will work for you. Principles, when applied, will operate in any environment, at any time, with anyone, because principles are not a respecter of people.

It Is Entirely Your Decision

It is totally up to you whether you succeed or fail because if obeying the rules makes success predictable, then breaking the principles will also make failure predictable. Since principles never change, you cannot hold anyone accountable for your failure. If it works for someone else, it should work for you as well.

It is impossible to learn without first knowing. You cannot possess wisdom if you cannot put it into practice, and you cannot apply what you do not understand. It is one thing to apply; it is another to practise. For instance, you might pray since you have been informed that it is necessary, required, and important. You comprehend, and as a result, you pray, and Yahweh becomes more and more aligned with your life.

You pray for a certain amount of time; this is called applying. What are your plans for tomorrow and the following day if you are not a prayer practitioner? You are not a practitioner because you do not pray every day, but you pray once in a while, suggesting that you have applied it.

Are You A Practitioner?

"If any man hears His commandments and practices them," Yeshua says, "he will live a good and holy life." You applied what you had learned but did not put it into practise. Yeshua was also quite clear. He stated, "If any man practices my laws, he shall have success." Yeshua is stating that you applied but are not regularly practising, therefore you must exercise caution. Yahweh desires a lifestyle rather than an existence. There is a difference: you have to practise Yahweh's laws and know and obey them.

What do you need to practise? Yahweh's precepts, laws, commands, and decrees. This is contained in His instruction handbook, the Holy Bible.

Chapter Six

Success Or Failure

Genesis 1:26-28 states that when Yahweh created man, "He blessed them." This means that whatever Yahweh has planned for you, you already have all you need to complete it. It is now up to you to use your talents and gifts to locate and finish your assignment here on Earth. To ensure that you do not fail, he left instructions in his guidebook, the Bible, on what you can and cannot do and how to do it. It is entirely up to you whether or not you follow his instructions. We will look at two men from the Old Testament, one who followed Yahweh's instructions and the other who lived against them, to see what happened to them.

One is called Joseph, while the other is called Samson.

Joseph

Joseph was despised by his envious brothers because he was Jacob's favourite son. The brothers enraged and jealous of Jacob's gift to Joseph, a coat of many colours, seized him and sold him to an entourage of Ishmaelites on their way to Egypt. When Joseph arrived in Egypt, he was sold to Potiphar, the captain of Pharaoh's guard. According to the Bible, Yahweh was pleased with Joseph because he followed His commandments. Yahweh gave favour to Joseph in everything he did, and he was promoted to be the household's head servant.

Joseph refused Potiphar's wife's attempts to seduce him. "How can I do this great wickedness against Yahweh?" he said. She made a false accusation of rape against him and was innocently imprisoned, out of rage over his running away from her. Joseph has maintained his integrity and relationship with Yahweh all this time. Because of his exemplary attitude and demeanour, the warden assigned Joseph to supervise the other prisoners.

Soon after, Pharaoh's chief cupbearer and baker were imprisoned for offending their master. Both men experienced dreams on the same night, and Joseph was able to interpret them. He informed the chief cupbearer that Pharaoh would release him, but the chief baker would be executed.

After his release, Joseph pleaded with the chief cupbearer to speak with Pharaoh regarding his innocence. However, the chief cupbearer forgot about Joseph until Pharaoh had two dreams that his wise men could not interpret.

So, Joseph was released from prison, and he was able to interpret Pharaoh's dreams while also offering strategies for storing excess grain. Following his forecast, Joseph was appointed prime minister of all of Egypt. Nelson Mandela of South Africa would be a modern-day equivalent—he went from prison straight to president. Later, when Joseph encountered his brothers due to a famine in their homeland, he was not bitter but forgave them for their bad deeds against him. Joseph told his brothers, "Even though they meant harm against him, Yahweh turned it for his good." Genesis 50:19-21;

Samson

Samson was anointed by Yahweh as a Nazarite while still in his mother's womb (Judges 13:7). A Nazarite is a person who has taken a vow to separate themselves unto Yahweh. Here are the instructions given to Samson from Yahweh.

- To avoid wine and all grape products.
- Not to cut his hair.
- To avoid becoming ritually impure by coming into contact with corpses or cemeteries, including those of family members.

The Lord called Samson to help in freeing Israel from the Philistines. It would need a lot of physical strength to complete Samson's task. The Lord formed a covenant with Samson, promising him physical strength as long as he obeyed him. His long hair symbolised the covenant. But Samson would lose strength and his Nazarite vow would be violated if he cut off his hair. Samson's passion and lust for the opposite sex was his weakness. "I must have what I want regardless of what Yahweh says, and I must have it now," Samson reasoned.

Samson is taken into custody after being betrayed by Delilah, his lover whom the Philistine government had sent. While he is asleep, she gives an order to a servant to cut his hair. She gives him over to his enemies who gouged out his eyes and forced him to grind corn in a Gaza mill. While there, his hair starts to grow back. When the Philistines bring Samson to their temple of Dagon, he requests to rest on one of the support pillars. Permission granted, he prays to Yahweh, who gives him strength again, enabling him to bring down the column that collapses the temple, killing both the Philistines and himself.

Chapter Seven

Conclusion

How many young men, as slaves, would refuse the opportunity to enjoy the favours of the mistress of the house? Given the numerous advantages, benefits, and privileges that come with it, some young men would do anything to be in this kind of position. As a man of principles, Joseph upheld his beliefs and turned down his mistress's advances. He did not break the laws of "thou shalt not commit adultery" or "thou shalt not covert thy neighbour's wife." He was put in prison because of his unwavering position, yet there were positives to being incarcerated.

He saw the king's chief cupbearer, who presented Joseph to Pharaoh. As they say, the rest is history. Joseph became prime minister because he followed his moral convictions. Which he would not have been if he had ignored his conscience and given in to his mistress's demands.

Samson reminds me of my younger self (before I was born again), with an eye for the ladies and a smooth tongue to match. I recall finding myself in several awkward situations that I later regretted. Samson disobeyed his parents' counsel as well as the commands of Yahweh. He behaved as he pleased, going against the traditions of his people. It was easy for him to do so because he had immense strength and no one to restrain him. Samson broke his Nazarite vows by shaving his hair, drinking wine, and coming close to and touching dead bodies.

Even though it appeared that he was living life to the fullest, it led to his downfall and, eventually, his destruction. All of this could have been avoided if he had maintained his vow. So, tell me, was it worthwhile in the long run? Principles are what hold the entire universe together. This encompasses your life, and when you follow principles, you flow with it. However, when you disobey principles, you disrupt the flow of life.

Which of these two men did you think achieved greater success, and why? You cannot violate life's principles and hope to escape the consequences that follow. This principle is still relevant today. Principles protect your purpose and your potential.

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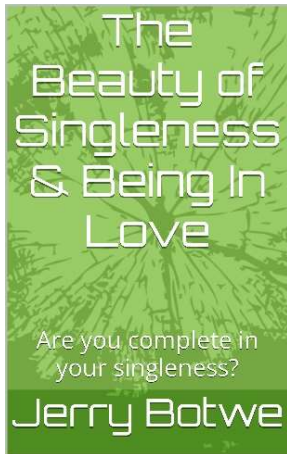


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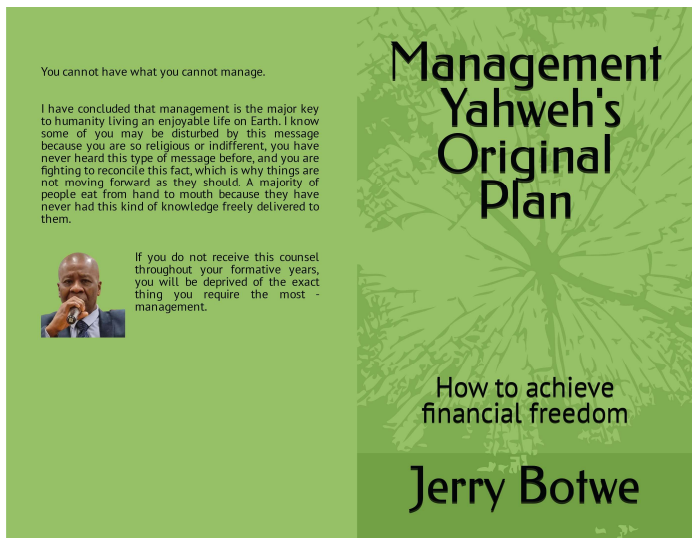
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