Mindset

Your mindset presets your actions. Make no mistake, your mindset will be the number one determining factor in the success or failure of your life. This area of your life must be guarded like Fort Knox or the royal crown jewels of England. Giving the enemy even the slightest foothold will keep you from the fullness you were meant to possess. Always keep in mind, we are no longer a slave of the enemy and, through Christ, we are victorious over him.

So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2

There are four critical components to shifting and keeping the proper mindset:

1. Self-awareness- your physical and emotional state of being; what you believe about yourself. Self-awareness keeps you constantly on guard of what you are allowing to penetrate your thoughts and mind.
2. Commitment. Mindset shifts take place to that which we are committed to. If we are committed to God and His truth, then our mindsets must come into alignment.
3. Discipline. Building proper action plans and habits which will allow you to achieve your goals.
4. Personal responsibility. You alone are responsible for the success or failure of your decisions, choices and actions.

In Christ we are immediately made whole and holy. Once you are in Christ, you are no longer damaged- you have the choice to live in the fullness, which is already yours, or continue to believe the lies of the enemy, which says we are flawed, incomplete, powerless and broken. It is in wholeness, power, hope and love to where we are called to operate. Guard your mindset!

Poverty Mindset

Parable of the Talents

"For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and

to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more. But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. "Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' "Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' "And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.' "But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.' "For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 25:14-30

Too often we rob ourselves of the blessings intended for us, which come from obedience to God, by having an improper mindset about prosperity. Unfortunately, there has been a false teaching due to an inaccurate understanding of 1 Timothy 6:10, which says,

> *"For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."*

Many of us have been taught from a very young age that wealth and prosperity are evil, surely ensnaring you into a life of greed and destruction. Some incorrectly quote this verse as, "Money is the root of all evil." The verse actually says that love for money is a, not the, root of all sorts of evil. We know that greed, bribery, usury, and obsession for money is evil and therefore not of God. However, the kingdom of God has no lack, nor should its people. There are many examples of prosperous wealthy people who used money as a means for furthering God's kingdom and purposes: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Solomon, etc. Outside of Biblical times, God has used those who can properly steward the wealth to work in great ways throughout the world: installing clean water wells in Africa, building schools and orphanages in all nations, sending missionaries to spread the Gospel of Jesus, providing disaster relief, etc. According to the parable told by Jesus, money is a tool to be multiplied in order to be used for blessing others. Be acutely aware that in the parable, what had been given to the wicked servant was taken from him and given to the faithful one who had proven to be a good and trustworthy servant. The same will happen to you if you fail to act upon what has been entrusted to you. Having a poverty mindset applies to all areas of your life, not just money. Fear of any kind, success, failure, change, etc., will keep you in a poverty mindset and from the abundance that was intended to be yours. It is therefore imperative that you free yourself from any poverty mindset in your life and use all of what has

been given to you, talents, gifts, abilities, desires, finances, time, etc., to carry out God's purposes upon the earth. Otherwise, you will forfeit your treasures to one who will use them to advance His kingdom. He allows you the choice to join Him in His work or stay behind with a wrong mindset and miss out on countless blessings and eternal impacts. Regardless, His purposes will be fulfilled with or without you; the choice is yours.

Whenever God asks you to do something for Him, He will always give what you need first. He has set for you a destiny to which you are called to make manifest, along with the ability to achieve it, using the provisions given to you. He has blessed you with the desires, skills and resources to fulfill and multiply that dream. However, many of us bury it in the sand because of circumstances, fear or losing sight of the God given desires of your heart.

You were created to prosper and blessed to be a blessing. You never need worry or fret about your assignment, because the provision always precedes the assignment. You will never be asked to do something without the Lord having already provided everything needed for completion.

> *Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance. Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son. Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the LORD it will be provided." Genesis 22:1-14*

Abraham's assignment was to give back to God that which he loved the most: his son. The Lord had already gone before Abraham, providing a ram for the sacrifice once obedience had played itself

out. Jehovah Jireh, The Lord Will Provide, also translates to The God Who Sees to It. He knows our needs and what is required for the fulfillment of His calling, therefore we can confidently and obediently walk out our assignments knowing that Jehovah Jireh, the God Who Sees to It, has already gone before us, taking care of everything.

For the sake of the house of the Lord my God, I will seek your prosperity. Psalm 122:9

I please God so God gives me wisdom, knowledge, and happiness, but to the sinner, He gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to me because I please God. Ecclesiastes 2:26

I have wisdom and with wisdom are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. Proverbs 8:18

I have wealth and honor, and it comes from You, Lord. 1 Chronicles 29:12

I bring God renown, joy, praise and honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things God does for me; and they are in awe and tremble at the abundant prosperity and peace God provides for me! Jeremiah 33:9

Generational curses, those mindsets and actions passed down to us by our parents and grandparents, can become strongholds against us experiencing the freedom we own in Jesus; keeping us in a poverty mindset. You no longer need to be influenced by those familial curses. Christ became accursed for our freedom. You are no longer bound by the generational curses which have negatively plagued your thoughts and actions. Walk in the freedom and truth which Jesus bought for you.

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"— in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Galatians 3:13-14

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight, He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance,

having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory. In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. Ephesians 1:3-14

We are free, blessed, expected to prosper and have the greatest inheritance imaginable. We are mandated to multiply what we have been entrusted with, steward it properly and use it for the advancement of His kingdom so that we can increase our influence to the high places of the mountain top, in order that the world may know the love God has for them.

Prayer to break Poverty Mindset

Dear Lord,

Thank you for your goodness, grace, mercy and love. I am thankful that You are The God Who Sees to Everything and provides for all of my needs. Forgive me for having an improper mindset about money. I recognize it as a tool to advance Your Kingdom and from this moment on, I will be a good steward of your provisions; generously giving away that which you give to me. I choose to break off a poverty mindset in all aspects of my life and will gratefully receive the abundance you have for me in order to use it for Your glory. Amen

Your thinking cannot be, "What must I do?" but, "Who must I be?" In order for you to see clearly, you must first believe in yourself; your worth, identity and value. Without a clear vision of who you are, you will be unable to successfully navigate to the place God has destined for you. You have buried treasure within you that needs to be discovered. When you realize what it is, you will be able to freely and generously give it away, knowing that your supply will only increase. As you continually invest in yourself, daily improve your talents and abilities, continue to gain wisdom and insight, and grow in the grace God has for you, your treasure will be revealed. Your mountains are found within the discovery of your buried treasure; embrace the discovery process, enjoy the journey and be eternally grateful for the ability to be a blessing to others.