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INTRODUCTION

In the beginning, at your first cry, something GREAT entered the world. The earth celebrated. Your parents were filled with joy, and heaven was agog with celebrations because the solution to a very nagging problem of this generation has been born.

Many years down the line, the narrative seems to have changed. Your struggle for relevance and greatness keeps eluding you. The frustration is almost unbearable and you just can't stomach one more prophecy of how great you would be... You just want the general good life. But the real question is what happened to The Real You?

The streets of my country are filled with young and able bodied people who are slowly giving up on the pursuit of greatness. And there is perhaps nothing more annoying than seeing potentials lie fallow while its owners wallow in poverty and obscurity.

People are getting fed up with these DREAM BIG, GREAT FUTURE philosophies that seem to be taking forever while producing no results. Now the average man on the street isn't looking for a very big life, they just want the ordinary well fed life. And this is a very big problem because in absolute sincerity, you were indeed created to be great... But some things went wrong.

Until the accurate source of a problem is known, solution is still a million miles away.

Your destiny is GREAT but the real problem is you. A permutation of several factors has changed The Real You. And it is The Real You that has the capacity to fulfill your purpose here on earth. Until you

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return to whom you really are... whom heaven celebrated his/her coming to this world, your greatness will keep eluding you.

This book in your hands is perhaps a miracle that you will never forget in your lifetime because it will help you fix the real problem... YOU!

Enough of the motivation! All the motivational books and talks in the world won't make a wrong road turn right. It's time to rediscover who you truly are and then unveil your true self. Just as there was The Garden of Eden before Adam was created, your stage and audience is already waiting for you... The Real You.

Grab a cup of coffee, put your legs in water and let's ride on this journey to untangling the webs that hinders you from unveiling the real you!

Read with an open mind.

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It Started at the Beginning...

It was a very warm evening; the sun had been unbearable all day. The neighbors came out from their homes that late evening, to receive some little breeze because of the tremendous heat inside the house. But inside a one room apartment that is poorly ventilated, a woman was undergoing labor pangs.

“Will this baby ever come out?” The pregnant woman in labor said in-between gnashed teeth as she writ in pain. The husband is helpless as he watches the midwives of the community struggle to get the baby out. She was losing strength and this may get ugly, if she gets too weak to push.

“Push!” The most senior woman charged, with some dose of motherly encouragement in her voice. Indeed, the suffering pregnant woman was encouraged and she pushed one more time... with so much effort, as though that would be her last push. And indeed, it was her last. The shrill cry of the baby fill the room and she heaved a very great sigh of relief. It was a boy. And as their custom demands,

the mid wife brought the child to her arms and she pronounced his name... JABEZ. Because she bore him in sorrow.

The Power of a Name

It is a pity when parents christen their children with names inspired by awkward experiences. If you ask such parents, what is the purpose of a name, what do you think they would say? What would your own parents say?

In the book of Genesis, Adam was given the tremendous privilege of naming the whole animals which God has created. And it is written that whatever Adam called the animals was what they were. God did not interfere. Today Lion is still Lion and Rat is still Rat. However something amazes me and I hope it amazes you too... it is the reflection of those names on the animals.

How do you feel when you say 'Lion'? And then how do you feel when you say 'Rat'?

I personally feel the names suit their personality. One may naturally think that Adam diagnosed the whole features of the animals before naming each. But that is not the picture painted in scriptures. The animals showed up and he instantly named them.

Are we sure that the names were not responsible in creating their destinies? Even a Giraffe looks like its name.

Names Are Important

Every book has a purpose and it is that purpose that inspires its title. Even so, every child has a destiny and it is that destiny that should inspire his/her name.

God who teaches man knowledge, applied this principle when He was about to bring His Only Begotten Son into the world. He sent Angel Gabriel (because it was very important) to Mary, and the Angel of God informed Mary what was to be the name of her child.

See, names are so important in the game of destiny. The wisdom of God always appears foolish in the eyes of 'sensible' men. You may hiss and say, 'You mean my life's problem is simply because of my name?'

Jabez grew up and his features were intact. The Bible records that he was more honorable than his brothers. He acted and behaved godly but his life was miserable.

And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour.

And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.

And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.

Genesis 35:16-18

Jacob understood the power of a name. He quickly changed the name of his son from Benoni (meaning the son of my sorrow) to Benjamin (meaning the son of my right hand). That quick moment, salvaged a destiny and a whole tribe in Israel. Benjamin indeed, became great.

What Surrounds Your Name?

Your name might not be inspired by labor pangs but parents give phony names for funny reasons but its impact births numerous prayer points when the child grows up.

What is your name? Have you asked the origin, meaning and reason for your name? Is your name militating against your colorful destiny?

It Is Not Too Late To Get a New Name

And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Genesis 17:2-5

Honestly, if names weren't important and play a vital role in destiny, why do you think God changed the name of Abram to Abraham? Why do you think God was proactive with the name of Jesus and not just leave it to the decision of Joseph? My friend, it is because the name you bear matter.

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You cannot begin to imagine the suffering and untold hardship that Benjamin would have gone through in life, if the name Benoni stuck with him. It might have perhaps been more than that of Jabez.

‘But why did God not change the name of Jabez?’ You may ask. But I want you to understand that Jabez only cried to God for a relief; an increase in his estate. It wasn’t a case of destiny. Jabez’s request was granted of The Lord but that was all we heard about Jabez. Unlike the case of Abram (Abraham) who became our father of Faith, or Simon (Peter) who became The Rock upon whom Christ’s Church was built. Or the case of Saul (Paul) who became The Apostle of Grace... It was God who changed the name of Jacob to Israel, and the impact is still being felt today. From his birth he had a great destiny but his name was playing out in his life. He kept on swindling and being swindled. He swindled Esau of his birthright but was also swindled by Laban his uncle over his desire to marry Rebecca.

Your name is having more effect on you than you may want to accept.

My Personal Experience

Growing up, I have always known that the seed of greatness was inside of me. I discovered my potentials early. At eighteen, I had already written my first novel of over 200 pages. Then I delved into film writing and won a competition as the best scriptwriter in Lagos Zone by the Company’s standard. The future looked so great but after a decade and a half of only growing my skills but having no manifestation of greatness, I realized something was wrong.

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See, I'm a Christian and have prayed all manners of prayer. I had attended more vigils than I could remember and fasted till I was losing weight and looking sickly but there was no CHANGE.

I read more books; listened more to great men but still every year appeared somehow the same until the truth dawned on me... The name my mother had given me meant 'Destiny cannot be changed but delayed'. And indeed every year my destiny became clearer but the delay was frustrating life out of me. I was almost becoming a shame to those who knew my potentials.

Today I officially go by the name Andrew Peter Milestone. Any other thing is not my name. I'm sure she had a good intention but it worked adversely.

What is your own story? How long will you put in more fruitless efforts before you realize that the problem isn't the activities but YOU. You and your name are one. And if your name has a problem, then it means you have a problem. And until you solve that major problem, you can take on more courses and learn more skills; your true destiny will not speak.

If for instance, there is a very powerful book that is highly recommended by your mentor and you are highly seeking to lay a hold on it, and you realize the book is in a certain library, if the name is changed will you ever locate it? Bearing the wrong name has a very devastating effect on your destiny. I am not talking about mere success and riches; I am talking about your true greatness in destiny.

My Name Is Already Perfect...

Happy you could boldly say that. Certainly not everyone reading this book has this challenge but I know that this chapter is opening a new chapter in the lives of so many people. So read for knowledge and read on to identify where your own problem may lie.

Change Requires COURAGE

If you have identified that the name you bear isn't working for you, it is time to prayerfully change it. Wait for that inspired moment when God will give you a new name. That encounter may just be the turning point of your destiny. So wait on God for it. I don't know what that means to you in terms of activities. For some, it means fasting and praying, for some it means studying the Bible, and for some it means silence... Whatever it means, I want you to realize that until Jacob had that name changing encounter with God, his life never straightened. Consider Abraham and Sarah, Peter and Paul, and then do the needful. The struggle must be over; destinies are waiting for your manifestation!

And when you get a new name that fits your destiny, make it official. Go and swear an affidavit for a change of name in a court of law in your country and then start spreading the new name. Its effect will shock you... I hope it does like it did to me.

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It is always amazing to see Gabriela, the 12 year old in this mood. She is wearing a very happy smile as she paints the image in her beautiful mind. There are only very few activities that makes Gabriela this happy, not even eating jollof rice and chicken makes her as happy as drawing or painting does.

And besides the entertainment it gives her, it also brings some sort of smiles to the few people she showcases her works to. The facial expression on the face of Mr. John, their neighbor, whenever she shows him what she has designed is ‘at this young age?’. She was a Da Vinci in the making...But her dad doesn’t share that opinion one bit.

As she was lost in her art creation, she was inattentive to the footsteps at the hallway. All of a sudden, the door was pushed open and the very strict looking dad, Mr. Bamishaye bursts in on her.

“You are here painting when you should be reading your books!” He yelled at her and before she could say a word in her defense, she gets a slap. But that slap wasn’t as heartbreaking as watching her dad tear

her almost finished art creation in shreds. She cried so much like one that lost a dear one... her art pieces are dear to her. But how long will she rebel against a very strong willed dad that has drawn a plan for her life... a plan that sees her drawing as a waste of time?

Your Lost Vision

At age five to twelve, any attentive parent would have realized the unique gifting and perhaps purpose of their child but sadly they almost always have a different agenda in mind.

How joyful and free were you in your childhood days when you did the thing you were truly passionate about? What was that for you? For Gabriela it was artistic painting but now she is a frustrated medical doctor. Every midyear she considers resigning, but when she thinks about the financial implication it will have to her family (her husband is out of a job), she repents from the idea and drags on her feet in the 'very honorable' career that her dad forced on her.

The fact that you were intelligent didn't mean you were created to be an engineer. It was your parent's dream and you had no choice, after all you are their child.

The human mind was created to be free. Perhaps that is why we keep hearing of clamors and battles for liberty. Freedom is a basic desire in man. And each time you remember the bliss you experienced when you were on the path of your purpose in those childhood days of yours, all you seem to do is smile wishfully because you think those era are lost with your childhood years.

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Imagine a Usain Bolt, the world's fastest runner before retirement, becoming a lawyer in one of the courtrooms in Jamaica. One thing is certain; he sure will be *running* from tough cases.

When I watched an Indian movie; *We Are Stars On Earth*, I was moved emotionally and I felt sad because I know that what happened in that movie is still happening in many parts of the world. People are being forced into careers that are not their calling, and they have no grace to fulfill it. And these helpless lads spend the rest of their lives proving a vain point; that they are not dullards.

We should stop this act! Stop asking a dog to swim and quit demanding a fish to bark! We are all wired differently, and as parents our aim should be to guide and not to impose our own vision into these innocent destined creatures.

Remember my ideology from chapter one, how that names were so important that God had to ensure His Only Begotten Son bore the name JESUS? That same principle made God, through His angel, inform Joseph of the purpose of the soon coming child...

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived of her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. (Emphasis Added)

Matthew 1:20-21

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Just like the Infant Jesus, every child has a purpose and an assignment to fulfill. But not so many parents have the blue print of what their child is suppose to become and accomplish. Rather they have a personal plan inspired by love but empowered by ignorance. And the result is a forced vision on their kids.

You displayed your gifts early enough and strong enough for your parents or guardians to have seen and support you in that line but their own experience in life had thought them that survival is first. *'Money answereth all things'*. They required money to pay bills and raise you, so they knew first hand, the importance of having lots of cash. But Gabriela's talent of painting did not match Daddy's financial plan for her future. What Daddy did not know was that God who gave her the awesome talent has factored a great financial future in that gift of art. Now Gabriela is just busy paying bills with her monthly check... Is that your reality too?

A Forced Vision

You didn't choose the parents to be born to. You didn't choose the siblings you had. And you did not choose the primary school you attended. There are so many things you had no control over as a child. As a matter of fact, you did not choose the life you are now living.

Everything may appear like you are on the driver's seat in the affairs of your life right now but the sad truth is, much earlier in life, the very important decisions were already made. You are only carrying out a predetermined counsel.

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Your dad had a strong idea what your future should be like. And in that vision he did not take into cognizance, your gifts and talents; just his ambition. I have heard of fathers who because they failed to be a doctor, made a vow that one of their children **MUST** be a doctor. And they succeeded, until much later; they realized they trampled on a destiny.

Countless adults walking the streets of our cities and villages are only living a life planned by someone else. They are not happy with who they are. There is no fulfillment and worse still, they feel there is nothing they can do about it. Well they may be right, because you cannot solve a problem that you don't even know the cause.

The Reality on You Now

You are always wondering why you are not as passionate in life as you were in your teenage years. You know it is important to be passionate at what you do; passionate people get easily noticed for bigger and better opportunities. You wish to be more driven but it's as if someone keeps putting off the fire.

The real problem is that this is not **YOU**. The Real **YOU** was kept in a box and hid somewhere. What you are now is perhaps the dream and vision of your parents or Guardian who raised you. They did it in love because they wanted a better life for you than they had, but they were so ignorant on the path that would lead you to that awesome life.

Each time you watch the TV, you see what you should have been; a newscaster but when you were young all your parents could see was that you talked too much. Even now you wish you could do

something to get back in line with your true self. And truth is you can!

Just before we delve into some of the ways you can recapture your lost purpose, let me further show you the harm your loving parents did to you when you were in a fluid state.

The Story of My Wife

When I was courting my wife, I found out she was so graced for the art. It is such a blessing that I married her. She has been so helpful in my vision and she even edits and proofreads all my works for free (smiles). But each time she tells me how she got whipped each time she attempted writing stories, I can still feel the pain underneath her tone as she relived the memories.

She is also a fine singer and I am so happy she is singing for The Lord. When she was very young and sold out completely to the Christian choir and music, her teachers and mentors wanted to help her get to the apex of gospel music quickly in early age but her parent's had a different vision. Daddy cut links to allow her get studio sessions, sing on Church invitations and stuffs like that. My real thanks to God is that music is so ingrained into her that it did not completely die, although she is still working at seeing herself as someone that should record her own songs.

The shackles of our past still live with us long after we have removed the 'chains' physically. Just like the elephant with a fantastic memory, we keep remembering the restrictions in our subconscious mind and that shackle still keeps limiting us from reaching for our true potentials.

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I love my wife and I love what God has put in her. I am praying for her and working with God's wisdom to help her break away from the voices of yesterday so she can hear the great angelic voices of tomorrow. And with God's help she is becoming what God intended.

Don't get me wrong. If I could I would have paid double her bride price for the awesome work her father and mother had done in raising such a God-fearing and intelligent woman but like so many parents, they loved her so much that they forced her into a 'bright future' that is not her purpose.

Like countless degree holders in the country and the world at large, she wished she studied something else. Do you feel same way too? Does waking up on a Monday morning feel like a tug of war? You are right, something is wrong. But you have been looking at the wrong direction in your bid to get a solution. It is not a new job you need; you need a journey down memory lane.

Time to Face Your Past

'Sometimes the keys to our great future can only be found in our past.'

Stop desiring more motivation to keep pushing forward. There is a reason automobiles have a reverse gear. It's time to go backward, so you can reconnect to the road that leads to your destiny.

You would need to answer these questions in a reflective manner. Think back and think deep, it's been many years ago...

- What was the activity or activities you did and forgot to eat lunch?

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- What were those activities you longed for so much that it kept you up at night, waiting for the break of dawn?
- What part of your life attracted the greatest praise?
- What gave you a sense of pride?
- In your teenage years, what was that one thing that your friend could say you are? A talkative? A fast-runner? Or a liar? Or maybe a storyteller?
- What pleasurable hobby gave you most trouble with your parents? I mean what specific activity attracted whips at your back or at least constant nag when you were growing up?
- In your school academic report card, what did the assessment say about what you do exceptionally well?
- Lastly, before life happened, what was your fantasy about your future?

The answers to these questions may not come off the bat instantly but they hold the potent power of helping to locate a lost treasure: **The Real You**. Your parents may not entirely be responsible for the borrowed vision you live by today. Some other factors could be responsible too.

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A Permutation of Distractions

It was a multi-faceted assault on your destiny that displaced the Real You from the track of your destiny. And they were so subtle you couldn't notice its operations; just its effect of a not so perfect life. Maybe I just put that mildly, but it's actually frustrating to be living a life short of what your gut feeling describes as your destiny and yet you just can't do nada about it. That's a good definition of pain.

As you grew up and started hearing the enchanting voices of the real world, even your parents knew it will take more than the ordinary to tame you and guide you to a better life. All the training and programming that Daddy and Mummy had given you is about to be questioned by a new set of influences. It was exciting and adventurous for the teenage YOU but what you never realized is the lasting mark this phase would have on your future.

“Where have you been in the last three hours?” A slap accompanied the question but David has already grown a thick skin for Daddy's frequent military slaps.

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“I was hanging out with my friends.” David replied and got a heavier slap that attracted the pleading of his mother.

“What nonsense! Your younger ones are inside the house watching TV and you were in God-Knows-Where doing God-knows-what!”

You were exploring the dimensions that weren't opened to you by daddy and mummy. They erroneously thought you would be a kid for a long time. In their interpretation, you were still a kid but in your own view you were a big boy/big girl. At fourteen you already knew stuffs that your parents never knew until they were in their twenties.

Your appetite for knowledge was great but you were learning from an uncensored college... The Street.

A Slightly Perverted Knowledge

A lie isn't as harmful as an incomplete or slightly perverted truth. It is true that money makes the world go round. It is also true that who pays the piper decides the tune. But no one told you that though money is power, power is nothing without control. Daddy and Mummy during the 'boring' morning devotions, tried to teach you that “The love of money is the root of all evil”, but you felt that because they didn't own a Mercedes Benz, they had no right to teach you about money.

When I was much younger, in my early twenties, my crave for money was very visible and dangerous. My eldest brother remarked on it, as I can still remember but I was adamant at that youthful age. It led me to the wrong friends, and all we talked about was how wealthy some pop stars and fraudulent personalities are. We adored the wrong mentors and soon our clique has ventured into Cyber

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crime (Yahoo Yahoo). Soon, some started making quick money. But with money comes power and with that comes a sudden realization that you can do whatever you like. And they did whatever they like: girls, hotels, drugs and parties. And going forward, a few bought cars.

I dabbled into it, but I couldn't proceed when I saw there was a diabolical dimension to the whole thing. From an early age I knew there was something that has to do with God in my life, so the fear of God kept me from going full throttle.

I don't know how your own growing up years was but I am sure you can relate. We developed passions that deviated us from our purpose. We wanted money, we wanted illicit sex and fantasy love, and we also wanted power... And all the knowledge we got about these powerful aspects of life were perverted knowledge; knowledge that came from an unauthorized source.

The Boomerang Effects

Just like a small stone thrown into a calm lake creates ripple effects, this perverted knowledge has more effect on your current life than you could possibly imagine.

After realizing the harmful effect of some of these things on my life, I prayerfully started the journey of unlearning what I had learnt. God has so helped in detoxifying me in my crave for money. Now I see money as a power tool to accomplish more, so I do not spend all day fantasizing about big money, rather I spend time building visions that will change the world and impact the Kingdom of God. Because money is a tool, I trust God to provide it whenever I need it. And He has been faithful.

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Some ladies today suffer from the perverted knowledge they have about love. What they have defined as love is so impractical and unrealistic, and yet they spend all their life searching for it. The quest for unrealistic love has made many young ladies in our society become desperate as they now look for husbands.

The effect of this misinformation we got growing up is so strong that we need The Word of God to alter its effect on our lives. The Bible says: “How can a young man amend his ways, by taking heed to thy word”. We need to be ‘brainwashed’, if our true self will ever emerge.

It is the unhealthy desire for money from early years that makes an entrepreneur cut corner in his tax remittance and attract the wrath of the law. It is still this same unwholesome crave to get rich quick that keep making our young men run after internet schemes and ponzi schemes that promises lazy riches.

Just look back and see the effects your growing up years has had on you. Be true to yourself. I don’t know ‘what’ you are today but if you can reconnect with who you are, you can change what you are. Society may have labeled you a misfit but who God created is still locked within you. My strong desire is that at the end of this book, The Real You, capable of finishing well in life will emerge.

How do you see life?

Your ideology was formed earlier than now. And how you see life informs your approach to living. It greatly determines your mindset. And you can never be bigger than your thoughts.

The big success we now look up to for mentorship had a very healthy Ideology. And this informed their success. People like Pastor E.A.

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Adeboye, Ben Carson, Mark Zuckerberg, Usain Bolt, Will Smith and so on, have strong ideologies that are pillars to their success. They believed in hard work but what we learnt growing up were short cuts. These things are your real problem. They can't be easily seen, so you haven't really dealt with them but thank God salvation is dawning.

Every motivation you have gotten through seminars and books is just more driving force in the wrong direction. What you truly need is inspiration; something deeper. You need an encounter with the truth that will shake your foundations. The Bible says "If the foundation be destroyed, what can the righteous do?". The change you need is fundamental. And it starts with looking back at these things.

"Train up a child in the way that he should go and when he grows, he shall not depart from it"

Proverbs 22:6

The scripture didn't mention the particular training; it only showed us a principle: The power of programming a child. Your parents programmed you but society also programmed you. And because you cannot change the interface of a website without going to the dashboard, we are dealing with these blasts from the past.

You were created for a great life. The Word of God declares that.

I know the thoughts I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Jeremiah 29:11

And prior to that God has also declared about you.

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Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Jeremiah 1:5

God wasn't experimenting with you; He has already predestined you for a great life. You have a colorful destiny but something went wrong in the morning of your life. Now you are in the noon of your life and you are surprised at the outcome thus far. Don't wail, there is a way out. And that way is having an encounter with your growing up years.

Where Did I Get It Wrong?

I read a book *One Minute Millionaire*, and it delivered a mentality to me: 'when you asked how to afford a suit, you got it. Even so when you ask how to get a million dollars hard enough, you will become one.'

Even by this principle, if you stay long enough on this question 'Where did I get this wrong?', you are very likely to get a life changing answer. Are you set for the memory lane? Relax, God gat you.

How did you look at twelve, fourteen, and eighteen or in your early twenties? Cute and very attractive? Where did you grow up? Can you now picture that community you hate talking about? Picture your parents and siblings in that age. Who were your friends? Can you picture at least five prominent friends you had within your teenage years? Now picture them even more clearly as you go through these nuggets and questions:

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- When did you earn your first money, and what inspired the move? Did you work to get it or you played lottery?
Research has shown that those who made money through lottery grow to have unhealthy financial lifestyles.
- What inspired your desire to earn your first money? Was it peer pressure after a long discussion of youthful pleasure or was it a necessity or a principled decision?
As I write this, my mind just casted back to my teen, or very early twenties; when I wanted to write GCE. My parents were broke then and my mother had taken the form on credit from the Teacher and I have said I would repay it. I worked hard, doing overtime in a salt factory and I repaid that debt and wrote the examinations. That may not be my first money I earned but I could still feel the excitement of being responsible. Can you now remember what prompted your first earnings?
- Who was your role model at your teen years? Musically, who did you listen to? What movie star struck your fancy?
I listened to 50 Cent a lot in my twenties and later I listened so much to Don Moen (as I drew closer to God). How about you? Can you remember whom you wished you sounded like, acted like or be like?
- What was your first book or books you read besides academic books? Do you remember the title? Why did you love it so much? Was it a crime based novel, a romantic novel or a book on power and success? Those early inspirations are still loitering in your mind and having a strong impact on your reality.
- When did you have your first girlfriend/boyfriend? How about your first kiss? What informed your need to be loved erotically? Was it a movie you watched, a novel you read or the escapades

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of your other peers that kept nagging you with their stories of love? What principles guided your first relationship? Did your parents know about it?

- What prompted your choice of a university or vocational training? Was it a social decision inspired by peer pressure or a destiny decision?

You may be wondering, why all these questions. It is because the answers to these questions will help you understand the boomerang effect you are currently facing.

Could it be that because you were inspired through early sexual desires to get a girlfriend/boyfriend, which is what brought about your inability to stick with one relationship? Look at these questions, once again with this understanding and you would realize the assault on your great destiny was multi-faceted and they have set you running on a wrong lane.

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Purpose VS Potential

It was Dr. Myles Munroe who said “When the purpose of a thing is not known, abuse is inevitable.” Knowledge truly is power and ignorance is the greatest enemy of progress.

When you were born, the fulfillment to an assignment was born and in order to help you accomplish that assignment, some unique potential were wired into you. By default there are things you can do exceptionally well and very easily; these things are your potentials. Just like Gabriela could draw and paint so well, just like I wrote my first 200 pages novel manuscript at age eighteen, you too have something remarkable you can do by default.

I can't really point out where I learned writing from, yet from a tender age I could write all day. Who taught you how to poo poo? Who taught the fish to swim? The dog didn't require a 'dog barking seminar' to know how to bark, neither does the bird need flying seminars. There are stuffs you can do so well, all you need is fine-tuning but you have unknowingly abused these potentials.

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Your philosophy in life is built through knowledge and experience. What you believe is largely a product of information, and like we have been learning, some wrong elements have informed your philosophy.

My crave for money caused me to employ my creative writing potentials for the wrong reasons. Thank God for His swift intervention.

Some ladies are so beautiful but because they are ignorant of the purpose for their beauty, they end up in prostitution and some in showbiz for the wrong reasons. Purpose is the original intent a thing was made. Until your purpose employs your potential, your destined greatness will keep being an illusion.

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Because your parents and guardians did not support your gifts and talents, they could not guide you into your purpose. And society and friends quickly gave you a wrong reason for living. Potentials are what can you do but purpose is what you should be doing based on what you can do.

You can sing for instance, but what should you be singing about? I can write, what should I be writing about? That is the basic difference between purpose and potentials. But the sad thing is that many, who discovered their potentials without discovering their purpose, try so hard to fulfill their potentials and die never reaching their purpose. Excitement may come when you use your potentials but fulfillment only comes when you are in line with your purpose.

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When you are in your purpose you attract heaven's support. A certain sense of importance accompanies what you do, and the desire to feel important is a basic need in man. You may have discovered your potentials early enough but until you start using that potential to accomplish the assignment you were sent here on earth for, your colorful destiny will not start manifesting. Stop chasing after money, chase after purpose. All the greatness you'd ever want in life is locked inside your purpose.

It is so obvious that you are not as happy as you know you can be. And you know your frustration in life is beyond your financial needs. More money will not make you happy; the increase in your salary proved it. What you need is real encounter with purpose!

We may have no power over our actions of yesterday but if we handle today with the right knowledge; we can influence our tomorrow in such a great way. And that right knowledge is the discovery of your purpose. Yesterday is gone, and that is a fact but tomorrow is coming and that is a fact too. And if you don't alter the trajectory, your tomorrow and your yesterdays will have many painful similarities.

Your name may have been the perfect name for your destiny and the negative influences of societies may not have had a strong impact on you but if somehow you have not discovered your purpose, you may be wondering why life doesn't really make complete sense.

Jesus Didn't Fulfill His Potential

'Are you kidding me?' That may be your response but truth is he didn't fulfill his potential. At the cross when Jesus was dying, he had

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potentials to be and do all kinds of stuff. He could even be a Roman Guard. Jesus could have spent many more years healing the sick around Jerusalem and raising the dead. He could do many more miracles but his aim was not to fulfill all his potential, but rather to accomplish his assignment which was to save men from their sins.

When purpose called it mattered most to him than the display of his potentials, and that is why you and I have a hope of eternity in heaven when we leave this world.

Do you know the excitement it must have brought when Jesus healed the sick and did miracles every day? Picture yourself in it. The people are clamoring to make you King over them because of your potentials. Your wisdom gave you an edge over all people, and you could do things that leave them agape as they wonder where you got your powers from... Yet, when the time came and purpose came calling, you abandoned that success and fame and reach for the service of mankind, at the loss of your own exciting life. That is what Jesus did and I love Him so much for going all the way for me and for you.

Your talents are not for your mere pleasure. There is a great life designed for you but the only platform to access that life is discovering and living your purpose. Some people, discovering their potentials, have decided to apply it where they can earn the most money. Their professional career was inspired by an unhealthy need for more money and yet they wonder why they lack fulfillment in life. Just because I can sing for instance, doesn't mean I was created to sing all kinds of song. If I was designed to sing countryside music and because the most popular and thriving genre in the music industry is R 'n' B, I chose to do R 'n' B, I would never know the true fulfillment

of purpose. Yes, I am singing (Potential) but not the right songs (Purpose).

The concept of destiny captured in the Book of Jeremiah 1:5 shows that God has declared what you are to be and do in your life before you even showed up here on earth. Shifting away from that means you are becoming someone else. And that will never allow you enjoy the total package God has in store for you. His great plans for your life will not find real expression until you get back to being your real self; living in your God ordained purpose.

And just like our Lord Jesus, your purpose has tremendous implications to a whole lot of people. If Jesus failed in his destiny, I would have no hope in fulfilling mine. In fact my destiny is an extension of his purpose. Even so, if you fail to fulfill your purpose many will be affected. The next level of civilization may just be lying squarely on your shoulders. Someone made the computer, Smartphone and the internet; what inventions were you created to make?

Some very beautiful ladies only knew that men fell for their looks so easily but nobody told them the purpose of their beauty. It was the beauty of Esther that saved the whole nation of Israel from total extermination. There is more to being beautiful than just playing with men because you have them at your beckons call.

When a potential meets its purpose a greater meaning is discovered. Our society is plagued by genius who employed their potentials for the wrong reasons. Some are hackers, doing havoc to our internet space, some are lawyers, upholding criminality through their ingenuity and some are filmmakers disturbing our young people with senseless pornographic movies.

The love of money can also employ your potentials, and the results are some of the things I just mentioned above. When you grow up with a mindset that money is the key that opens every door, you may want to do anything to get it. Wake up! Money isn't everything! If it was, the rich will never commit suicide.

A Classic Example of Vanity

Mr. George Hernandez grew in poverty and the only thing he could take from his background is a dangerous desire to be rich by any means. And by all means, he became one of the richest people in the island. He did almost everything you could call crime; drugs, human trafficking, illegal merchandizing and so on.

He is rich and much respected by those who worship money because of their extreme lack of it. He bought luxuries as much as his imagination can demand; Limousines, mansions and even boats but just like King Solomon, as he grew older he realized all were vanities.

I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and behold, this also is vanity.

I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards:

I made me gardens and orchards; I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits:

I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees:

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I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me:

I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had labored to do; and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

Proverbs 2:1, 3-8, 11

Like King Solomon, Mr. George also thought by getting all the money he could get, using his remarkable gift of mind, he would find happiness. But at the end of his life, at age 65, he could no longer stomach the frustration of the vanity, he took his own life. The ambitious George Hernandez got it all but realized all meant nothing without purpose and he felt no need to be alive. He left it all just like the Bible declares that “The wealth of the gentiles is gathered for the righteous.”

You may wonder if it is possible to have all that money and still commit suicide. Just as food tastes so bland to a man on sick bed, wealth has no value without fulfillment. And fulfillment only comes with a life of purpose.

Your life is not eternal on this plane called earth, so I wouldn't advise you to adopt the trial and error approach to knowledge. Learn from Mr. George Hernandez and save yourself the pain of a frustrated old age.

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Have you discovered the purpose for your business? Why are you in your career? Are you solely doing what you do for the money? Could that be the reason your passion for life keeps sapping out? Have you discovered what you could do enjoyably and for free if money was not something to earn?

The Real You was created for an assignment. All you have is a gift to enable you fulfill that assignment, and all your dreams and desire for a great life is imbedded in your purpose. If only you would realize this and go after your purpose, The Real You will emerge. It will be an awesome experience for the rest of your life.

As you must have realized in this book so far, not all chapters relate to you so specifically. Perhaps your case is that you realized your purpose like Moses in Scriptures but went ahead of time to attempt your purpose and you were frustrated out of it. The next chapter deals aptly with this.

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A Reason and a Season for Your Purpose

Tunde is the son of the very loved and respected King of Osogbo. The kingdom under King Adepetu really thrived; there was economic progress and there was justice. Everyone abided by the law through the firmness of the King's rule. He wasn't necessarily a tyrant but his firm rule was obvious to all. And peace reigned in the entire realm.

The Palace is agog with celebrations; live music from talented musicians from the kingdom and dancers made the place very fun. It was King Adepetu's 70th birthday. He was surrounded by his big and lovely family; his four wives and many children. All seem happy, except Tunde who couldn't hide his dissatisfaction.

At night, when the whole celebrations was over, King Adepetu called Tunde into his chamber and requested to know what saddens his heart in a day like this.

"I am tired of waiting for my inheritance. You are 70 years old and with the way you look and with the prayers from your subjects, you

may live another 70. When will I get my inheritance and live my own life?” Tunde demanded arrogantly but the wise King smiled.

“Is that all that troubles my beloved son?” King Adepetu asked lightly.

“Yes, your highness.” He replied with a confused look.

“Before the break of dawn, I would have met with my Chief Adviser and calculated what is due to you as my second son and will hand them to you. But you will go to a different land to sojourn, for there can't be two kings in one kingdom. Is that okay?”

“Very okay, father.” Tunde agreed happily.

As promised, King Adepetu kept to his word and Tunde was soon in the city of Ibadan. His inheritance has already translated his status into ‘The Biggest Boy in Town’. And as characterized by his immaturity, he lived lavishly.

5 years later, he returns beggarly to Osogbo to beg his father but sadly enough, his father had died and his very strict elder brother Segun has rightfully ascended the throne. Segun ensured that Tunde has no more portions from the royal family. The only mercy he could show him was to make him one of the royal servants who were well taken care of.

The Danger of Haste

Another story that looked quite similar to this can be found in scriptures, in the book of Matthew. We all know it as the Parable of

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The Prodigal Son. And each time I reflect on that parable, I learn some more, the importance of waiting for your time.

Patience is such a very unattractive virtue but her fruits are undeniably sweet. Youthfulness seldom allows us to exercise this virtue, yet without it more harm is incurred than good. If Tunde had waited just three more years, he would have maintained his place as Prince in the kingdom of Osogbo.

You may not have physically requested your inheritance from your parents but you might have requested yours from your potential. You might have seen your potential in terms of your high IQ, and instead of waiting to discover your purpose and waiting for your season, you have used your potential to achieve what now means nothing but misery. Believe me, there is more to your potentials than your personal delight.

Your potentials have a purpose and your purpose has a reason and a season. You were given potentials for an assignment and that assignment has a season. If you do not wait for it, you run ahead of yourself and just like Moses in Scriptures, you may take a wrong approach.

And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.

And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, wherefore smites thou thy fellow?

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And he said, who made thee a prince and a judge over us? Intendest thou to kill me, as thou killest the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

Now when Pharoah heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharoah, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

Exodus 2:11-15

Moses had discovered his calling as deliverer of his people but he went ahead of the season and it led to his exile from Egypt. One of the most profound things to know about God is that He is a God of order. Just mere looking at creation and you would realize how orderly this Great God is. Nothing is done haphazardly by Him; certainly not your purpose.

Whatever must have inspired haste in your life, the results are always similar; pain, regrets and fear.

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

You were born to be great. You know it intuitively but if you do not go with the pace of God, you may truncate His plan. He got this all planned, and there is a reason He needs you to wait for your season...

The Power of Process

We live in a generation that wants to eat pounded yam and egusi soup but wants it prepared as quickly as noodles. We call it the Jet Age and we have foolishly considered Patience a time waster. We now crave for speed in everything. But the last time I checked, it still takes nine months to deliver a baby (I hope there is no plan to alter this). Even Our Lord Jesus needed nine months in the womb to mature before birth. Your visions require a gestation period and even so YOU. You need time and a process to become the YOU capable of fulfilling destiny. Life is training you but if you graduate yourself too early, you may lose the opportunity to manifest glory.

Every greatness requires a process. Mention any great man in the world today, and you can be so rest assured that there is a story behind the glory. There is always a process that takes us from ordinary men to extraordinary people. Trying to choose the glory without accepting the rugged process will always amount to frustration. When it comes to true greatness, stop considering the quick fixes. Legends go through the fire that makes them golden. Those who want roses should prepare for the thorns.

During the making process of your life, no one knows you. When Pastor E.A Adeboye was in Mushin and living in a one room apartment, it was in obscurity but today the whole world knows him.

God has something great in mind but you have to trust the process. It might feel tough and unnecessary but trust His wisdom; you need these preparations to truly handle your soon coming greatness in the right manner.

It is a great illusion to think that because you can picture the dream so clearly, you can make it happen right away, even without any real

effort. Most times the process we go through is not aimed at changing our dreams, but rather it is aimed at changing us. When you become the person you see in your dreams, accomplishing it will become feasible.

Are you that CEO yet? Are you that Husband/Wife yet? Are you prepared for Fatherhood/Motherhood yet?

These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

Genesis 2:4-5

You can clearly see the reason God held the fruitfulness of the earth was because there was no man yet to manage it. Until we can manage the great destiny God has planned for us, we are not yet ready to enter its season of manifestation.

So all the stuffs you have been going through is partly a process to transform you into that manager that can manage your great destiny. The Real You is undergoing a very tough and unpleasant process that will make you capable of handling what's coming. Your destiny is so great, it requires preparation.

When all your focus is your potentials and your strong desire to get what you want, you may not see the need for this process. But when you begin to see the great purpose for your potentials, you won't swim in self-pity over your errors in life and business, rather you'll see them as opportunities to learn and prepare for greater

responsibilities. The rain is coming. God won't hold it forever, but it will be a smart move for you to allow God prepare you now. He won't come down, and you may never even notice Him but if you realize how He quietly works, you will see Him in the circumstances surrounding you right now. He is teaching you and making you; be patient.

The Perfect Season for Your Lifting

Sadly, when our season of lifting comes, we've most time become too accustomed to losing that we even don't want to step into our destiny. Like the elephant with remarkable memory, we keep remembering how we failed when we tried it out on our own. And so we fear and come up with numerous excuses why we are not qualified for such a great life.

Moses felt the same way at The Burning Bush. He gave God one excuse after another but God was tired of hearing them and reassured him of His backing.

When we have gone through the process that makes us ready for our purpose, God gives us His backing. Sometimes, it is His backing that makes all the difference.

Are you in that place where because you went ahead of time to try out your assignment, now you feel you aren't called for that? Perhaps God gave you a talent in singing and instead of singing godly songs, you did worldly songs. Now you are born again and serving God but you keep giving excuses why you can't hit the studio again. Don't throw the baby away with the bath water. Now your potentials have

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discovered its real purpose, stop giving excuses and enter your greatness.

With God there is plenteous redemption. I don't know how much time it may be that you have lost, but God restores. He uses even our errors to conform us to His will. Once we come to the place of our divine purpose, He has a very unique way of restoring our lost time.

He is a God that knows how to mend the broken. Are you broken in relationships, business, academics or spirituality? Is your home in a shambles because you think you made an irreversible mistake? Jehovah God can and will remold you again. He is the potter, and if you will be yielding clay, you would be so amazed how He would mold you into the masterpiece He had intended from the very beginning. And I have a strong feeling He would use the next chapter of this book to accomplish that... it is also my prayer.

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Rebuilding the Broken Walls

What hope is there for a broken egg? Can yolk be gathered again, or can the shattered shell be mended again? Yet there is a possibility if you believe in the mighty power of God and in the pages of Scriptures. The Holy Bible is filled with many impossible situations that God made possible so we can have the courage to believe for the impossible today.

And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us.

Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye.

And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go.

So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.

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But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water; and he cried, and said, Alas, master! For it was borrowed.

And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim.

Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

2 Kings 6:1-7

How on earth can it be, that a heavy iron axe head will float and swim on the surface of the water? But like Jesus said in Scriptures ‘With God all things shall be possible’.

That is the order of miracle you need now to rebuild the broken walls of your life. And like the prophet Elisha, God is compassionate about your loss because like those young men your life is a borrowed gift of which you will give account some day.

How can a prostitute regain her chastity or a swindler, his contentment? How can a gambler regain the mentality of saving to be rich? And how can a porn addict regain the right perspective to viewing a woman? There is some redemption that can only be done by God, in your spirit. The spirit is the core essence of the human life and the deepest transformation can only begin from there.

Encountering the Potter

When a product is truly bad, the best option is to take it back to the manufacturer. He knows the product more than any technician, because He made it. He even has spare parts to make it work again, if

the case requires it. That is why I strongly redirect you to your Maker.

I do not intend to be overly religious and preachy, but in a dire situation like restoring you to God's original idea, I absolutely know nothing else to do than to point you to your Creator. You need more than polished English and fine prose now; you need the truth that will set you free.

Jeremiah 1:5 made it clear that before you were born God had predestined who and what you are to be on earth. You have taken several wrong turns in your journey of life and it appears like you have messed up His master plan and become someone you are not meant to be. But if you can go back to God and seek from Him what your purpose is, then the journey of restoration has truly begun.

“But how can I get that information from God?” I could hear you ask silently. You may not be very close to God right now but He is so close to you, perhaps closer than your clothes are to your skin. And He is willing to answer one very important prayer if you are yet to be His child; the prayer of salvation. If you will, pray this prayer:

“My Creator and God, I come to the end of myself and recognize how much I need Your salvation through the finished work of Your Son Jesus. I believe with my heart that He died for my sins and today I confess with my mouth that He is my Lord and personal Savior. I come into the family of God. Today, I am become a child of God in Jesus name. Amen.”

If you just prayed that prayer with a genuine mind, you are now a child of God. And you now have a greater access to Him now. So go to Him and ask Him why He created you; what is your purpose.

The Pattern to Discover Your Purpose

There is an approach to follow to discover your purpose. The blueprint for your greatness may not be so clear to you at this stage but there are noticeable indications that can lead you to it. One of such indications is your potentials.

What are your talents and natural skill sets? What things can you do with very less stress and much excitement? It may not be something very financially rewarding at the moment but your journey to purpose fulfillment starts with realizing these gifts. It could be as little as tying shoe laces or as great as public speaking but the most important thing here is to identify it.

When you come into agreement with those things that come to you naturally, the next thing is to identify your Burden. Life is both a journey and an assignment... A TRUST that you will one day give an account of. So what are you naturally burdened about in life... That is the pointer to your assignment.

When I was younger, I walked with an elder colleague and friend in our bid for breakthrough in the entertainment industry. On one fateful day, as we walked, I recognized his serious burden and constant complaining about the dirtiness and disorderliness of the environment. He is genuinely pained by the environmental pollution and its hazardous effects to the community.

Remember, I mentioned we were pursuing breakthrough in the entertainment industry, so he already knew his talents and skill sets. So I talked him into taking up the matter of environmental pollution

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more seriously; not to only complain about it but to do something to bring a change. That was partly his purpose.

Weeks later we were submitting proposals to the State Government and later on he shot some short videos to sensitize communities on ways to achieve a clean environment and hygiene. That is purpose fulfillment.

The common mistake people make and perhaps you have made is that you pursued exclusively the exploitation of your potentials for financial gain alone. You may know how to sing but it is your burden that will direct you into purposeful singing. You can sing (Potential) but what will you be singing (Purpose)? That is your purpose.

However to get 100% accuracy about your purpose here on earth, consult God your Creator in the place of prayer. You are now His child and nothing delights Him more than hearing your voice in the place of prayer.

Rearranging the Cards

Now you have to put the cart after the horse. No more haphazard approach to living. Agreed, money is very important but if you will be patient and follow the principle of Purpose you will see that your financial prosperity has also been factored into your purpose.

Every door will no longer be the door to your breakthrough. Follow your calling. That is where your greatness is assured. This new knowledge and encounter will affect even your relationships. You can't be friends with any person that comes your way, you are rebuilding your life right now and care is needed. You are detoxifying your life from the toxic information that has changed your divine

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programming. So give it some time and follow the process. That unhealthy crave for money must go and a new attitude of being a blessing must be developed. You must now begin to see yourself as a solution to a nagging problem. It is when you solve those set of problems that your financial greatness will emerge. Stop pursuing everything and follow your own path, running your own race.

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Rebranding Yourself

You are not who society has termed you. You are not your habit and failures. You are God's image, created for God's glory. Anything short of this is a lie aimed at making you accept a low life.

So much has influenced your life to this point. The outcome is unpalatable but now you can change it. It starts with changing your self-perception. How you see yourself is everything. In Scriptures, Gideon thought himself a common farmer and ordinary person until God took him to the camp of the enemy to eavesdrop on what they said of him. They termed him; Gideon the mighty man of valor.

Don't accept the temptation of agreeing with your past to define who you are. I don't care what mistakes you have done and the wrong path you once took or are still on. Now as a child of God who has known his or her purpose, the slate is clear and your new reality should be your identity.

It Starts With a Change of Mind

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. Change starts with recreating your self-image. Press pause, then delete the old self-image and insert a new one. Changing your self-image is not an easy job and it requires consistency and persistency. Abandon the old by faith and accept the new.

When you wake up in the morning, right there in your bed, do a self talk. Feed your mind with the new reality of your identity. Affirm stuffs like this to yourself daily and soon it will take root, transforming entirely, how you see yourself:

- I am created for a great purpose
- My life has a great meaning
- I have worth because the Son of God died in my stead
- I carry sufficient potential to be great and I am working out that greatness today and always
- I am a blessing to God and humanity
- I am highly sought after because I am a person of tremendous value
- I attract all I need to express who I am
- I am wealthy because I am what the world needs
- I am a new creature in Christ, old things are passed away
- Because I am forgiven, I abandon my past and accept my brand new future.

Saying stuffs like this will certainly change your mindset. And when your mindset is changed and aligned to your purpose, great things begin to happen. I can testify of the miracle imbedded in this principle and power of positive confession.

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Many years ago, I was friend to a young man (name withheld) who had an ambition for academics but was finding it difficult with English Language. And if you don't understand and use English Language properly, how would you make progress academically in an English speaking society?

I offered to teach him English Language from the very scratch which is Alphabets and he would pay a fee so he can take it seriously. He agreed to my terms and we started. In the course of teaching him, I introduced a daily assignment that its impact is still unforgettable. I told him to say 'I love English Language and English Language loves me.' He did it faithfully and in a short time his love for the subject exploded and learning increased. Very quickly, testimonies started pouring in on how his writings on social media are now making sense. The power of positive confession is so great. Its impact may be slow but it surely delivers lasting results.

Replace the image you have of yourself and soon your realities will express that image. It's a law!

Manifest the Real You

As we come to the end of this journey, I want you to gain the benefit of this life transforming journey by being courageous. When Abram was named Abraham by God, it must have been challenging to keep calling himself Abraham (Father of many nations) when he was old and without a single child. That is where courage comes in.

Do not allow friends, family and society reenacts your past. Courageously insist on your new reality. I keep emphasizing my new name. Politely but firmly I keeping making people realize I am now

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Andrew Peter Milestone not any other thing. It's working and I am loving it!

Truly your life is about to change. The truths inherent in this book are aimed at bringing a certain transformation to your life and I believe by God's grace it will as you practice the steps.

Conclusion

Surely it takes more than a single book to fully transform your life. It is with great joy and a sense of purpose that I have offered this timeless book for free to the world. However there is book I wrote that gathered so much positive reviews, I want you to read. It will build on what you already know from this book. It is called **WHY WAIT TO BLOW WHEN YOU CAN START TO GROW**. Hear what people are saying about the book:

*“Andrew Peter M. has written a primer for everybody who desires good success. **Why Wait To Blow When You Can Start To Grow** is the much needed healing response for this fragile and failing generation with the cancerous mindset of “To blow is the main thing”.*

*In a profound way, with utmost clarity and lucidity, using applicable and relatable illustrations and experiences, all confusions around the teaching of prosperity are cleared by this wholesome package. As a film maker, if I were to make an adaptation of this book, I will title it **Solution.**”*

KHOEMIZONA BABALOLA
Nollywood Actor/Film maker

- *This book exposes you to the realities of life.*

Unveiling The Real You

- *This is a very good book that challenges you to stand up tall (“Shoulders high”) confront and subdue every opposition on your way to the top.*
- *I call this book “a push and encouragement to start against all odds”.*
- **“SMALL BUT LOADED”**

Andrew Aisagbonhi
**CEO The 6th Touch Media/
Educationist with Lagos State Ministry of Education**

It's the perfect book for a fast paced world. You can finish this book in one sitting but will spend the rest of your life using the life changing wisdom imbedded in it. A quick read that will quickly change your life.

Some More Reviews for the Book

“Why Wait To Blow When You Can Start To Grow *transcends its time and will be relevant for many generations. I read it at a point when I was trying to find myself and put actions to my dream.*

It easily spelt out what is to be done and the writer has strategically highlighted in clear details what it truly means to grow in life.

This book will change your thinking and general perception about what it truly means to have a life full of bliss.”

Agbebi Sunday aka iambabonisu
CEO Phynell Kitchen

“This masterpiece is a mine of information and inspiration for those concerned about success and particularly the issue of ‘How do I know what my purpose is’, because there has been little in-depth information disseminated and so much misunderstanding plaguing our youth today.”

Blessing Uwadineke
Principal Partner
Magnus Alexis

“This book is not just a manual to living one’s dream, but a propeller to prospective entrepreneurs and an antidote to unemployment in the country like Nigeria.

Unlike other motivational speakers that say what is most times impracticable, Peter’s approach to this challenge is a doer’s approach that will work for anyone.

I therefore recommend this book as a souvenir to corps member in the National Youth Service Scheme.”

Oluodo Adedayo
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Owo.

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