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# THE POWER OF POSITIVE DESIRE

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*Dear Friend:*

**T**HE POWER OF POSITIVE DESIRE is a dynamic force that, if understood, will lift you to the realization of a happy, forceful, healthy and successful lifestyle.

We believe that the only authentic message from God is **good** news.

**God believes in you, values you and esteems you so highly that He created you just a little lower than Himself, then decked your world with every conceivable treasure and beauty for your health, happiness, success and fulfillment.**

THE POWER OF POSITIVE DESIRE is written to motivate you to reject mediocrity and to experience excellence.

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# THE POWER OF POSITIVE DESIRE

## Liberated From Limitations

**W**HEN I THINK of any one who is imprisoned by a sense of inferiority because of race, color, social, academic or economic status, or when I see someone who is lonely, abused, discouraged or afraid, I know that inside that individual is a **super person** whom I must find the way to set free.

### The Big Idea

God wants you...

To **desire** His best,

To **inquire** of His way,

To **admire** His provisions,

To **aspire** to His blessings,

To **require** His abundance,

To **perspire** (if need be) to attain His resources,

To **acquire** His lifestyle,

To **inspire** His posterity.

God wants you liberated from all limitations imposed upon you by any person, condition or system.

God's idea is: To share His life and His abilities with you, to make you happy, healthy, talented and prosperous, to make you into a **super human person**.

Jesus summed up His Father's will for **you** when He said:

*I came that **you** might have life – abundance of it.*<sup>Jn.10:10</sup>



**First: You will INQUIRE** about God's dream and His plan for you.

**Second: You will ADMIRE** God's abundant goodness and overwhelming liberality.

**Third: You will ASPIRE** to God's good life of excellence.

**Fourth: You will REQUIRE** God's best.

**Fifth: You may PERSPIRE** as you stake new claims and make new gains.

**Sixth: You will ACQUIRE** the blessings and the esteem of God's new lifestyle.

**Seventh: You will INSPIRE** your world around you.



## PENURY OR PROSPERITY

**I**F EVERYONE would use God's laws, discipline themselves and go for life's best, the "privileged" **few** would cease to monopolize the good life. The so-called "underprivileged" **majority** would transform themselves by God's principles and the successful life would be shared by the **many**.

Religions say, “Beware! Material affluence—or even sufficiency may corrupt or spoil people.”

This demeaning assault on Christian minds began during the Dark Ages.

An unprejudiced study of early Christianity reveals the practice of positive faith for God’s abundant lifestyle. **They prospered and they were generous.**

### **Doctrines to Sanctify Poverty**

Then Constantine’s acceptance of Christ popularized Christianity. Following this epoch, a dominating church hierarchy evolved to control business, science, education and religion. Astute ecclesiastical leaders manipulated public wealth until the religious system monopolized financial control, and the people were reduced to poverty through tolls and taxes.

The masses became restless in their subservient role and asserted their claim to a better life. That was when financial experts of the church hierarchy consorted with the clergy to invent doctrines which would sanctify poverty and thus pacify the peasantry.

Invoking God, they brainwashed the people who were not allowed to read the Bible.

Bible teachings intended to discourage the perverted love of money, have been twisted into threatening doctrines that material gain produces arrogance and invites damnation.

## **Neutered Creativity**

Religion has incessantly neutralized creativity by persuading people that to **desire** the better life is to “covet” or “lust” or “envy” the forbidden fruit.

**Inquire about God’s ideas for you.** Dare to be a thinker. Reexamine God’s dream. What was His idea for the people He created in His likeness?

After Satan tempted Adam and Eve to question God’s word and to disobey Him, there was no more basis for life on His level. But did God abandon His people project? What about the incalculable price He paid to repurchase you from slavery?

## **Created for the Good Life**

Why did God pay so much to restore you to Him?

The answer must be: That is how much He thinks you are worth!

If God values you that much, would **you** not be the reason for the abundance of His creation all around you? Who else would it have been created for?

## **Your Rightful Domain**

Many religious books conspire to condemn as sinful any desire for material blessing. Psychological books often confuse the problem by dividing people into categories of emotional subnormality.

So people withdraw within themselves and die in insignificance, loneliness, depression and confusion.



When Adam and Eve violated this rich trust, disobeyed God's law, and were consequently separated from the good life, **the positive power of desire became a negative force for greed, envy and lust.**

But now that God so loved us that He gave His Son to redeem us back to Him, if we accept this gift of love and believe that Jesus Christ took *our* judgment and justified us as though we had never sinned, we are restored to God and He comes back to live in us. **The wealth, beauty and abundance of this world become our domain again.**

### **Our Right to Choose and Win— Desire the Best**

Jesus Christ came with good ideas.

He came to show and to do God's will on earth.

He saw people like His Father saw them. He believed in them and lifted them. He forgave them and planted in them self-esteem.

He said **good things** are for people.

He taught **good news**.

THE POWER OF POSITIVE DESIRE is **good**.

But it springs from the **awareness** or the **knowledge** of who you are, of what God thinks of you, of what He provided for you, of what He planned for you in life.

*Faith comes by hearing the word of God.*<sup>Rom.10:17</sup>

Faith is your desire turned heavenward.

Prayer is your desire expressed Godward.

Action, based on knowledge, is your desire hooked up to a method for achievement. It is asserting your right to **be**, to **have**, to **do** whatever you desire that is good for God, for you and for people.



**God is trusting us to discover His laws of success, to discipline ourselves as His family members, and to become the material empire builders of His world.**

When Jesus Christ becomes Lord in any life, that man or that woman is then a member of God's family, of divine royalty, of God's kingdom or domain, and **His seat of authority and action is then headquartered in that person.**

No one in God's family was ever destined to exist in the prison of sickness or of fear, of ignorance or of poverty, of loneliness or of mediocrity.





## THE MASTER SUCCESS TEACHER

**ANGELS ANNOUNCED** Christ's coming by saying, *We have glad tidings of great joy for ALL people. Behold a Savior is born.*<sup>Lu.2:10-11</sup>

### A Savior From What?

From the judgment of our sins? Surely. But also from the curse of deterioration, self-deprecation and insignificance. From sickness and disease, from poverty and failure, from mediocrity and humiliation, from disobedience and death.

Jesus came as a Savior from the negativism of religion that condemns, demoralizes, threatens and negates human personhood.

Jesus came to this world to show people what God is like. He said, *If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.*<sup>Jn.14:9</sup>

Jesus was good. He was non-judgmental. He was happy. He had everything He ever needed. Nature was at His command. He was powerful. He lifted, blessed, helped, healed and loved people.

He showed us the kind of life the Father wants us to enjoy.

He said, *With God, ALL THINGS are possible.*<sup>Mk.10:27</sup>

He saw limitless possibilities everywhere.

He influenced people who were diseased by guilt, plagued by defeat, overwhelmed by problems and frustrated by prejudice to stand up tall

and proud and to discover that God believes in them and wills His best for them in happiness, health, success and self-esteem.



He wants to restore your faith in life if circumstances have broken your will.

**If you are poor**, He wants to give you hope and faith that good things in life are for you.

**If you have been blind to your value**, to your potential or to the possibilities around you, Jesus Christ wants to open your eyes to see a dozen solutions to problems you thought were impossible to solve.

**Your ears may have been stopped** and you missed the answers in life. The Lord will miraculously open them and you will hear what counts for life's best.

**You may have been demoralized** until you withdrew in failure and humiliation. Jesus will stand up inside of you and cause you to walk tall in life, and succeed where you failed before.

### **Hidden Possibilities**

**The greatest tragedy** in life is for people to live and die and never come out of themselves—to never realize the possibilities hidden within themselves.

**The greatest triumph** in life is for people to discover themselves in Christ—to discover the rich, full happy life God created them for—then to let Him fully develop that unlimited life in them.

*No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly before him.*<sup>Psa.84:11</sup>

*I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.*<sup>3Jn.2</sup>



## WHY REQUIRE THE BEST?

**YOUR GREATEST** personal development is to get God's view of the world, to see people as God sees them, to absorb His nature and to get in harmony with His emotions until He lives and loves and lifts people through you.

To accomplish this, we REQUIRE God's BEST.



## SEVEN BASICS OF POSITIVE DESIRE

**HERE ARE** the steps which lead to your dynasty of desire.

**1<sup>ST</sup> The vision of a better life** motivates you to **INQUIRE** about God's ideas, and to discover God's laws which are available to help anyone achieve whatever they desire.

**2<sup>ND</sup> You learn enough about God's abundant goodness** to dare to **ADMIRE** His good things in life.

**3<sup>RD</sup> You think about God's rich, unlimited resources** until you dare to **ASPIRE** to the good life for His glory and for humanity's good.

**4<sup>TH</sup> You look into God's law of liberty and realm of wealth** until, convinced of their value,

you decide that you **REQUIRE** His good things in order for His kingdom to prevail among people.

5<sup>TH</sup> **You become decisive enough about your desire** for God's good life to **PERSPIRE**, if need be, to stake new claims and to achieve new goals in life.

6<sup>TH</sup> **You become so convinced that you are re-born into royalty and that God's best belongs to you**, that you reach out and take what is yours; you possess it as your rightful domain and you **ACQUIRE** it.

7<sup>TH</sup> **You utilize the abundant goodness of God** that is manifested in your life to **INSPIRE**, to lift, to improve and to bless your world around you with your overflow.

These seven principles of THE POSITIVE POWER OF DESIRE are God's laws. They will work for **anyone** who is disciplined, decisive, committed and diligent enough to put them into action.



God wants **you** to be happy, healthy, prosperous, successful and fulfilled, with real living and genuine self-esteem.

No one is too poor to prosper; no one too sick to be healed; no one too helpless to get up; no one too condemned to be forgiven; no one too beat down, disparaged and dejected to rise to the better life.

Are you dissatisfied with life as it is? Do you **want** a better way? Do you **desire** a fuller life? Are you **willing** to be prosperous and successful

and to assume the responsibility of administering wealth and success?

### **The Wonder of A Human Person**

There is nothing on earth as awesome and as potentially powerful as a human being made in God's likeness.

**There is nothing as powerful as a human person with a living soul.**

### **Jesus Came to Inspire You**

It is great to talk about trusting God; but **what inspires me** is how God is trusting us.

It is great to think about what Jesus is worth; but **what inspires me** is when I think about what you and I must be worth. You are worth what God paid to save you.

It is great to talk about having faith in God; but **what inspires me** is to think about how much faith God has in us. He created us like Himself, then when we disappointed Him, He paid to restore us back to Him.

That is reason for **inspiration**.



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