Discover YOUR POTENTIAL

Genesis 1:26,27 "Then God said. 'Let Us make man in our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." (Also read v. 28)

This is one of the most important portions of the Bible.

According to this statement from God's Word we have the potential to RULE and be a WINNER. Also to live a FRUITFUL LIFE and REPRODUCE!

What do we mean when we talk of potential?

Dormant ability (that is ability that is inactive)
Yes in you there is power you have never
dreamed of being inside of you. (1 John 4:4)
We also have untapped strength and hidden
talent. You are wonderfully made by God.

Potential is everything that you can become!
Potential is everything that you can do!
Potential is how far you can reach!
Potential is what you can reach!
Potential is ability that is not exposed yet!

Potential is latent (sleeping) power!

WE HAVE POWER TO BIND AND LOOSE.
According to the words of Jesus in Matt. 18 v.18
"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

This has to do with forbidding or permitting.

If someone has a demon, we as believers can command the demon to leave that person, as Paul did in **Acts.16:18.** Thank God we have the authority in Jesus' Name to *forbid* the enemy and to even cast demons out as it is written in:

Mark 16:17 "In My Name they (those that believe) will cast out demons"

Potential is not to rest on what you have reached in life!

One of the most serious hindrances to our potential is the word "success".

Never be self-satisfied with the last goal that you have reached.

GOD MUST HAVE SEEN SOMETHING IN US WHEN HE CALLED US. Read 1 Corinthians 1 v. 26-29

There are more than 6 billion people on the earth. Each one is unique with their own set of fingerprints. You are therefore original and very precious.

God looked at <u>Gideon</u> and saw a "mighty warrior"(Judges 6 v. 12 to 16)

God looked at Adam and saw mankind.

God looked at <u>Jacob</u> (the traitor) and saw our Messiah.

God looked at a young shepherd boy, **David**, and saw an anointed king.

There are three groups of people these days:

The few that make things happen.

The few that watch things happen.

The majority of people who have no idea what are happening.

Have you decided to make a difference in your environment?

Success is not measured in the light of what others have achieved but rather by whether I've given my best.

In our graveyards the following lie buried:

<u>Dreams</u> that never became a reality.

<u>Songs</u> that was never written or sung.

<u>Books</u> that were never printed.

<u>Paintings</u> that never saw the light.

<u>Discoveries</u> that would make life easier.

<u>Plans</u> that never got further than the drawing board.

Ask yourself the following:

Who am I? Why am I here? What is the potential that is in me? What am I able to do? With what measure must I measure myself? Who sets the standards? What can I do to increase my abilities? What are my limitations?

Think of what happened to Abraham Lincoln.

He lost his job in 1832; He was voted in the executive council in 1834; He lost his wife in 1836; He had a nervous breakdown in 1838; He was defeated as chief whip of the executive council in 1838; He was defeated in his nomination for Congress in 1843; Abraham Lincoln was chosen for Congress in 1846. He was defeated as member of the Senate in 1854; He was defeated in his nomination as vice president of the USA in 1856; He was again defeated for the Senate in 1858; BUT HE WAS FINALLY CHOSEN AS PRESIDENT OF THE USA IN 1860!

Matthew 25: 14 to 30 (The story of the talents)

This tells us that God has given each of us talents or abilities. Some more, some less, but everyone has received. Some doubled their talents. Others didn't work with them but buried them.

No wonder that they lost even the little that they had!

<u>USE THE TALENTS GOD HAS GIVEN</u> <u>YOU.</u>

Someone said: "Failure is not the absence of success. Failure is the neglect of trying."

The source of all potential Do not look at creation to find out who you are! Because the purpose of something is only in the mind of the one that made it. Find out therefore why God made you.

You will never discover your purpose on the earth if you use another person to measure yourself.

Read: 2 Corinthians 5 v. 17 to 21

He that is in us is great and powerful!

Think of Peter – He was "Simon" which meant: "weak; ungovernable; and like a leaf" But God changed him to be "a rock".

Accept yourself, because if you feel good about yourself you will feel good about other people.

Philippians 4 v. 13

"I can do all things through Christ who **strengthens** me." The word **strengthens** in Greek means: "Christ who continues to infuse inner strength into me". (Amplified)

Dr Myles Munroe says:

"The people who change the world are people who take the word impossible out of their dictionaries. Whenever God gives you a responsibility, he also gives you the ability to meet that responsibility."

Stay connected to your origin (Gen.1:26-28)

Plants lose their life if they are taken out of the ground.

Fish lose their life if they are taken out of water.

PEOPLE LOSE TRUE LIFE IF THEY ARE NOT CONNECTED TO GOD.

You must work out your own potential

Philippians 2:12 – 13 "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."

If you want your potential to grow: "work out that which God has worked in you."

The first thing that God said to Adam after He made him was: "Work "
(Genesis 2 v. 15)

Work is not a curse or a sin. Understand Genesis 3 v. 19