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Greetings and Good Day!

Have you ever wondered why two people can sit in the same training and get different results? Do you think maybe one is smarter, quicker on his/her feet, or even born with special powers? In my studies and training, none of these factors have been proven to be true. However, consider this, if one goes into a training with a set of positive expectations, he/she stands a greater chance of getting positive results.

From this day forward live your life with a spirit of expectancy. You can win, you should win, and you MUST win due to the expectation being set. Wake up and go to bed with a plan of execution for your actions.

Remember, luck is Labor Under the Correct Knowledge. So, be **LUCKY** this month!

Kenston J. Griffin
Chief Executive Officer



Planning To Win

By: Christopher Land

In life we all face challenges, some greater than others, but challenges, none the less. It has been said, “When life gives you lemons, make lemonade”. Now I must say, this is a good idea, although you have to have the sugar, water, and ice ready.

I have found that proper preparation is planning to win. Here is how we all can win. Plan ahead for your challenges *before* they come. Creating good habits of planning places you in a much better situation, and gives you a better opportunity to win. Every successful team has a good coach and a good coaching staff. These coaches scout the week’s opponent before they ever face them. They prepare the game plan to defend against the other team’s best, while also preparing their team’s best offensive strategy. If it works for them, then that same philosophy should and will work for us.



If you know whom you are facing before you meet, shouldn’t you prepare a game plan? Determine what offense and what defense to “run”, what works best, and what you have learned from previous experiences. Put it all together before the game ever starts, and it gives you a better chance to win. That’s it; planning to

“Think little goals and expect little achievements. Think big goals and win big success.”

“Forgiveness, How Important Is It?”

By: Tonya R. Allen

While preparing for a training session, the topic of “Forgiveness” presented itself. This age old growth concept became very relevant. Therefore, this month’s article will focus on ***“Forgiveness, How Important Is It?”*** Before we begin to answer the question, let us evaluate the word forgiveness; which means to pardon, have mercy or pity, and my favorites, ABSOLUTION, AMNESTY, and EXONERATION.

Now ponder this scenario, which is an excerpt from my book *Stages of Womanhood*, as it relates to forgiveness. Have you ever taken a few minutes to imagine what that final Day of Judgment will be like? Can you imagine your defense attorney pleading your case, and the prosecuting attorney attempting to bring up all your past convictions? Then, suddenly, the defense attorney begins to speak saying, *“I was born of a virgin and walked the earth. While I was positioned here on earth, I was spat on, lied on, persecuted, beaten, nailed to a cross, bled the blood of righteousness, died and was buried, went to hell and was risen on the third day, for all of his/her past convictions and for him/her to have eternal life. Therefore, Judge, none of those prior convictions are valid and because he/she confessed with his/her mouth, and believed in his/her heart, this petition is DISMISSED!”*

Now, take a moment to answer the question, ***“Forgiveness, How Important Is It?”***

**“WITHOUT FORGIVENESS
LIFE IS GOVERNED BY AN
ENDLESS CYCLE OF RE-
SENTMENT AND
RETALIATION.”**

ROBERTO ASSAGIOLI

Ways to Stay on the “Edge”: “The True No Child Left Behind”

By: Jorris Edge

I have a question for you, is a child from the “hood”, a challenged neighborhood or an urban area different from a child that lives in a rural or suburb neighborhood? My answer is yes, they are different. Next question, do you have to teach or treat them differently? My answer is no.

About a month ago, I had the pleasure of having a conversation with two of my relatives about children. The relatives I was conversing with live in the “hood”. They feel children who grow up in challenged neighborhoods should be taught lifelong lessons harshly. I disagreed because I feel some adults today think they have to be “rough and tough” with children, especially children who live on the “wrong side of the tracks”. However, it does not matter where you come from, a child is a child. They may look different, may act different, and their upbringing may be different, but the bottom line is they are children. The children who come from challenged neighborhoods live the harsh reality everyday of their lives, and do not have the chance to be the child they want to be. Some children spend their time heading their households, seeing or being involved in drug transactions, being surrounded by all types of violent crimes, and a whole lot of other things that some of adults have not experience in their lifetime. The children today see so much of this so called “reality” life and in living color or through the television, that some children today have no fear about the world around them or they have too much fear, and they cannot use their imagination because they are faced with real adult issues everyday. Like the Toys R Us commercial states, “they don’t want to grow up they just want to be kids”.

As the saying goes “It takes a village to raise a child”. Village meaning the churches, family/extended family, educators, neighbors, and any positive adult that come in contact with a

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child. The village is not the streets, peers, or television. Raise can be defined as teaching the child lifelong lessons, but in a positive and nurturing manner. Remember it is not **what** you say, but **how** you say it. You can be truthful with a child without being ruthless to a child. To close this out I know we can make a change because I had the pleasure of seeing it for myself through a business meeting at a Christian charter school in North Carolina. This pastor was taking children from all around the city no matter where they came from, and when others thought there was no hope for them, he and his staff were able to make a difference in children's lives. People who did not believe in them were amazed at how the children transformed and behaved in the care of this pastor and his charter school.

This month the way to stay on the edge is to believe in the children, so they will believe in themselves to ensure that "no child is left behind".

The Financial Corner

By: Yolanda M. Polk

One of the most valuable rules we must learn in building a solid foundation in our financial portfolio is the difference between assets and liabilities. These two words separate the rich from the middle class and the middle class from the poor. You ask the majority of the people you know, they would have no idea how profound their assets are. Most people do not take the time to understand and others have not been educated. Let's keep this simple. An asset is what brings money into the household and a liability takes money out of the household. Acquiring assets creates a profit and buying liabilities is an expense. This is really all a person (you) need to know. People are waiting for the secret to create wealth or get rich.



wealthy or the middle class. If you know, have no profound assets is.

Well, the secret is out. **Acquire assets.** Most people will miss this important rule because it is so simple. If people would take the time to comprehend the simplicity, their life will have a plan and be financially easy.

The educational system teaches:

- study hard
- get good grades
- go to college
- intern over the summer
- graduate
- land a job with a Fortune 500 company
- get good benefits
- climb the corporate ladder
- work for 30 years
- retire with the gold watch

This style of teaching is good and may have worked for some people 20 or 30 years ago; however, with our fast growing society, we must educate ourselves on what is going to take us to that next dimension.

We, to some degree, have to deprogram our way of thinking. Acquiring assets versus spending money on liabilities is the key.

When our (your) time on this side has expired, what will your family remember you for? What will the dash on your tombstone between your birth date and your expiration date represent? Will the family get together to help pay for your home going services, or will your attorney come over to share how your estate will be divided. It is stated in the book of Proverbs, **"A good man (or women) leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just"**.

Always remember if your desire is to become wealthy or rich we must acquire assets. **"Success Is A Journey Not A Sprint"**.



Using Your Power to Advance

By: Mesha Cameron, Editor

In life we all face GIANTS, or should I say things we allow to be GIANTS, in our lives. Having made the previous statement, I would like to pose a question, “What are you allowing to be a GIANT in your life?” A GIANT is defined as *a person or thing of unusually great size, power, or importance*. So, again I ask, “What are you allowing to be a GIANT in your life?” The keyword here is *allowing*.

We have the power to create. At the beginning of time, the Creator gave us the power to call things as we see them, and that is what they would be called. Many times people get caught up in the fact that Eve should not have bitten the forbidden fruit, but why not take a look at the other powerful events that took place in the book of Genesis. The Creator gave Adam the power to name every living creature (Genesis 2:19). When He gave Adam that power, He also gave it to you. Stop giving your power away and use it to defeat your Giants.

One thing is for sure, a thing or person cannot become more important than you allow it/he/she to become. So, today I give you permission to do the thing that the Creator already gave you the power and authority to do, defeat your GIANTS!!!

“He who gains a victory
over other men is strong;
but he who gains a victory
over himself is all
powerful.”

Lao Tzu

What are you waiting for? Once you begin to understand the power that has been given to you, nothing will ever stand in your way towards advancing in the endeavors you set out to accomplish. You do not have to belittle someone to advance, just remember who you are and what has been giving to you. **YOU, my friend, are MORE THAN A CONQUEROR!**



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