

The Power to Become

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The Word Made Flesh

We started near the beginning of this book talking about your identity, which is also how we're going to end it. The reason is you must be able to reaffirm who you are beyond what you do in order to be sustainable over the long-term. This is crucial to His goal for all of His children to reflect and represent the image and character of Christ in all that we do.

God created you for a specific reason for a specific season. And after He created you He called you into service for His Kingdom. The beauty of this process is that God doesn't call the qualified, instead He qualifies those He calls. And part of the qualifying process is giving you the power to become just like Jesus.

You becoming just like Jesus is critical to God's plan to return back to us the earthly dominion, power, and authority that was lost by Adam. Through the work of grace by Christ on the cross, we have the incredible opportunity to embody the life of Jesus and do greater works than he did while he walked the planet (John 14:12). In fact all of creation is groaning in anticipation fervently waiting for Believers to wake up to our true identity in Christ and live the powerful life that God intended for us to live (Romans 8:19-22).

You cannot reach the fullness of your potential impact in this world until you deeply embrace and incorporate the character, mindset, and essence of Jesus into your life.

Identity Theft

Did you know that identity theft is one of the fastest – if not *the* fastest - growing crime in the United States? Over 15 million people a year experience the theft of their credit cards, bank accounts, medical information, tax refunds, utilities, and more, resulting in more than \$50 billion in losses. On a case-by-case basis, approximately 1 out of every 7 adults have their identities misused with each instance resulting in approximately \$3,500 in losses.

Unfortunately this issue seems to be getting worse the more that our personal information is digitized and easily accessed online. However, that is not the type of identity theft that impacts most entrepreneurs. There's another type of identity theft that happens to them everyday as they pursue ventures and opportunities that were not meant for them.

I have come to realize that many entrepreneurs suffer from a bad case of "mistaken identity." They have aligned their personal identity so closely aligned with their professional image, that their profession (almost) becomes the totality or essence of their existence.

When an entrepreneur has this syndrome, they spend most of their time focusing outside-in versus inside-out. This means that they are more concerned by what they do more than on who they are as a person. Many entrepreneurs often don't take the time to do a self-inventory. They spend more time inventorying their businesses than they do inventorying their personal lives. It's sad to say, but they don't have a strong sense of who they are outside of their daily business activities.

One of the dangers for those individuals who have placed their entire identity solely in their business or profession is that if something causes a sudden or dramatic change in their professional status or job situation, a severe emotional upheaval often follows. We have all heard of those individuals who have done radical and even violent things to themselves or others as a result of a job loss.

Change can be traumatic for anyone. However, it's even worse for those whose identity is so closely tied to the things that are changing. The reality is that you don't stop "being" just because your situation changes. Who you are stays constant. The key is knowing who you are prior to change coming. And since you can't predict when the change is coming, you must commit to a continual process of discovering and reaffirming who you are.

The truth is your value to your family, community, and society is worth so much more than what you do in your business. Your real value is in who you were created to be. Therefore, what you do as an entrepreneur should flow out of your understanding and appreciation of your life purpose and mission.

So, even when your business or profession experiences challenges that force change on you, your clear understanding of why you are alive will help to guide you confidently to your next opportunity. You may not like changing and changing may be inconvenient for you; however, you will be able to quickly adjust and prepare for the next opportunity that's coming to you. Your business or job may change, but your identity stays the same.

Becoming Like Christ in Business

"What you get by achieving your goals is not nearly as important as what you become by achieving them." - Zig Ziglar

Entrepreneurs are often told that in order to grow their businesses, they need to spend more time working "on" their business versus working "in" their business. I agree with this, but a more important piece of advice is often overlooked or undervalued. That advice would be that entrepreneurs need to spend more time working "on" themselves. If an entrepreneur spends quality time working on themselves, they will be that much more effective working on and in their business.

While we are all a work in progress, there are certain things we can do to be more intentional about our growth and development. Becoming a Christ-like entrepreneur is a process that requires the faithful application of specific principles. Here are three principles that you must incorporate into your daily life if you are to become the Christ-like entrepreneur God wants you to be...

1) What You BELIEVE (Think) is Who You BECOME

Your belief system is tied directly to who you are and the potential of who you can become. In 2 Corinthians 10:5, Paul tells us that we must cast down every thought and imagination that takes a higher priority over what God has said about us. He then expounds on that truth in Philippians 4:8 as he encourages us to us to focus our thoughts on things that are honest, just, of a good report, excellent, and praiseworthy. Your belief system must be rooted in the Word of God in order to produce the life and business of your dreams.

2) Your BELIEFS Drive Your BEHAVIOR (Actions)

Your actions are a true indication of what you really believe. Therefore, you must control the conversations that go on between your ears. You have to learn to tell your mind what to think so that what you produce with your actions is continually drawing you closer to God and to your goals. If you see that your actions are drawing you away from God and your goals, the first place of inspection is the source of what you believe. And if it's anything other than God's Word you must change the source of your belief system.

3) Your WORDS WIN the WAR (Spiritual Warfare)

You need to recognize that the battles we face as Believers and Kingdom entrepreneurs are primarily spiritual that result in natural consequences. Your words will either support or sabotage your faith. So one of the critical strategies of winning the spiritual war is through the words we speak in prayer and during our daily activities. We overcome our enemies and obstacles by the words we speak in agreement with what God has already declared (Revelations 12:11). As Kingdom leaders what we decree is established in heaven and on the earth (Job 22:28, Matthew 18:18). Instead of complaining about the conditions of things that you see and don't like, you have the power to speak into existence what we want to see (Romans 4:17). Declare your victory over every situation and circumstance that doesn't line up with God's promises. The power of life and death is in your own tongue so don't conspire with the enemy to participate your own demise.

Remember your faith is always at work building something in your life. The question is are you building something great for God or something negative based on a corrupted belief system.

I AM DECLARATIONS

To close out this book listed below are thirty-one declarations based on who God says you are. You can say one per day or choose multiple per day on which to meditate. The goal is that the more you embrace God's opinion of you, the more you will embody the life of Christ in all that you do, including your business.

1. I am a child of God (Romans 8:16)
2. I am loved by God (John 3:16)
3. I am forgiven of all my sins (Ephesians 1:7)
4. I am one in Christ (John 17:21)
5. I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21)
6. I am called of God (2 Timothy 1:9)
7. I am the apple of my Father's eye (Psalm 17:8)
8. I am being changed into His image (2 Corinthians 3:18)
9. I am a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)
10. I am the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19)
11. I am seated with Christ in Heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6)
12. I am an heir of God and joint-heir with Jesus (Romans 8:17)
13. I am the spiritual seed of Abraham (Galatians 3:16)
14. I am redeemed from the curse of the Law (Galatians 3:13)
15. I am blessed with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3)
16. I am above and not beneath (Deuteronomy 28:13)
17. I am a lender and not a borrower (Deuteronomy 28:13)
18. I am the elect (Colossians 3:12)
19. I am fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14)
20. I am set free (John 8:31)
21. I am led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14)
22. I am more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37)
23. I am healed by His stripes (Isaiah 53:5)
24. I am walking by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7)
25. I am a laborer together with God (1 Corinthians 3:9)
26. I am an imitator of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:1)
27. I am an overcomer by the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony (Revelation 12:11)
28. I am delivered from the powers of darkness (Colossians 1:13)
29. I am doing all things thru Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)

- 30. I am living in the shalom of God (Hebrews 4:10)
- 31. I am victorious (2 Corinthians 2:14)

There are some many more that could be added to this list, so this is just a beginning. The additional component of this process to write down and declare what you believe God has promised you specific to your business present and future. Again, you want to declare these over your business everyday. You could write something like this:

- 1. I am a great husband and father
- 2. I am debt free
- 3. I am the possessor of billion dollar ideas that impact billions of people
- 4. I am a world renowned, highly sought after preacher of the Word of God and author
- 5. I am the Marketplace Pastor and President of Kingdom Business University, which is a billion dollar business and ministry producing and training marketplace apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers who are entrepreneurs, business leaders and community change agents.
- 6. I am the leader of a business incubator, which has a multimillion dollar budget used to transform families and communities by incubating dreams, growing businesses and creating jobs
- 7. I am a media industry influencer

Now it's your turn...

Business Declarations

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Now go BE who you ARE!

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