

THE POWER OF YOUR POTENTIAL

- How do you see yourself when you look in the mirror? Maybe as someone who has lost all hope or as someone who is always mixed in their problems.
- Are you destroying your potential with your negative thoughts?
- Do you choose peace or anger?
- Do you choose faith or doubt?

Change your thoughts and you will change your life!

Philippians 4:8-9 – NIV

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

- You choose your thoughts every day.

Proverbs 16:24 – NIV

²⁴ Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Luke 1:37 – NKJV

³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible.”

Matthew 17:20 – NIV

²⁰ He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

- Your potential is limited by your lack of belief (by disbelief)
- What is your potential?
- You have an unlimited potential in the bible, which is the word of God.

Illustration: the eagle that was born and was raised with chickens

What is blocking your potential?

1. Excuses
2. Complaints
3. Laziness
4. Comfort

Ecclesiastes 6:3 – NIV

³ A man may have a hundred children and live many years; yet no matter how long he lives, if he cannot enjoy his prosperity and does not receive proper burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he.

- Discovering and developing your potential takes risks.

Psalms 16:11 – NKJV

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

- A bad mood robs you of the joy of life.

Isaiah 40:29-31 – NLT

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

³¹ but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

- Those who run in faith are the ones who reach their highest potential.
- The power of your potential is limited by the way you think.

Proverbs 23:7 – NKJV

⁷ For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...

You have the potential to have a successful business

You have the potential to had a successful house of peace

You have the potential to have a successful subnet

You have the potential to have a united and happy family

You have the potential to achieve your dreams

THE SPIRIT OF CALEB

Numbers 14:24 (NIV)

²⁴ But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

Similar things:

1. The twelve spies were leaders of their own tribes.
2. The twelve spies received the same promise.
3. The twelve spies received the same opportunity.

The differences:

(the majority)

1. Ten said “NO”
2. They misunderstood their mission.
3. They looked at the opposition.

Numbers 13:31-33 (NIV)

³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” ³² And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. ³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

(The minority)

1. Two said “YES.”
2. They understood their mission.
3. They saw that God was greater than the opposition.

Numbers 13:30 (NKJV)

³⁰ Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.”

Able to, *Yakol*: to have the ability, to have the power, the capacity to overcome or to have success.

Caleb uses *yakol* to indicate his clear and firm conviction that the people possessed all the physical and spiritual resources to achieve victory

Consider the attitudes of the majority:

1. They disobeyed God
2. They believed that the land had no fruits
3. Manifested cowardness based off of fear
4. They ignored God in their report
5. They saw themselves as small/low self-esteem

How a negative report contaminates:

Deuteronomy 1:28

²⁸ Where can we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our hearts, saying, "The people *are* greater and taller than we; the cities *are* great and fortified up to heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there." '

A negative report kept almost 2 million people from their inheritance in Canaan.

The poisoned report that was given by the ten spies sent almost 2 million people to die in the desert.

The promise was delayed for 40 years

The attitude of the minority:

1. Obedience to God
2. They insisted in entering and owning the land
3. They showed their worth and faith
4. They had peace and security
5. They saw themselves as God saw them

The result

Numbers 14:37-38

³⁷ those very men who brought the evil report about the land, died by the plague before the Lord. ³⁸ But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of the men who went to spy out the land.

Lessons to apply:

1. Our attitude towards obstacles determine how we face them.
2. Our attitude determines our relationship with others
3. Our attitude is the difference between success and failure
4. Our attitude at the beginning of a job determines how we will finish it
5. Our attitude can change our problems into blessings

Give me this mountain**Joshua 14:10-12**

¹⁰ And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the Lord spoke this word to Moses while Israel ¹⁰wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old. ¹¹ As yet I *am as*strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength *was* then, so now *is* my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. ¹² Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the Lord spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great *and* fortified. It may be that the Lord *will be* with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord said."

Joshua 15:14

¹⁴ Caleb drove out the three sons of Anak from there: Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmi, the children of Anak.