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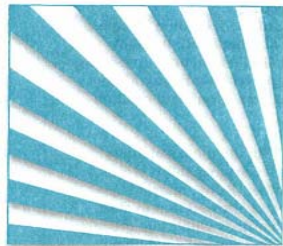
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## Releasing Supernatural Ministry Into the Marketplace

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#### HINDRANCES TO HEARING THE LORD

##### 1. BEING LOST

*To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.*

John 10:3-5 (RSV)

That's a reassurance to me that sheep know the voice of their shepherd... It's your birthright as a child of God... Don't ever say "I can't hear God"... It's your right to hear and know His voice...

If God appeared in your room and sat down on your bed you better be confirming it by His guidance system...

If a baby knows the voice of it's mother... then we can learn the voice of God.

##### 2. NOT BEING SPIRIT FILLED

*Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

John 7:39 (RSV).

*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

John 16:13 (KJV)

The Gifts of the Spirit, Prayer Language, these are not a merit

badge but a divine enablement.

##### 3. PRIDE IS ANOTHER HINDERANCE THAT WILL KEEP YOU FROM HEARING GOD

*Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. Psalms 25:8-9 (RSV)*

JESUS USED WORDS LIKE "YOU STIF-NECKED", WHAT HE MEANT WAS..... You rebellious, Un-teachable, you who can't bend, can't change, can't repent, can't take responsibility, know it all, Proud, lifted up.

*Likewise you that are younger be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you.*

1 Peter 5:5-6 (RSV)

GOD HAS PROMISED TO GUIDE THE MEEK...

*The meek will he guide in judgment; and the meek will he teach his way.*

Psalms 25:9 (KJV)

##### 4. SELF DECEPTION WILL KEEP YOU FROM HEARING GOD- IF IT'S CLEAR SCRIPTURE... WILL YOU DO IT???

*if any man's will is to do his will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. He who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.*  
John 7:17-18 (RSV)

You cannot approach the Word with the attitude... "If it agrees with what I want to do, I'll do it... if it doesn't I won't.

*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.* For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who observes his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing. James 1:22-25 (RSV)

This explains why so many Christians Never Change... they walk to the mirror of God's word... they see themselves as God sees them.... and then they just walk away not doing it....UNCHANGED..... the mirror always reveals what is wrong... it is amazing that Many Christians walk away from the very thing designed for their betterment...

##### 5. DISHONESTY... LACK OF INTEGRITY WILL KEEP YOU FROM HEARING GOD

*The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them. Prov 11:3 (RSV)*

A lot of the will of God comes down to doing what's honest and what's right.

So if you don't want to be honest... don't even claim to want to know the will of God...

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## Head, Heart and Hands — Part One — Head Alignment

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There has been much said and written about godly prosperity and provision for Kingdom Purposes. I have seen and know many people in the Body of Christ who prosper and do well and I know those that struggle, in a seemingly endless fashion, in finances. At times this makes them ineffective for ministry or at the least very, very stressed out.

I would like very much to share some of the things God has taught me and some things I have learned the hard way regarding finances, success and failure.

First let me say that if you struggle in the area of finances, it probably does *not* mean you have inadequate “faith”. Many folks have been abused and beat themselves up from well meaning folks in the “faith movement” in this area, to the point that some have rejected any sort of teaching on the subject of godly provision and have in effect, thrown the baby out with the bathwater!

I would like very much to put forth that the key to *godly* prosperity is ALIGNMENT. Alignment is critical in many things for proper operation. If the wheels on your car are out of alignment, you will soon know it. The car will tend to veer either to the left or to the right, never quite tracking in cooperation with each other. Without alignment, things become more difficult. All four tires must be pointed or aimed in exactly the same direction at the same time. If not there is a “resistance” that can be felt. This affects steering and economical operation. It also adds additional stress to key operating systems on the car, causing premature wear.

This is a metaphorical example of course, but demonstrates what I am talking about. Most mechanical devices that have moving parts require that these parts, that work together in harmony, must be aligned properly with the others.

There are things about the human soul that must also be aligned with the others in order to operate as the creator designed them, in smooth unison.

In my experience there are three key ingredients in a Christian’s life that must ALIGN with each other, before faith can be released.

A believer has these things that must be aligned:

### A HEAD

### A HEART

### And HANDS

It is critical that these three simple elements work together, in perfect alignment in order to be able to perform your Kingdom calling. The first two are definitely part of the soul of man, his head or how he **THINKS** and his heart, where he **FEELS**. Let’s start with these two first. First of all, the head...

### HEAD ALIGNMENT

**Romans 12: 2 ...be transformed by the renewing of your mind...**

Okay this is the tough one. I will lose some of you here and maybe even make a few mad at me. I have stopped preachin’ and gone to meddlin’!

Head alignment is perhaps the most difficult of the three to achieve and to maintain. Some of what I am about to say will not sit well with some readers at all. This is because changing one’s thinking is almost always painful and difficult. However I am convinced that the lion’s share of misery is directly attributable to “wrong thinking”.

**Proverbs 23:7 says, “As a man thinketh in his heart, so he is...”**. I used to read this verse and think it dealt with sin, or with self-image, or with faith. The correct answer is all of the above. What you **THINK** about any number of topics, will determine how you approach them in your daily life. Such as:

- **Self**
- **Sin**
- **Money**
- **Family**
- **Church**

Ninety percent of our success in any venture originates in the head or the human mind.

Many of us, as Christians are hamstrung, out of the gate, by what Joyce Meyer called “stinking thinking”. This will vary based on cultural, ethnic or geographical upbringing, but most folks who are poor are in that situation due to *mindsets* they have either

developed on their own or that was instilled in them by parents or others who also suffered from stinking thinking.

I live and was raised in Appalachia, a stronghold of this kind of thinking and a stronghold of crushing poverty. I have heard for many years that there is a “spirit” of poverty that hovered over this region. Baloney!

If there is a spirit at work here, it the spirit of willful ignorance! It is the spirit of a cultural mindset that celebrates failure and celebrates lack and need. It is most insidious in the church, sadly and in religious cultures that insist that to be poor is to be somehow holy. The mentality of poverty stems from a culture of entitlement, that someone, somehow owes things to people and a mentality of cultural and socio-economic seclusion

In other words we have often allowed welfare - type programs, or an organized labor mindset, or a refusal to realize there is more to be achieved in life that what we currently know, to keep us in the chains of lack and poverty.

I know many, many people whose perception is, that anyone who makes more money than *they* do, must have come by it dishonestly, when in reality their incomes are average. They are so narrow in their perception of the world that well paid or affluent people are somehow crooked and bear watching.

Some of us were told by parents that we would never amount to anything. Some were told they were limited in what they could achieve. Many were held down by an unfair, or even a racist society, and made to believe their options were limited.

Some people were simply raised in an environment of under-achieving parents who may or may not have been substance abusers, or simply lazy. In any case there are a myriad of reasons why people have a thought process that cripples their chance to succeed. This applies in financial success, but also in the area of relationships, education, spiritual growth, etc.

**The key is to recognize, that for whatever reason, that your personal level of achievement can be altered and improved, by merely a change in thinking!**

Now let me say, one of the hardest things one will ever do is to change one’s thinking. It is extremely difficult to unseat the brain waves

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we have taken a lifetime to set up.

**Goals for Head Change**

Develop a mindset of self-help. It's no ones's job to improve your current situation or to improve your future, but yours alone.

Tell yourself that **"life is a self-fulfilling prophecy"**

Tell yourself that being successful is for you as well as any one else who aspires to it.

Tell yourself that **whatever it takes**, you will do...

Tell yourself that, yes...you can make things better. Only you, with God's help.

Identify outside influences that keep you chained in your current situation. If you are doing things in a way that does not

make your life better, STOP IT! Many lifestyle choices and habits are self defeating, such as alcohol and drug abuse, gambling, compulsive shopping or buying things you cannot afford on credit. Just STOP IT!

Separate yourself as much as possible from people who will not stop thinking in poor ways and would drag you down. Remember, if you succeed, they will look bad and rest assured, people will try to drag you down.

Identify where you made a bad decision. Most people who are suffering in a situation of lack are in that situation because of bad, at or at the very least poorly thought out choices. If you decided to skip college, trade school, or even high school, **your** personal choice has brought you to where you are. Even more distressing, if you made

a choice in education that has failed you, you have to identify that situation. I know individuals with \$100,000 in student loans, working on a Masters Degrees (with student loans) who cannot support themselves, nor likely will they. This is an extreme, but sadly, not all that uncommon scenario.

I have spent quite a lot of time encouraging my children, when choosing educational paths, to think it through, and choose an educational path that will take you where you want to be **FINANCIALLY** as the first priority. You may pursue a degree program in a field that **"interests"** you or in a field you think will make you feel good about yourself, but if 20 years later, you are broke and going nowhere, you have made a bad decision.

Remember it is never too late to make an effort to improve, no matter the poor choices in the past.

*To be continued in March 2008 Newsletter.*

**TOP TEN PREDICTIONS FOR 2008**

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost.

God whispers in your soul and speaks to your mind. Sometimes when you don't have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at you.

It's your choice: Listen to the whisper, or wait for the brick.

**God's Guidance System — Cont. from pg. 1**

**6. REFUSING TO LIVE AN EXAMINED LIFE WILL HINDER YOU FROM THE GUIDENCE OF GOD'S WILL.**

*The selfish man quarrels against every sound principle of conduct by demanding his own way. **Prov 18:1 (Living)***

He will not receive wise counsel.

*And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **2 Thess 2:10 (KJV)***

Are you a lover of truth???... TRUTH CAN HURT ... it can be very painful to face the truth... but you have to face it before you can change.... By continuing in His Word, I can know the truth and the truth set me free...

*And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. **2 Thess 2:11-12 (KJV)***

**7. NOT KNOWING THE WORD OF GOD**

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. **Psalms 119:105 (KJV)***

Light... leading you a step at a time in your journey... God doesn't give us a

lamp that illuminates all that is ahead of us but only enough for the next step.... What good would it do you to have headlights on you car that could see into the next state? ... You only need enough to negotiate the next turn.... God is the same way... He wants me to dependant on Him... In relationship to Him... Close to Him.... So that He gives you daily bread...

Know His Written Word.... Know His Living Word...I can know them

*He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. **Psalms 103:7 (KJV)***

Want to bring a curse to the next generation??

*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. **Hosea 4:6 (KJV)***

God wants us to be this intimate with Him.

*I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. **Psalms 32:8 (KJV)***

Are you facing a decision right now that is major...something big... and you are not certain what to do???... God wants you to have direction by His plan for guidance.

# The Leadership Principle of Developing People

“The master may get better work from an untrained apprentice than from a skilled rebel.” Proverbs 26:10



By John e. Schrock, Businessman

*Underline the key concepts found in this principle.*

To develop means to become gradually fuller, larger or better. It can apply to anything such as people, products or attitudes. Since life is a process, we are all involved in developing physically, mentally and spiritually. We are not born developed, but we are all born with the potential to develop. So, why would we prefer to hire untrained people over the trained rebel? Very simply, the trained rebel thinks he knows it all; therefore, he may not be adaptable to our organization. His skills may be good, but if he has an overbearing attitude about himself and his skills, he will be a problem. This tells us that the will of a person is more valuable than the skills. If we have a man's will, he can be developed in his potential.

There are two things that are very important to the outcome of any life:

1. The environment in which we are born and nurtured.
2. The environment which we choose for ourselves.

The first environment is not our choice. The hands that feed us, the attitude and how they treat us, as well as the things they teach us will have much to do with our outcome. Why? Because we are like raw material that can be shaped and molded into almost anything. The first eight years of our life may well determine much of our future because of the paradigms developed in us. Of course, we can make decisions for ourselves later on, but even then they will be made by the paradigms of our past.

The second environment, which we choose for ourselves, is even more important than the first, because we be-

come responsible for our own choices. So, if our first was a good environment, it will continue to help us develop. But if it was a negative or distorted environment which brought bondage, we have the opportunity to accept or create a new one. It's like being born again. The new environment will give us a new paradigm and a chance to develop into our potential. We must remember the power of an environment. The mind or the spirit of man is like a seed; within every seed lies the potential of life. If the seed is in a dry, cool environment, it will not produce or develop; it will lie dormant. But if we take the seed and place it in a warm, moist environment, it will automatically grow and develop. It will reach its full potential if the environment remains correct. We are much the same—if the environment is right, we grow and mature and produce to our potential. This principle works for our family, our business or in any organization.

We must always consider these three things as we grow and develop:

1. Have a life-time, fixed vision of what we would like to become.
2. Examine the past to see if we need a paradigm shift to get there.
3. Study the values of life and determine which ones will create the right environment for our goals.

We should never consider ourselves too old to review these. However, the longer we live with a certain paradigm, the harder it is to break it. So we must accept the fact that if we want to develop into our potential, we must always be prepared to change. Sometimes we want to change others rather than ourselves. If we are going to develop our children, employees or our society, we must lead them into proper values. As parents, we must take the responsibility

to prepare our children for their future. Much of their future depends on us. As employers, we should develop people to fit into our organizations with their future in mind. The final outcome of all our influence and development of people is the creation of a culture, an environment in which we live. We should always remember that we have developed or created our situations and our successes by the way we have developed our people.

*This principle is part of the one year character development program:*

## Foundations for Achievement.

### Discussion:

Does your team consist more of skilled rebels or untrained apprentices?

What kind of environment for change exists in your family, business, and church?

### Measuring up to the plumbline:

How well are you currently applying this principle in your life? (10 being highest, 1 being lowest)

Can you see the value of raising your rating?

### Thoughts to Ponder:

An ego trip is like taking a vacation but never leaving home.

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