



Wow!

Isn't this year going fast! Easter has already come and gone and it's nearly May. I hope that you are doing fine and winning in life through the application of God's Word. Remember, **3 John 2** tells us, "*That God wishes above all things that we prosper and be in health even as our soul prospers*". God wants you to increase. There is an abundance in this world for everybody. God has placed His creative Spirit within us and given us the ability to dream and imagine. **I DARE YOU** to ask yourself a question "What will life be like 10 years from now?" Take the time to dream and imagine and ponder this question. **Take the time to dream!** Dreaming is one of the most important things you can do, but then as I like to say "Go ahead and add steam to your dream, put your hand to the plough and don't look back. Act now, be proactive by taking some positive practical steps towards seeing your dream come true." Remember to ask yourself what will life be like 10 years from now.

Dream time

Also includes time to think and to plan. One of the most important things you can do is to dream and then to think and plan. **I DARE YOU** to write a plan. I read once, "that if you fail to plan you plan to fail." To have a written vision is important and to have written goals to achieve is like having signposts on your road to success. The goals keep you on track and they keep you focused.

Read time

- My dad always said to me "The wealth of the world is in books, so Shaun remember to read books and collect good books". I have made it a practice of my life to read and to collect books. The Bible says to study to show ourselves approved unto God, so most importantly **I DARE YOU** to read a portion of the Bible every day. **I DARE YOU** to study and meditate the portion that you have read allowing God's Word and the faith and life it contains to be released in your spirit by the Spirit of God. **Observe to do all that is written in God's Law (His Word) and then you shall make your way prosperous and then you shall have good success!**

Discipline

"Remember discipline!" We are His disciples, we are His disciplined followers. Discipline is delayed gratification. **I DARE YOU** to neglect the good to give yourself to the best. Discipline creates good habits and through the force of good habits we ascend to the pinnacle of success. We must learn to pray. *Prayer is a discipline of being a disciple of Jesus, we must learn to pray and then obey.* **I DARE YOU** to pray and obey. The Bible tells us if we are willing and obedient we will eat the good of the land. As we pray, listen and obey, obedience will take us where prayer alone won't or can't. This form of obedience becomes Holiness, because it is submission and

action (conformity, obedience, surrender) to the Divine Will. Obeying God is the highest form of worship. Our life surrendered and in total obedience to His Will.

Perception

What will life be like 2 years from now? **I DARE YOU** to think or imagine. In the Oxford Dictionary the word perception means "act or faculty of perceiving, intuitive recognition, action by which the mind refers its sensations to external object as cause". People who are perceptive have the ability to discern a situation or circumstance. It's like having insight into a character or circumstances with understanding. If we can perceive and have insight into what the future will be like 2 years from now we can plan and invest accordingly. **I DARE YOU** to take time to imagine and perceive the future. Ask yourself the question "What will life be like?" Step into your creative God given mind and imagination.

Success

One definition I read of success was the willingness to bare pain. Are you willing to bare pain? As someone once said, "**no pain no gain**". Discipline (delayed gratification) can be painful. Disciplines can be painful, we have to put the flesh down, make some changes and do some things different than what we have done before. **We might have to go without or do without some things.** We might have to miss out on some things by investing our time into another area that's in line with our goals. **We have to break through the pain barrier, pay the price, pay the price for success.** Be willing to bare the pain that others are not prepared to bare. Pay the price that others are not prepared to pay. When we look at any top Olympic athlete, we see a person who is willing to pay the price for success. We see an individual that was willing to bare the pain. A person that was prepared to break through personal pain barriers and invest their time and energy at great personal sacrifice to stand among the world's best in their chosen field of endeavour. **I DARE YOU** to succeed by being willing to pay the price and bare the pain.

God bless you,

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