

A close-up portrait of a woman with dark hair and bangs, smiling warmly. She is wearing a red top and a pearl necklace. The background is black.

**Bringing Out The
BEST in
YOU
through
Life
Challenges**

It is Your Time to Achieve

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BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN YOU

In order to bring out the best in you through life challenges, you must stay focused on your vision and mission. Life challenges do not come to destroy you, but to prepare you for your destiny. The challenge is how you handle the situation, which will determine the outcome. That is why you should not make any decisions based on your emotions or moods. Always remember you are a diamond in the rough; therefore, look at yourself as being that ugly, hard coal before it is made into a beautiful diamond. The coal is heated to a very high temperature and then undergoes external pressure. The process of the coal being heated under pressure continues until the coal turns into the beautiful diamond it was intended to be. Thus you are going through the same process of being made into a beautiful diamond. Your situation is the fire purifying you. The hotter the fire in your situation, the more the unproductive characteristics in you are being burned out so when you are taken out of the fire for a moment, new characteristics are being created in you. As a result, you must go through the process of being made before you can achieve the destiny God has planned for your life.

This is why we encourage you as a leader to allow life's challenges to bring out the best in you instead of the worst. God has given you every tool you need to win, especially when you ask Him for help. According to Psalm 121:1-2, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth". Always ask God for help in every situation, and you will win no matter how tough, rough, or unmanageable it may seem. The key is since God made heaven and earth, everything and everyone is under His control and He will work out the situation for your good. Because God made a promise to you, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28, KJV).

Dealing With Negative Challenges

One of the biggest challenges everyone faces is dealing with uncertainty. Uncertainty can cause a great deal of stress and fear, whether it is in your personal life or professional life. Personally, uncertainty will cause one to act on one's emotions and not on the facts that are presented because feelings have been hurt or impacted by the situation. Therefore, we tend to blame ourselves or others because of the pain we are feeling, not realizing this situation is building character in us or taking characteristics out of us to help us to reach our destiny. This is one reason why I tell individuals not to panic or act negatively toward your enemies because they do not realize they are being used to push you into your destiny to achieve the greatness God has planned for your life. Just as Judas did for Jesus, when he turned Jesus over to the Roman soldiers. It was God's plan for Jesus to die for the sins of the world; therefore, I believe Judas allowed jealousy and dislike to enter into his heart, which caused him to betray Jesus. Judas knew that he was Jesus's enemy—which was why he asked, "Master is it I?".

“And He answered and said, He who dippeth his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me... Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, Rabbi, is it I? He said to him, ‘You have said it’ ” (Matthew 26: 23, 25).

Thus, when your enemies do you wrong, set you up to fail, speak against you, speak untrue things about you, spread negative gossip, demean you, and more—your job is not to panic, get upset, rebel, or get revenge. God promises that He will fight for you because the “battle belongs to God,” and to “... avenge not yourselves, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord” (Romans 12:19, KJV). This is why we must be still and not respond based on our emotions because there are consequences and repercussions to your negative reactions and decisions. However, if you allow God to handle it, He promises to make your enemies come back to you or even need you. So always thank God for your enemies, even send them a thank-you note, because they pushed and energized you to excel and to soar as high as an eagle—even higher than anyone expected, into your destiny to achieve the greatness in your life. Do not focus on the negative but allow situations to develop you and always see the positive in every situation. Believe it or not, there is always a bright sun shining behind every cloud. “... Weeping may endure for a night, but joy will cometh in the morning” (Psalms 30:5, KJV).

I must be honest, from my experience, I ran into so many individuals who acted as if they were so excited for my achievements yet, the more I achieved the more these same individuals began to reject me. Rumors started to spread that were untrue to try to make me lose focus of my destiny and vision. Growing up around individuals who spoke negatively about and to me in organizations, churches, immediate family, close associates, co-workers, and business associates taught me how to handle jealousy, confrontation, and rejection, which prepared me for today. Remember, do not allow yourself to be dismayed or lose focus when situations arise, but thank your enemies because they are being used to push you into your destiny, achieve greatness, and build character in and take negative characteristics out of you. You are not responsible for what people do or say to you, but for how you respond. It takes a lifetime to build a reputation, but a moment to lose it because your decisions today will affect your choices for tomorrow; therefore, make sure you make your decisions based on facts and not emotions.

As a leader, you will definitely experience personal and professional challenges, especially when you do not allow yourself to be controlled by others or do what they feel is traditional and familiar. Effective leadership creates positive change. Thus, it is imperative that you use each life challenge to bring out the best in you so that you can soar as high as an eagle into your God-given destiny, spiritually, and professionally. Always remember God’s promise and plan for your life, “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10, KJV). So do not allow anyone or anything to steal, kill, or destroy your destiny.

Do not give anyone power over your life. Always keep it moving, and if individuals do not celebrate or appreciate your successes and gifts, do not waste your time and energy being with or around those individuals because they will drain you and cause you to doubt yourself and gifts. Surround yourself with individuals who celebrate and appreciate you, motivate you, and help you achieve your goals, destiny, and greatness. As you lead, stay focus, and live the abundant life God designed for you today.

IT'S YOUR TIME, IT'S YOUR TURN, IT'S YOUR SEASON TO INVEST IN YOU!

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