

CHAMPION'S SHIP

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INTRODUCTION

Everyone wants to be associated with a champion. You sure want to be a champion too. There is an inbred quest for championship in every man. God made man automatic champions. He gave the earth and everything inside it under human dominion and control. Man has been given a natural course of championship over which he is made to take charge. There is a natural instinct in us that drives us towards a desire for superiority. We all want to win. However small or big the competition, there is a constant tendency to win even at a great cost. God original desire in creating man was for championship and rulership. However, man lost the sight of direction from which God had given him. Man was easily deceived by the flashy gifts within Satan's dominion compared to the precious wares of God's heritage. Man lost out and has continuously struggled towards returning to that enviable state of championship.

The question “who’s a champion?” is not out of place. The case of Goliath would come into mind. Goliath was renowned for achieving great feats because he was a giant very well feared. He was renowned as being the feared fighter of the Philistines. When he stood, the whole camp of the Israelites trembled. He sent shock waves through the whole camp. Champions are never intimidated by any events around them. Rather they are the sources of intimidation. Champions are people who have perfected the art of winning and conquering. Think about a football competition like the World Cup. The champion would have to beat every other team to win the competition. They make winning a habit until it becomes part of them.

God wants us to be champions too that is why he has constructed a signpost directing us on the road to championship. He sees our quest and passion for championship and is desirous of seeing us reach that point of acclaimed championship. That champion under that tree sleeping that has missed his route will have to be awakened. Enjoy this piece; it is inspired to

inspire you to the top where champions are indeed made.



CHAPTER ONE

THE MANY SIGN POSTS

On our roads, you have observed the many sign posts leading us somewhere. Companies, organizations, churches, schools etc.all have signposts directing their intended customers or members towards their location. Sign posts are guides leading to an intended direction. You would easily locate an unknown location if the right signpost were made available. There are also signposts leading us nowhere. They are just there adding no value to human movement. They have lost their value.

Many individuals claim to have the right signpost to being a true champion and success. If you do a search on the internet, you will observe the many companies and organization that describe one method or the other for achieving one type of success or the other. They

attract readers or passersby to try out their methods. They think they have the right answers to the fledging questions of those success tasty souls. Many students have often been deceived into believing that there are various methods of acquiring success. Even businesspersons have fallen prey to these short changes.

While there are many signposts leading to one form of success or the other, many of them could be very misleading. They offer short-lived success, a type in which you end up losing all that you had hard earned. Do not be deceived by what seems like the colored sign post with neon signs referring you to the Indian temple and other mystical success means. They are entirely heading you towards doom. They may seem to pay off soon but in the long run, you turn out the loser. Some signposts try to mimic the original that many are being deceived towards their paths. The routes look so like the original that you would hardly tell the difference between the major route and minor routes.

Do not be deceived by the plethora of routes. Some persons will see these routes and think they are the major routes. Many do not even know the difference. They make statements, as after all we will achieve success at the end, which is what is important they would conclude. The truth is that the end is not always the same. However similar the routes seem, if it is not the original, it is not the original. The only road to success is the original path. Our quest for success and achievements must not drive us blind. Our eyes must be open to seeing the right signpost. Do not mind the copycats who try to fake success. They normally lead others to their end. Whatever profession one is pursuing, there is only one route to true success.

There are much fake fast success signposts, directing you to down and failure. It seems there is a plethora of them. They may look shiny and bright but they are indeed doom directed. There is indeed only one signpost that is why Jesus himself said I am the only way the truth and the life. The only way to true success is in Jesus. so many might have been deceived by many so called ministries who have used the

name of Jesus to deceived many into following them in a sheer quest for success. Only Jesus gives true success. Success is the children's bread, and if you must enjoy that bread then you must look out for that special signpost. It may look worn and dirty but it is the old rugged signpost. It may not be beautiful at the initial sight, but at close look, this signpost attracts you to uncommon riches at Christ expense.

We have an assurance of success in Jesus. Though Satan may play a ploy to deceive us by creating vague pictures to us, we must like Jesus say no to him. Satan offered to give Jesus earthly pleasures and success when indeed Jesus had a heavenly treasure. Many persons make this mistake of accepting Satan's vague offer in place of God's heavenly offer. What a mistake this is. Jesus has promised heavenly treasures. He made it clear that *in God's house, there are many mansions*. Do not be deceived by the agents of Satan who come to confuse us and move us away from God's promises. God's promises are yea and Amen to as many people that believe.

True champions know the only true signposts. They look out for it everywhere they go. They know where they heading to from the start. They do not move directionless. They trust on the true signpost to direct them. Even when they see a plethora of signposts, they keep sight of their intended signpost and are not deceived. Indeed, champions have learned to trust Jesus the signposts of all signposts. if you do not look away from this signpost, you would score a plus on the path of success and the true championship.

Now, friend to be able to have a focused mind towards the true championship and to be able to pursue your goals with the right signpost requires a firm desire. There must be a desire to pursue championship. Champions begin with a desire and this has driven them through to achieving their goals.



CHAPTER TWO

DESIRE

Every champion begins with a desire. They begin with a mental picture painted. They began by thinking. You are familiar with the biblical phrase “*as a man thinketh so he is*”. There is always first a desire, a thought to achieve. Whatever success you have seen people have, began with someone desiring. This desire may come from a dream, a self-realization, etc. and it was built upon by an action. Jesus had assured in his word that *whatever we desire would be granted to us if we look up to our father the source of everything*. Desire is the starting point of great achievers. As we move every day in our quest for survival, we have many desires we intend to see through. The difference between champions and failures are that champions pursue their desires to the latter while failures accept defeat.

Desire can be positive or negative. Every champion developed positive desires.

Solomon the richest man the world has ever known had ever known had a desire. He needed wisdom and knowledge to govern his kingdom Israel. Moreover, he pursued that desire by asking God to grant him his desire. His desire was a positive desire to make a positive impact. Of course, God heard and granted him this wisdom. We know that Solomon is similitude with wisdom. Jabez was another man with a quest and desire. He had realized that he could achieve more above the setback his name had caused him and he did something about it. He called on God the father. This man had positive desires that these drove him to achieve. In our contemporary world, many men and women have had their desires accomplished. Persons like Barrack Obama, Martin Luther King, scientists like Newton, Carl Marx, etc. all these persons had the desire to cause positive change in the status quo upon which they had found themselves.

Some people also had negative desires Balaam had a negative desire. Therefore, he called Balak and asked him to curse the sons and daughters of Israel. Because it was not the

purpose and will of God, God proved to them that he was superior. He canceled the council of the wicked. Sanballat and Tobias had a negative desire, to cause confusion in Jerusalem and bring the work of God to not. God showed he was indeed more superior. Every negative desire would always have a natural end. The devil influences negative desires in man. Remember that in the beginning of creation, the devil planted a negative desire in the first man and woman, Adam and Eve. "Eat this fruit and you shall become like God". Devil put inside man a negative desire of wanting to know good or bad like God. He thus changed the course of man. He fulfilled his desire of cutting short God's plan for man. Man accepted the devils limited vision and thus allowed the devils desire to be his desire. Today the devil desire is still in full swing to ensure we lose track of the sign post leading us to true championship

There is a God desire that we must instill in ourselves, a desire to walk with God, to know God and to accept his course through which we would be directed to take. Everyone who takes on God's desire outlives his own

desires. Solomon, you have read earlier had a desire for wisdom and knowledge for ruling his kingdom. God not only granted him Solomon's request but he superseded his expectation. His wisdom was not only for his kingdom but also it attracted kings and queens and he gained respect from all the kings around him. Solomon is still influencing lives with his wisdom. However, it all started with a desire.

To be a true success, you must have an unquenching desire to be that success. It must be a desire that will:

- Drive you: Once your desire cannot drive you to act then it is not a desire but a mere wish. The popular saying goes, if wishes were horses men would have ridden. It is because men make wishes, that is why they cannot ride on their horses. Desire makes you strive to ride on the horse.
 - Propels you: You need propulsion, to drive the car. An engine fires the car so that the driving could be done. Desire puts in the champion, the propensity to
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act and act fast. Have you ever seen rockets in propulsion? It uses up enough energy in the form of fuel to run smoothly. Something has to propel you to act and that propulsion is your desire.

- Make people see along with you: True champions know how to carry people along with them. Their desire rubs off on others who also find themselves working to see the desire of the champion come through. Champions command respect and have no problems having people to carry out the desire they would want to see being accomplished.

Champions desire to win always. They eat the bread of winners and they always get to win. Even when it seems there are setbacks or pitfalls, they normally find a way of coming through them. They let their desire supersede the setbacks and once it does, they climb over their setbacks as if they are eating food. You want to be a champion. Then start building on

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