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This book is dedicated to my late little sibling,
Nsennobong Eunice Samuel Ufot whose desire was to
see my books being read.

INTRODUCTION

When I was little, I attended children parties along with my peers. I had not grown in a home where partying was the norm. My mother was a serious Christian who ensured her children were in church as often. My dad who wasn't a church goer also encouraged us not to follow his habit but to walk in the direction my mom was setting for us.

Every time my little siblings and I attended parties, we always looked dazed at the other kids because they could dance and we couldn't. I was often mesmerized by the dance steps of those children that I marveled at how they danced and wished I could join them. However, they were far too good for me.

As a grown up today, I watch little children often and I am in awe at what today's generation is capable of doing that we couldn't do. I sat in church one evening service and in front of me sat a man and his little three-year-old daughter. This little lady could use a handheld touchscreen device with ease. At first, I thought she didn't know what she was doing but as I watched at the

ease with which her hands moved over the screen, I was mesmerized that the little girl was doing what most sixty-year-olds wouldn't do.

In life, there are too many things to marvel at. God has blessed nature with so much for humans to hold in awe. There are many natural and human-made wonders that attract the attention of people. You are part of nature and a marvel too.

Most humans on this side of life have disconnected from that marvel they were meant to be. There is a sincere need inside everyone to attract attention and be a marvel.

I watch many of these "got talent shows". If you have like I do, you would have had one of those opportunities they provide to marvel at the wonderful and sometimes outrageous acts that characterize those that appear on these shows. Sometimes I look at the spectators give a wow shout and some would ask themselves "why can't they live the crowd of spectators and jump into the stage and be marveled at too".

I always connect with those persons who have managed to find original acts that others marvel at and hold in awe. Personally, I always feel a craving to do something extraordinary, marvelous considered too good and absolutely outrageous.

There are many persons who think too that they should be considered marvelous. They want people to marvel at them. Guess what? In every field of endeavor, someone has the marvelous attribute of being looked up to in awe. Doctors, lawyers, presidents, engineers, speakers etc. all can find that stint of marvelousness, just about every field.

There are many doctors, teachers, presidents, engineers, lawyers and other professions but only a handful of them make it the point where people think they are extraordinary and marvel at them, Only just a handful.

Like myself who has the craving to be exceptional, you want it too and here in this book is an answer, a solution to help you find that you that will like to become a marvel. By the time you are through with this, you will find reasons why the extraordinary you must shine to the world. Just read on.

CHAPTER ONE

MOVE FROM WHERE YOU ARE

A man who wants to conquer the world will first have to learn how to make one step out of his room. I learned that over the years. As a student at the university some years back, I always had that belief that there was something in me that I could give the world. I had grown up in an average side of life but I knew I carried potentials. Just as every one person, I had my big dreams or thoughts that flashed through my mind's thinking system but what I failed to have was the how to getting towards the big dreams.

When my dreams flashed, I could hardly contend with them because they always seemed bigger than me or never looked like me. Frankly, they seemed extraordinary but I loved them anyway because they always made me marvel at the possibilities that my mind could tinker

I am like you. You have all those big thoughts that flash your mind which you are aware has the capacity to catapult you from nobody to a place where you will be

looked at in awe if they are to become reality. Yes, you don't see how it could come through but you've seen yourself there. Just know you can get there.

It's more than just thinking, the first act that must follow your desire is to move or make a deliberate step towards that vision or dream.

No matter how one desires to get big things done, big things can only be done when one starts with each small thing that characterizes the big whole. Little drops make an ocean. A hundred story building isn't built in a day, it starts with the initial acts of surveying digging, foundation laying, building the first floor, second and so on.

Many times there is a temptation to feel that we just have to jump into our dreams almost immediately. Isn't impossible though but the reality of life is that it doesn't work that way. It's like trying to woo a lady. You may fancy her and see her as often in your dream line but you will have to step up to her and tell her "can we keep a date?" you will need to make a deliberate effort towards her.

The marvel in you only arrives when you are willing to break out from that normal life that you have been used to. Guess what? The normal life is so tempting that it just keeps you there where you are. I think of those spectators who watch from the stands of a football stadium as football teams play. They choose to become fans and call themselves the fans club or supporters club. Many famous footballers will tell you they once watched from the stands as children while their darling teams played and caught the flame to join the youth side of the club from the stands. Today they are fans favorites. The difference between footballers and the spectators is movement. The footballers chose to move.

The marvelous life is a life that's far up there from where everybody is. It will require that you move and move up. It is a life that attracts attention, could be sensual, carry some aesthetics or evolve some enormous light and attraction. You are where you are but where you bare isn't where you should be.

Everyone is gifted in his calling. There is some individual difference bestowed upon everyone by God. Every doctor may be a doctor but it is the strategic difference

bestowed by God that makes a doctor out of doctors. These doctors become specialists, well revered. These doctors choose to live the crowd of other doctors behind to find strength from which they could shine.

Movement requires some very cautious action, a direction, and the goal. It's often the goal that comes first. The goal is to be the attention grabbing marvel for others to see and want to be like. The goal has a path to be taken. The woman who wants to become the world's best dancer will have to join a dancing school where she receives training to become a dance. You don't just become the best over a night dream. You dream the goal and then walk the path to the goal. This walk is the movement.

The man who wants to be a marvel does not move everywhere. He moves in a certain direction. He does not try to

- Maneuver his way through deceit. Many persons make movements in life that are often full of deceit, deception, and criminality. The man who desires to be a marvel learns that it does not pay to try

maneuvering steps when one has to make straight on decisions.

- Act in such a way as to accept his position as the final position. He does not conclude that it is finished. He looks out for possibilities and strives to beat the desire to remain at on position for so long.
- Revolve around a place. He strives to keep moving unrestricted and unbounded towards his destination. He knows that if he chooses to revolve, he would be heading nowhere. He'd rather break away from the attractive forces of his present center and break away into uncommon possibilities.
- Validate his present position as the best. It has never been the best and it will never be. He looks away from his present position and looks up to that one that he knows has the capacity to attract people to him and make him the cynosure of all eyes.
- Excel at being average. No matter how much one strives at being average, the average life is the average life and it can never be better than it. Excellence is the high grade that must be the pursuit of the high-minded marvel attracting man.

- Lean on what he has already known. Too many persons are straight at what they know already. What they know has kept them on the average lane. The good news, however, is that to become a marvel, you need new knowledge. You need to know through books, audios, and videos, seminars, schooling programs etc.

People marvel at people who know when to move and who have decided to move in spite of the challenges that stand against them not moving. Moving is a battle against the natural forces of wind and inertia. Of note is the fact that the earth has a strong gravitational pull and resultant force from the ground that strives to keep the foot on the ground.

Societal inertia coupled with environmental and family challenges have the capacity to keep a successful marvel at a spot. It's always an ordeal to break away from them. They cage the man who wants to become a marvel and pushes him to incapacitation.

To move you will have to

- Make concrete plans that will enable you to break away from your cage or room. Society and family could be entangling. If you don't plant to break, you may not be able to make the break.
- Overtly show your desire to step out of your closet. The man in the prison who craves for a free life will often hit the gate of the prison to show his discontent till he gets the attention of the prison warden.
- View the life outside that you desire to move into. The clearer you see the world beyond you, the chances increases of the possibilities of you making through with the big breakaway.
- Exercise your belief to get out and act in that direction. You must act your resolve with confidence. You must act like you are there already and begin to speak like you have broken away and then the big opportunity will arrive.

People will marvel at those who had why and a where to move. Because nobody was born a genius, everyone will have to take certain coded steps. Everyone learns to move, it's just that some persons choose to continue

moving all their lives. These persons refuse to remain stagnant. Others choose to move and stop sometimes when they should have entered into that place of acclaim to become the marvel.

Consistently, the man who wants people to marvel at him keeps moving. He changes his endpoint every time to ensure he always has something new to pursue. His goals change from time to time immediately one goal is accomplished. This is because he has to consistently be on the move. Only those with new feverish goals keep moving.

You cannot afford to remain where you are. If you've reached one level, there is a higher level to shoot into. Just keep moving.

CHAPTER TWO

ALIGN TO THE PATH OF MARVELLOUS PEOPLE

To be a marvel or to make people marvel at you is not as easy a task as we often think and it's not also as difficult as it's thought to be. It is in the middle between difficult and easy.

It is quite easy especially because there are persons who have become marvels in their lifetime. These persons have had experiences and gone through all that they should have gone through. They have stories to tell. By just following their footpaths, you would get to where they have being.

It's quite difficult because it's not easily just following. We individually want to create our own path even if most times what we do is imitate.

In any case, those who want to be marvels would look up to find those who have tread the same path as they are

desiring to take and follow all the good routes that they had taken to be where they are now.

People who have being marvels are not too far away especially those in the area of your marvel seeking interest. You can easily find them as living icons and as dead icons in books, audios, videos, seminars, teachings etc.

As a Christian, I've heard pastors who lay claim to catching the same anointing that their mentors have had, not by actually coming in contact with them physically but through their books, audios, and videos. I have had similar experiences so I know it works.

The lives of marvelous persons are never far away even when they are dead. This is because those who become marvels never die. Their lives take new shapes in books and other materials that re-live them and make them living.

If you want to be a superstar musician, just find one superstar musician, read about him, learn what has made him the superstar musician that he is and try replicating

him. Success can be replicated by just doing what the successful man does.

This principle works for almost every field of endeavor. It will take perseverance and tough pursuit to follow on but a man who knows what he wants will stay at it till he finally turns out the marvel.

Here are just a few bits you should know about the path of marvelous people

- Only a FEW get around this path. It's a daring path that not everyone finds. Of those who find it, only a small fraction goes all the way.
- It's an OUT and OUT life. Everyone sees it even if they can't manage to know how to live it. It's revealing and people know when you are living it.
- People will always be on the LOOKOUT for you. That's the lifestyle of the marvel. Once he is around, they want to see what he is capable of doing.
- People will always LONG FOR YOU in your absence. When you are not around, a vacuum is always felt and once you show up, the difference is clear.

- They have OTHERS FOLLOW THEM. Others always find their path worth following. Those who follow have others follow them.
- They always carry WINSOME ATTRIBUTES. Their mindset always reveals a desire to always win. This lifestyle also reflects on others.

To become a marvel, you will have to tread the path of the marvelous. You will have to find this path and align yourself with it. It's not just enough knowing how the path looks. You have to be on the lookout for people who have trod this path. These persons are the path.

Finding persons who thread this path could be very challenging. This is because these persons are not;

- i. The everyday persons that come along our way. They are scarce and very scarce.
- ii. Easily discoverable. You will have to search for them and this may take a long time.
- iii. Given To much show. They don't mince words when they do what they do. They aim to be the best and foremost at what they do.

How do you then find them if they are scarce?

First, you will have to know those you really want to follow. You won't see them every day but you can locate them through the media or online.

Second, locate them. Where can you find them and how can you find them? These persons may head organizations or they could have training programs in the form of videos, audios, books that carry the same fire as the man himself. The thoughts in books are everlasting sharing the timeless thoughts of the author. You can locate the marvels themselves where possible. Some may have counseling sessions especially those who relate more with the public like pastors, counselors. You can join their counseling sessions, fellowships or conferences and connect with their thoughts through directly listening to them.

Thirdly, connect with their thinking pattern. It's easy having money to buy books, audios and videos but you will need to take some time to listen to the audios, watch the videos and read the books over and over to grasp the thoughts that make these men the marvel you know they are. They always certainly share personal stories and experiences through their mediums.

I had this personal experience. I have always wanted to be an author but I never knew how. I envied authors and often prayed that one day, I'd have books also bearing my name. I shared my vision with other persons and began to write. I really wanted a big break in the print media but I did not know those to follow. I wasn't a media person. Somehow I began to chart my course by searching the internet and getting information on how to go about it. I took a bold step to join the editorial team of the national youth service corps of my country. This proved the stepping stone to a writing career. I soon found a job as an editor for a local newspaper in my little town and this launched me further into writing.

It was difficult writing when I began but it's so easy now. Nobody believed in me. Even my chief editors at the different platform I worked in lacked faith that my writing held water. I was sacked after three days working for an online news company. But I connected with an editor who had seen it all as far as writing, the media and Nigeria is concerned. I've pursued bigger goals since but he propelled my enthusiasm to continue on this writing track.

If you think you can be that marvel, then you really can. The more you think about it, the easier it becomes. Life has a way of drawing us towards the things we think.

CHAPTER THREE

KILL YOUR WEAKNESSES AND FEARS

Everyone has weaknesses. Even those we feel are very strong are actually some of the weakest of persons.

Those who people marvel at are often people who pose as being very strong. I have a couple of staff who carry strong mien. They assume that they were actually strong but I noticed that they cried the most and wanted so much care.

People who are marvels are those we often look up to as strong people. The truth however is that they were not always that strong and they are not always that strong as we assume they'd be. They've learnt to culture their fears and weaknesses. They learned to kill it in the presence of others.

I've practically studied the emotional life of some of our popular showbiz icons. We often celebrate them and call

them celebrities. They know they are being looked at and there is an enormous expectation on their shoulders.

You may remember popular acts such as Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson. They were considered strong. Their music revealed strength but behind the scenes were the weak minds they characterized. Hitler was amazing. He showed so much strength in trying to conquer the world but he died miserably suffering all by himself and committing suicide.

I'm not offering that you pretend about who you really are. What I mean is that those who become marvels don't dwell on their weakness. Their weakness is what spurs them to do phenomenal things.

Some of the greatest speakers today were men and women who had fears about what they'd say never being good enough for people to hear them. They could not even gather the right words to express themselves nor were they interesting top listen to.

Those who dwell more on their weakness never get to do beyond what their weakness tells them. If you have doubts about achieving a feat, it's because you can

actually do it. You think about doing a thing because you have the capacity at it. If you couldn't, you wouldn't have thought of it.

While you are afraid what you are about to do is enormous and too marvelous for you, realize that it's fear that's keeping you from achieving that marvelous feat

Your fears:

- FILLS your path with rocks and mountains when indeed you should have had a smooth road through your pursuit. Fear makes easy situations or possibilities look so difficult. It is actually what brings the difficulties around our marvelous pursuit. You don't want to place rocks or pebbles on your path by yourself
- ENTERTAINS you with hypothetical storms. Actually, marvels have to face difficult times many times through their lifetimes but fear is what makes the difficult times look more challenging and difficult times look more challenging and difficult than it really is. You never will see good times if you dwell more on the fearful side of life. In short, you will

always imagine that something is coming to hit you when there is nothing.

- ACTIVATE spasms of doubts around even the best things you are capable of doing. Can I really do it? Will be the question that arrives every time you think about doing that thing you know you can really do.
- Makes you REVOLT whenever some other person tells you to do something. Sometimes, that person has seen your huge potential and tries to offer a hand in helping you discover that capacity. There is always that tendency to quiver or fight back because we are afraid to make that move towards the discovery.
- Makes you SCREAM unnecessarily. Those who scream tend to have deep rooted fears. These fears make them lose their calm at every little provocation.

Our weaknesses and fears reveal themselves often when we pursue seemingly uphill task as becoming a marvel. Becoming a marvel is quite challenging.

I listened to Pastor WF Kumuyi, the world renowned holiness preacher, speak about the first crusade he had organized. He had been watching other ministers do great signs at crusade grounds. When he decided to organize his first major crusade, the handbills, posters, radio jingles and television adverts all advertised signs and miracles that would happen. As he entered the stadium and saw the huge crowd and the accompanying lame, blind, dumb, deaf and all manner of sickness, fear whispered into his ears “are you sure these persons will be healed?” His fears turned out, however, to be unnecessary. All the things that were advertised for the programme happened. Since then, he’s been running healing crusades.

The fears we have are the possibilities that can happen if we act against the fears. It, however, happens that most persons put their fears ahead of their ability that they end up not doing what they can actually do.

When I was much younger, I had the opportunity to teach God’s word to my colleagues at the university. When my class representative offered me the opportunity to speak for the first time, I quivered. I

couldn't gather the right words. I had serious doubts about my capacity as this was the first time I'd stand up to speak in a formal occasion. When I tried it early while pushing for a political ambition, I gave up but this time, I could not avoid it. I managed to prepare my message and dreamt all the night how I was going to deliver it. It turned out however that I was a better speaker than I knew or my classmates ever thought. Every time that message rings across my head, I'm proud that I took that one step.

You have your sets of problems and everyone does. The difference between those who go ahead to become marvels and those who don't is that they act in spite of their perceived problems or fears.

You don't have to let your fears stand against your marvelous pursuit. Choose to

- Maintain your goal in spite of the fears that arrive to stop you
- Arrest any hindrances that choose to bring fears into you against your marvelous goal
- Resist the temptation to accept less than the marvelous state you are interested in.

- Value the future marvelous position than the present achievement.
- Excel at doing things that will bring you to the marvelous state that you desire to be
- Lead others to the state you want to be rather being led

That fear or weakness cannot stop you from becoming what God had decided for you. Forget your fear and push on.

CHAPTER FOUR

EXERCISE YOUR BELIEF

Marvels are persons with strong individual beliefs. They have what they stand for and hold to it without wavering; however different the beliefs of others.

On my personal studies and observations over some of the greatest preachers the world has produced, I observed that each of them is different in their theological beliefs and teachings. I've observed some with ministers who have found that marvelous stint or touch. I observed that they often had to find what they believe from the general consensus belief and exercise their belief.

Martin Luther, the founder of the Lutheran movement had to break away from the general catholic belief that held sway in his time. He faced strong opposition but was firm to defend his beliefs. Many greats we celebrate today are actually people who developed each their personal conviction and got people to believe in what

they were convinced was a newer and better way than what has being the statuesque.

I have personally developed my own sets of unique beliefs which I assume is best for me. I don't try to mimic anyone and I don't try to rubbish anyone either. I accept that there is some rightness from your perspective and if you are convinced about what you believe and it works for you, you can as well continue with what works.

You know as well that the major reason people develop their own set of new ideas and beliefs is because what worked for that goose failed to work for them. Some persons though are scared to think original of what has been the general thinking pattern because either they are afraid to jump out or they have not developed strong enough conviction and resolve.

Something about our beliefs is that we each have the capacity to develop our beliefs and conviction and defend it against the opinions of what others think or believe. So much as we are different, it is possible to create six billion new movements each consisting of six billion new philosophies and thought pattern. In India for example, there are over 500 million gods being worship.

That's a ratio of 1: 1.9 for a population of about 900 million.

Personally, I've been working on my own sets of beliefs and convictions. I want to know that wherever I find myself, I can stand on what I know and tell people that it works in my life and could easily be replicated in theirs. I need to have working proofs that my sets of beliefs actually works well for me and show others too that it works that's why I'm hanging on it.

The beauty about your own belief is that it smells like you once you can convince others about it and they can see it also works with them. They always connect somehow to the original source of their belief patterns.

We celebrate certain people for their charisma and audacity to be original. What we don't know is that sacrifice and determination it took them to find that original voice and pattern that everyone is talking about.

Why should you define your belief pattern? It's important that you have a defined belief pattern. This is the pattern you can exercise. You can't exercise what you don't have.

Here's how your belief pattern should look like. It should be something you have strong

- Believe about. You are confident that this has the capacity to work and you develop your personal strong conviction about it.
- Energy to pursue. Those who are convinced about anything get enough energy to commit them to that pursuit. They will fight for it with all their might.
- Logical backing. You should have an explanation that works especially when you are hoping to thread a path you wish or would wish others follow you.
- Ideologies made around it. It's incredible that those who push to become marvels are characterized by strong ideologies that characterize their belief pattern.
- Excitement for. If you are not excited about what you do, you can't convince others. People are often attracted to people who excite them.
- Faith to work it. When you have a belief pattern, you develop strong confidence and faith that it is going to work and that as many who have that same faith will see it work too.

Our belief pattern has the capacity to mold us into what it looks like. Every marvel you meet has a set of well-defined thinking pattern that you can easily align them with and they stay committed to that pattern no matter what others do to stall them or rubbish them. They are convinced about how they feel and why they think the way they do.

Our belief pattern is what defines who we really are. It creates in us our drive for originality, one attribute of the marvelous man and triggers a beauty that is only characteristic of whom we are.

Now how do you exercise your belief? Having a set of beliefs counts for nothing except you reveal what that belief represents and make it speak. People have to know that you have a strong conviction about what you believe. If you don't show it, nobody knows it.

- Make others aware of your strong beliefs. Others are the advertisers who spread your conviction to the world of people around and beyond you.
- Articulate and make clear your beliefs. Say it and live it. If you don't say it, don't expect it.

- Release yourself into the lifestyle of your belief. Don't say and be someone else. Say it and act it. If you believe that you have to dress nicely to look attractive and get the attraction and admiration of others, live that way.
- Validate your belief by showing working examples from your lifestyle that works.
- Enlighten others on why you believe what you believe. If you don't tell them, they won't know. Others may choose to force on you what they believe. It's good you enlighten them earlier on.
- Learn from your own mistakes. Those who exercise their personal beliefs often make mistakes and go about the process of learning from their own mistakes. Yes, there's is a school of thought that supports your learning from the mistakes of others. Well, others make mistakes from their own beliefs. You can afford to lean on your own belief and learn from them.

Your belief is your original you, your philosophy and characteristic attribute. Celebrate it.

CHAPTER FIVE

PUSH THROUGH STORMS

The man who becomes a marvel makes storms easy meat. He pushes through the storms of life and comes through them unchequered.

Storms are the everyday challenges that characterize our daily living, especially for the marvelous man who aims for the top of life; he has to face a host of them. He has to strive in the midst of them and come through a defined and refined personality.

There are enough storms for the ordinary goalless man to face. Life is a chain of storms. However the man who desires the marvelous state is defined by the storms he has come through.

Life is a mountain and the marvelous top is the peak. It's no easy climbing mountain you have to strive through the storm of looking up to the height up there, taking the first step of climbing, through the steep mountain edges and sides, going against the wind. It's never easy.

Storms are winds and you have to get by them. You have to transverse them with skill. If you've watched the titanic for example, what was experienced in that movie was a storm.

Your strength is measured by how well you are able to get through those storms. Your capacity is discovered when you skillfully wade through the challenges of the storms that arrives. When a boisterous wind or wave arrives, the captain of the ship is pre-informed and he strives to steer the ship away from the strong wind or meanders his way through the storm. When he does that successfully, he is said to be skillful.

A person who aims towards becoming a marvel is skillful at finding his way through storms. He does not run away from storms. It is his life. He breathes storms, he talks storms and walks storms. He is the epitome of storm conquering. He acknowledges that he would be deficient in his pursuit to reach the challenges of life without those storms to steer his quest to do great things.

I've acknowledged that those who are celebrated are actually people with a candid eye for knowing when storms arrive and why they arrive. The true test of your

pursuit is the quality of storms that arrives. If the storms aren't there, you aren't doing anything great.

I remember starting a little kindergarten school and there were huge challenges I had to walk across. It was a huge storm raising finance to start up. I sent messages to people called them and had to beg sometimes yet there was no positive response. Somehow, God waded me through that wind. I was able to raise some start-up capital. Getting parents to believe my idea was another storm. Each level came with a whole new set of storms. I had to face the challenge of convincing the parents, guaranteeing the safety of the pupils, registration with the government etc. The storms came but I stood firm against them.

No one who desires a marvelous state or position goes through them with ease. It's always challenging and stormy all the way up but marvelous people don't relent. They keep pushing. To push is a skill that requires

- Purposefulness. The purpose is what backs a pursuit. When you know what you want to get at the end of the storm, you are ready to do all that is to be done,

in this case wading all storms to achieve that position of purpose, the marvelous state.

- Unrelenting perseverance. A storm could be scary. It may push you backward especially when you are not well prepared to face them. You don't have to prepare, though. Storms train you through them. They drill and mold you till you become. Marvels will choose to go through all the lot i.e. they have to show an unrelenting perseverance to come through that celebrated personality they want to become.
- Stickability. There is always the tendency to give up a pursuit because of the storms that hang around. The man who wants to be a marvel sticks to his pursuit, however, stormy the wind. If he has always had a desire to be a marvel at music, for example, he wouldn't give up his pursuit because some other person says writing is in vogue. He doesn't care if others are making it with dancing, his goal is at music and he sticks to whatever comes.
- Hard fighting. When we push, it's often because there is an encumbrance that we are going against. Storms are very strong encumbrances. They could take one's life. So many persons who desire the

marvelous state choose to die fighting. True, many have died fighting and they attain the marvelous state after death. You don't have to die, though. You have to fight smart. You have to live fighting.

The practical nature of storms makes it a training ground for the man who desires to be a marvel. Marvels don't just happen. They are trained in the school of storms where they are made to become what God has destined for them.

That celebrity status that you envy about that person never came through sleeping on sofas. It came through perseverance, a strong thrust, a pursuit, and zeal to get over the storms of life. Storms made them. It never seemed easy as they move against each wave that came but each success at each wave gave them hope and confidence that the next wave would be overcome too.

The storms you are going through now may just be what you need to make a major breakthrough.

CHAPTER SIX

ENQUIRE FROM THOSE WHO KNOW

Ask questions. Any question? A teacher often asks for questions from his students to ascertain that knowledge has been transferred. As we grow older, teachers do not have to ask questions anymore. They won't care. It actually dawns on us that if we don't ask questions, no new knowledge will arrive.

The man who wants people to marvel at him must have a strong quest for knowledge. This knowledge may be dependent on the area of marvelous pursuit. It is certain that the path we try to take in climbing to the point where we are proclaimed marvels have being taken by some other person the knowledge is never hidden. It is within the privy of those people who could take the place as teachers in our lives.

It's amusing that those who are said to be desirous of the upward path don't know the path that leads up. Most are

often lost at the junctions of life and they never break through from that junction to find the route to the destination they want to be. When you find yourself lost at the junction of life, it's great that you look out for people who are returning through that route. You may ask how you can know such persons. Well, those persons look like the future you that you have in mind.

The reason many persons fail to get to the destination they desire to be is because they either do not find the people they can trust or they are afraid to ask. Here are some of the reasons people don't ask questions.

- ❖ The feeling of being inferior. In this case, we feel that those who have gotten to where we want to be are too high up there for us to reach. We feel that we don't dress or speak like they do so we have to wait till we are polished enough. That time actually takes so long. You have to understand that that high and mighty had at one time had characteristics that you now have.
- ❖ The inability to organize the right words. Sometimes there is the fear of not being able to organize our words, to express ourselves in such a way that will

be understood by the man who we should enquire from. This makes us quiver and we choose not to ask at all.

- ❖ The feeling of knowing much more than those we intend to ask. There are many persons who should have achieved great things but they don't because they rate themselves higher than the persons they should ask from. The sad truth is that most persons who act this way often do not know and they never try to know.
- ❖ The feeling of being a burden. Sometimes we may feel that we are being burdensome to those we want to ask especially if they are up there. That tendency always arrives especially when we feel we can go ahead with the possibilities that we expect to reach but aren't because of some limitations.
- ❖ The fear of not knowing who to ask. Sometimes we don't know who to ask. There are too many doubts we have about the qualifications of those we think we should ask so we choose not to ask

There may be more reasons why people don't ask questions but the major reasons have been mentioned

above. The reasons to make inquiries before jumping to the route are enormous. They far outdo the fears that accompany the decision.

What are the benefits of enquiring from those who have gone through this path?

- You get firsthand information on the challenges that characterize the route. This will enable you to prepare yourself for the task ahead.
- You get mentors who can mold you and whose footsteps you can follow.
- You don't have to through the same mistakes those ahead have made before they finally got it right
- You get first-hand secrets that have being tried and tested over time by experience from those who have experienced them
- You get the chance to reach the top faster than you would have climbed and others might have climbed

The benefits of enquiring from those who have gone far ahead are enormous and beneficial. There is a huge difference between those who get firsthand information and those who have to create their own path by

themselves. The difference is the ease. The former gets to the top faster while the latter takes a longer time to get there.

I remember an experience a young friend of mine shared with me. He loved the marvelous gifts that characterized a senior acquaintance and he wanted it. He walked up to this acquaintance and asked him how he got the gift. The response he got startled him. The acquaintance said he would have to sacrifice. My friend offered to follow this acquaintance to see what life of sacrifice he lived. It was only a matter of time before he began to exhibit the same marvelous gift.

When we find those who are on the path towards what we want, it will be beneficial that we ask and give ourselves to the knowledge that will come through them. This may require sacrifice. You will have to give up personal interest and desires in pursuit of the kind of life we want

You know that the life of a marvel is challenging. It will take you some little sacrifice to break away from a life of mediocrity that you are used to, to a marvelous championship life.

This kind of sacrifice often involves giving yourself and quest to follow the advice or attract the attention of your guardian or mentor.

You may be thinking, I don't know how to come in contact with these people who can guide me. You could come in contact with them through the following means

- Direct contact: sometimes we may be privileged to have direct physical contact with these persons. It is great you seize on the smallest moments or opportunity. I remember one minister who said that whenever he is opportune to meet senior ministers, he is always prepared with questions because he may never have a second chance.
- Contact by proxy: we could contact these persons by phone email or through correspondence. Especially for the very busy leaders and mentors, connecting with them through phone calls and emails could be very useful
- Books: there are varieties of books by experienced authors who have gone through a lot and have seen quite a lot in the path you intend to take. It is great

that you find those resources in books and ingest the thoughts written in them

- The internet: the internet is reticent with enormous resources. Almost every marvel has a place on the internet and every kind of knowledge has found its way there. While so many people uses the internet to do wrong things, you can find all the information you need about becoming a marvel and those who are actually marvels.
- Audios and videos: you will always find very good videos and audios of very serious purpose driven marvels whose words will come handy to spur you up towards your pursuit. These tools come in the form of CDs and DVDs or even downloadable formats over the internet.

There are those who know what you want to know. Sometimes, they could be around or far away. A cautious effort to find them will reveal them but this will depend on how serious you are about them. You should always be prepared having the mindset that any time could be that time.

CHAPTER SEVEN

OUTSHINE

One quality about marvels is that they outshine others. However bright the stars or lights of other shining stars. If you look up into the sky during the night time, you will observe numerous stars in the skyline. You will also have observed that some stars shine brighter than others and that every star does not shine equally.

Have you been told that the sun is also a star? Yes, it is. The sun actually outshines the other stars. It makes the others look like they are no way close. That's what marvels are.

When a marvel finds his place, he acts in such a manner as to make others small. He sparks so much brilliance that outdoes others and certainly stands head high above the rest.

To be a marvel, you must strive towards outshining others. You must strive to do what you do in such a

manner as top outdo what others have done. This is an incredible capacity or capability.

This capability doesn't just come, it requires an effort. You will have to work and walk towards this attribute.

To outshine means those around are shining but you are doing better than them. Those who become marvels are looked up to by other persons who aren't doing badly either. They are just too wonderful to be true; too excellent to be real yet they are real.

If you are a fan of soccer, Messi will be a familiar name. I've watched series of flicks showing Messi doing great skills that other players only try to reach. Other players agree that Messi is from another planet. You'd often hear people call Messi a genius and incredibly unbelievable. The reason is Messi arrived on the scene to meet genuine stars who were considered extraordinary, the likes of Ronaldinho and Zidane and he managed to displace them. He outshined them and has been at the very best level for many years.

The ability to outshine is a natural attribute that comes with persistence and constant practice. The more time

one spends at working at a skill, the better he actually becomes. Those who outshine others tend to do more of practice when others are resting

What are the qualities of an outshining marvel?

Outshining marvels would often

- Orient their minds ever towards the direction of their pursuit. They want top first and best and that's where their gaze is focused.
- Reinvent creative ideas. They pick the ideas that seemed lost and renew them and make them too good to be true like they never existed.
- Usurp slim opportunities that arrive even when no one sees the possibility that it is going to happen. They just arrive with the slightest chance.
- Transmit pulses of confidence. They are very confident even when there is no chance that they will work out and it works because of the confidence showed about it.
- Suspend our minds with extraordinary skills that one can only look up to them in awe
- Harness all within them to create the perfect the impressions they want to be known for.

- Institute themselves as standards that others have to look up to. They place themselves as the ideal.
- Never give up till they arrive on the scene when they think their talent is worth the audience.
- Experience unparalleled following. Check all those superstars and their followers on Facebook. You'd always find a huge following

Outshining is a huge task for the average mind but it requires constant practice at doing what you really want to be renown at. This means you have to practice continuously and persistently till you become better and doing it become easier.

When I was studying at the university, I had a group of friends who performed very well at their academics. They would often compete amongst themselves. There was this girl, however, who performed too excellent to beat the competition. She just didn't compete; she was far from the competition. My friends including me who competed against her were powerless. She just rode the class till we finished school.

There are companies out there that are just too good, others can't compete against them. They keep improving

infinitesimally. These companies invest in research and continually launch products that outclass products once thought as great. The likes of Google and yahoo are in this class.

The good news I'd inform any intended marvel is that every one of those marvels started out like any other person. They started small but had their eyes set on the big picture, the unbelievable yet reliable, and the un-pragmatic yet possible.

I've often told any and every wannabee marvel that they have all the ability there is to do beyond what they are doing and every known standard yet. They have everything in them to outclass the Joneses and become the ones people will look up to as the Joneses. I am certain about this possibility because I've seen it happen over and over again.

Don't stop at developing you because others are doing well and you think they are just too good. They aren't half as good as you if you will find that marvelous spark. You can and will outshine them

CHAPTER EIGHT

BE A PRIME MOVER

Have you seen the engine system of a ship? There is what is known as propellers controlled by the engine. The propeller is what pushes the ship forward. The propelling engine is often built to be able to take the capacity of the ship including the luggage it would take. As long as the propelling engine is the right size, it will carry the ship. The propeller is also called the prime mover.

A marvel is a prime mover. He is the force that everyone depends on to move. He is built to capacity with all the best features to be able to carry others along. He has the capacity to start a thing and carries a significant influence on the development of that thing. A marvel always thinks of one ingenious thing to start and to keep going. His creative ingenuity is always at his best.

Do you want to be a marvel? You must think as a prime mover. What are you capable of starting? What skills do you have to carry others with you? What capacity do you

have to take the lead and let others follow you? This is the thought pattern of prime movers.

Those persons people marvel at carry the air to attract others in their direction. They enable the capacity in people to cause the kind of change they want to see happen, instigating them to see the possibilities in themselves.

Prime movers have the following attributes:

1. They MOVE themselves first and then carry others in the direction of their movement.
2. They ACTIVATE their own possibilities and make others work in the possibilities that have being activated.
3. The ROCK. They are unshakable and unmovable, very reliable and trustworthy to help as a base for the manifestation of the potentials of others.
4. They are VALUE-LADEN. They take up responsibilities of change. They seek for opportunities where they can move for a difference. They are freedom fighters
5. They are EXCITING. Propellers have to excite themselves first before they excite others. Prime

movers are exciting people and people are also excited about them.

6. They are never LATE. Prime movers have to act first. They often have to lead so there is never any time for lateness. They are ever punctual and position right on time to take the lead.

The position of a prime mover is one filled with responsibility. It requires a well-built capacity. You don't want to move people who are bigger than you. They'd choose not to follow you anyway. But as you build capacity and enlarge your knowledge base, those persons begin to hold you in awe. They follow you because they are aware you are carrying something great.

The prime mover is always a

- Potent force: he causes strong influence of minds of others. This strong influence only comes when he is well equipped with knowledge.
- Rugged personality: once he sets the course, however challenging, he stays in that direction and wades through it.

- Idea man: he often tinkers repeatedly and persistently just to ensure the right idea arrives. If you want the right idea for any deal, he has one to offer.
- Meticulous prodigy. He gives time to details, he is fastidious and thorough. He strives to lead right especially because he has the responsibility of others behind his back
- Electric personality. He is always full of excitement and excites others too who also transfer the excitement to others.
- Mentor. He advises and helps those who have lesser capacity to reach a higher level of renown where they can be independent as he is.
- Overwhelming force. He wields a powerful influence that is often difficult to resist or react against.
- Valuable personality. He is very useful and important that if he is not around, nothing works.
- Effect driven personality. He looks for results as expected and seeks to deliver the goods as at when due.

- Real boss. He takes the lead and proffers solutions to the numerous problems being encountered by his teeming followers.

A prime mover stirs the course for others. He has unlimited capacity inside him and he uses his capacity to make opportunities for others. The prime mover is very powerful that he is able to lift others from their downward position to an upward lift.

CHAPTER NINE

BE LEARNED

Marvels are always learned. They are often very well-schooled in their area of efficiency that one can hardly doubt their capacity. Marvels often are well schooled. This schooling may be that of the formal schooling environment or that of the informal. They show high proficiency in the area of their schooling and it seems impossible to others the possibilities that they churn out, possibilities that their peers find impossible to carry out.

There is no marvel that is not well knowledgeable at what he does. It is often his vast knowledge that attracts others towards him.

If you have to be a marvel, you have to learn. The attribute of learning requires that you sit under the tutelage of others who have also learned. Marvels do not necessarily learn from other marvels but they learn. They learn from everyone and every situation. They are vastly

experienced because of their continuous longing to learn from, whatever arrives.

When we learn, we take in new knowledge that we had never had, opportunities to develop arrives and we are well positioned to also teach others. Learning sometimes requires humility. It takes this attribute to learn under the tutelage of teachers at school.

Look through the life of those you marvel at, they are often so learned that we sometimes open our mouth wide at how much knowledge and wisdom pours out from their lips. They are sometimes professors in their right, inventors and geniuses. What makes inventors higher than engineers? It is their learning to apply their knowledge to create. Those who desire to become marvels always have "one more knowledge" ahead of the pack. They know one more truth and keep one more value than the rest would. The strive to be learned does not mean you were a stark illiterate before now. It means you are striving to know much more than you already know.

As much as life is concerned, new knowledge is constantly in vogue. There is continuous research being

done to bring about new information on a given subject area, the marvel attracting man will often look out for this new knowledge.

You must be ready to acquire as much knowledge as is available in your field of study. Sometimes, though, you also have to be knowledgeable in a variety of knowledge. A marvel doesn't just stay on one information. He puts his hands on diverse knowledge. People marvel at those who know so much. These persons may not know all in a field but they seem to know a bit of everything.

If you've watched the current affairs and quiz program "who wants to be a millionaire" there are certain contestants who seem to answer every question that the anchor ask them with confidence. You'd often wonder why they knew the answer and you don't. There are some questions that even proved very tricky yet the contestants found a way past it. You'd think they are genius and you'd marvel at them. You'd even conclude that they are incredible.

Have an open mind to learn whenever the opportunity offers itself. There is plenty of it actually. The problem we have is that we close our eyes to them. We don't see the

opportunities; we don't even value the opportunities. Learning happens every time to the marvel. That is why he always seems to have an idea of everything. If you truly want to be a marvel, be learned.

CHAPTER TEN

BE AN ELEVATOR

You might have had the opportunity to use an elevator some time or the other or you might have watched one being used. You would have seen the ease with which the elevator lifts people up and down very tall structures. An elevator makes what could have being a rigorous climb up an easy journey.

The marvel is an elevator. He knows how to lift people p and down. Because he is a huge success, everyone who associates with him also becomes a success. Anytime he is around, no matter how dark or downcast a person may be, he carries the light ambiance and lifts him up. He is huge enough to carry others on his shoulder.

Men like Bill Gates have such marvelous elevating attribute. They affect nations beyond theirs and influence lives, millions of them. Men of this attribute are scarce and there are only a few of them.

How do you become an elevator? You may think “I want to elevate people; I want people to believe in their capacity once they are around me, and I want them to discover their capability and capacity”. In a world where everyone looks for his gain, it takes only an elevator to sacrifice for the good of others

To be an elevator you must have to;

- Enlighten people with the new possibilities that they are capable of carrying out. Knowledge is power but that power only arrives when knowledge is applied and shared. Do you want to elevate people? Teach them.
- Loose people from their cloak of ignorance and poverty. Poverty and ignorance are like chains holding down many who would have gone ahead. The elevator offers his hands to lift other persons from this dual carnage. He lifts them up to wealth and wisdom
- Exposes others to a higher order of knowledge that would have required personal experience to attain. This new knowledge makes reaching the top easy.

- Value every person as having some incredible talent and gift that could be valuable to you. Everyone is valuable and inside everyone is a genuine gift. Those talents and gifts could be very valuable to you
- Aspire for higher pedestals. Elevators take people up, so you have to have an eye for the top and walk towards it
- Totally commit yourself to lifting people up. The elevator specializes in taking people up; you too must commit yourself to lifting people to a higher pedestal.
- Overcome inertia. There are things out there that desire to see you drag from the purpose of elevating. You have to overcome those things. You have to pull yourself against the inertia forces that tend to fight against your movement up. That's what an elevator does
- Rescue. There are many persons who are on their way to doom and death but who you will have to lift them with your elevating attribute. These people are seeking for an opportunity to be lifted.

The marvel seeking elevating spirit encapsulates a man who will make a choice to be sacrificial in his personal dealings with people around him. It's a people lifestyle requiring that those persons we see around us are affected by our lifestyle

Others don't have to go through what we have gone through. They don't have to go through difficult times when your hands are very well able to lift them up.

The missionaries who spent a good chunk of their time in Africa had to sacrifice everything they had. Many of them gave up comfort and sent themselves to jungles and the hinterland. The testimony that Christianity reached and covered Africa was a result of these sacrifices.

You never know what your elevating attribute can do, who it can lift and where your influence will be felt. Someone out there will be grateful that you made that giant move and decided to uplift one or two hands. You never know how many persons you will be lifting through the next hand you will touch.

When you have the chance to lift a person, do it with all the strength that you can garner. Be an elevator.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

MOTIVATE

I remember the story shared of Wheaton Churchill who led the Britons against Nazi Germany. When it seemed all hope had been usurped and London was already taken over with bombs rallying everywhere across the land, Wheaton Churchill's only motivation to his team of dying fighters was "never, never give up". Those few words turned the battlefield in the direction of the Britons. Great Britain carried the day thus cementing the super power attribute of that country.

The man who desires to be a marvel must develop a motivating mien. He must have a motivating and inspiring story that people can draw inspiration from. People should find the passion for acting and getting results by his words or actions. He must have an eye to see beyond the present limits and motivate himself and others who look up to him for light in what seems like a dark channeled world.

Churchill's inspiring story of triumph in the face of a seemingly difficult ordeal lays credence to the strong propulsion that one's motivating attributes can offer.

The deadliest of men use these attributes to their advantage, men like Nazi leader Adolf Hitler, Russian leader Stalin. They were always a marvel to behold by both followers and non-followers.

What makes preachers stand out is this attribute. They uplift others with their words of encouragement from God's word. It's always inspiring and refreshing hearing them preach.

You desire to be a marvel. How many persons have you helped see the light from their dark situation even if it is only by your few words of encouragements? The marvel begins by motivating people around him and then this gift is transferred to others beyond his immediate sphere. You may say "I am not in a position to lead others so no one will know my stuff". Your stuff is known from where you begin; that little corner.

You have listened to many of those motivational speakers and wish you were the one with the

opportunity to speak like they do. You ask yourself sometimes why you can't speak like they do. The truth is, you are the one stopping you. Everyone has their story that is motivating enough. We just do not find our story. We think gush "what an experience he had, I was thrilled and amazed". How about your own story? Some other person can be thrilled too with your story!

Let's look at the motivating attribute of a marvel

A marvel will often

- Make the endpoint more glorious than the beginning. He talks glowingly about the future glory and less about the challenges. To him, the future settled today is worth all the struggles of today and tomorrow.
- Admits himself into his own university of thoughts. To motivate others you, you must have motivated yourself first. You can't teach what you haven't learned. If you believe in your own school of thought which you must have practiced, then you can pass same to others
- React positively even in a very negative situation. Everyone in the ship may be sinking but he says, the

ship isn't going to sink. We are going to stay alive.
They are always seeing the light in the darkness.

- View the possibilities that could happen with every one person around them. They talk about the success in the failure, the wisdom in the foolish and the strength in the weak.
- Eradicate any picture of his mind that does not propel the positive virtues that he wants to see happen. As far as he is concerned, there are enormous possibilities and so it is.
- Leads others through stormy and difficult challenges to a port of joy and peace. He has satisfaction at the sight and that he gets.

The motivating quality of a marvel is inspirational. You'd often see the marvel lead the team and everyone putting their acts together to work for him. The unlimited energy he releases propels others around him too and they believe in him and his every word even when he might be wrong somewhere.

People who are marvels are always the eyes in any group or society. Everyone wants to hang around them and hear from them the opinions they hold about a subject

matter. They think they are always right. Well, that is always the undoing of this quality. People can easily be charmed to believing what is not true because it comes from the motivating marvelous man.

However the negatives, the positives actually overwhelm. The marvel sends spasm of inspiration. That's what the world of people wants and admire. Some of these great religious leaders you know are great at motivating people and we cherish and celebrate them. We say "what a marvel!".

Now you too can be the marvel. Find your story. Yes, there is an inspiring one out there inside you if only you dare to check. It is right there. Let it spring forth and motivate others to be the best they can be.

CHAPTER TWELVE

BE ACCOUNTABLE

The life of a marvel is one of responsibility. A marvel has people looking up to him and these persons become his responsibility. Think about the pilot who has to fly a Boeing 737 with over 200 passengers on board. He is the marvel and his passengers are his followers who depend on him to get to their destination, the same destination that the pilot is heading. The pilot knows he has the fate of his coworkers and passengers in his hands. He thus takes the responsibility to ride them to safety.

Your marvelous status is one that encapsulates responsibility. You have to be responsible to those who attach themselves to your life.

Many time, I've heard leaders talk about not knowing those they lead, even their names, and they claim it is not necessary. Well, I'd say they aren't accountable.

Imagine you have people you lead who sick and you don't care to ask about them and know how they do. It's

actually a serious situation. A man who wants to be marvel must look out for those for those who are helpless and take responsibility for them.

The marvel often attracts the crowd. This is the reason. Most of them may not be strong in mind. This is often the reason they surround the marvel just so that the amazing strength, wisdom, and talent of the marvel may fall on them.

You have to be accountable to the strong as well as the weak. It's sad that those who are poor and downtrodden in society do not get the chance to be looked at by even those they marvel at and appreciate. We carry this mentality that we have to connect to our type. The truth is your type doesn't even exist. Those who gave you value and helped you discover your type are those you have to be accountable to; those small people who are helpless and look up to you as role model

You are accountable to God. The life we live is given to us by God and expects us to make good of it while we have it. God often looks down at us smiling with one good act that we show to others. We are constantly under his watchful eyes and he expects us to connect with what he

desires from us. He wants you to know you are accountable to him.

You are also accountable to society. Society always expects the marvelous man to keep the creeds and moral values that characterize it. While society could sometimes have biased rules, the marvel man seeks to obey the right one and throw off or does away with wrong ones. He also offers his knowledge and advice to making the right rules that will best fit society.

You are accountable to your family and friends. They are looking at you and counting on your guidance to help them find direction. Your words of advice and financial support you offer has the capacity to change everything about who you are and how they lead their lives. Your family should concern you. Events around it shouldn't just happen. They have to be organized and coordinated by you. Every one of your friends should draw something from your life that makes their lives better

The marvel is accountable for the helpless and hopeless around him. He seeks to offer wherever and whenever he can, all the support he can give them. He doesn't want to be told. He just offers all in sacrifice to the needy

around him. This is why there are civil society groups and initiatives created by persons of marvelous caliber.

If there is no one who looks up to you or who you show responsibility to, you are no marvel. Marvels carry people with them, whether they are children or adults, men or women, girls or boys.

Do you want to be a marvel? The question then is “what good have you done for God, society, family and friends. Start doing something responsible and walk your way to the marvelous state you want to be.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

RADIATE HOPE

In a world where most are helpless and poor, needing some comfort, there seems to be a lack of men who have the capacity to transmit hope to them. The world seems to be in short supply of marvels who revel in giving hope to the hopeless. You are thus in a quest where only a few persons have proven themselves at.

It is saddening to note that those who claim to be marvelous have nothing to offer. The world is looking for real marvels that could speak words of comfort to the less privileged and give them a reason to be joyful and happy.

What does it mean to radiate hope? It is to:

- Harmonize our heart with those who are helpless to help themselves. When we feel how they feel, however, high we are and choose to come down to the same level in order to hold their hands, you are radiating hope.

- Occupy one's heart in such a way as to uplift them when they think about you. Persons who radiate hope are often likable and thought or pictures of them always evoke sweet memories.
- Polarize minds of people pushing negative fear mentality to one corner of the mind and allowing joy and happiness the bulk of the mind
- Expose hidden possibilities that others haven't discovered they have by helping them find the possibilities that their unknown capacity can help them evolve. In doing this, you are radiating hope.

Hope is the belief that something you want will happen. Sometimes a person has tried many times towards achieving something but all to no avail, his efforts reach a dead end. The tendency is often to give up. Here's where the marvelous man comes in. he holds his hands and says "friend I can show you the better way and you'd get it right this time". That's radiating hope.

I was downcast at some point in my life because all I wanted wasn't going as planned. I had entered the university with the hope that I'd do very well from the start but was doing poorly. One day while I was studying,

a friend came to me and said “ I saw you in the labyrinths of my thoughts and I know this word is for you. Whatever you are going through, just know God will see you through it”. I was so happy to have heard such consoling words from an unexpected fellow. It was soothing and gave me hope that something better was coming. That was actually the inertia that kept me going through the difficult travails that characterized life in school.

The marvel is always hopeful. However slim his chances, he thinks that that slim chance is all he needs to upturn the situation and make a way for himself. To him, all hope is not lost and he radiates this quality to every situation he comes across.

Why is the marvel always hopeful? He is because;

- He has developed a MENTALITY that however bad a situation, there is a chance for better. He sticks his head continuously in search of this better and gets the better
- He has ASCENDED from the downside of never expecting too much to believe that the impossible is absolutely possible.

- He has learned to REJECT any self-demeaning belief that could depress his quest to achieve great things. He believes and that soothes him.
- He has learned to VIEW life as a challenge he has to continually challenge day in, day out. He sets his gaze up always at the prize and that's what keeps him going.
- He has learned to ERADICATE all forms of doubts on his path to doing great things. To him, fear doesn't exist. He just keeps pushing till something happens.
- He has learned to LOOK ahead at every point it seems he is going to fall. When he does fall, he arises again, looking up till he reaches his destination.

The marvel's hope radiating attribute makes him often attract people around him his hopes often find a way to become his realities. He says it in faith and gets what he says. Thus, when he sees some person who is facing a downtime, he knows he the right words to lift them up because he has learned to lift himself up too through his struggles.

You just have to radiate hope.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

WHAT'S YOUR VALUES?

A marvel is a man with his set of values. Values are guiding principles applied by a person to order his life and give him the qualities that he desires. Values could be negative or positive. When it's negative, it could lead to a vice with deadly aftermaths. When values are positive, they project the man bearing them to a brighter light.

There have to be some guiding principles that guide how you lead your life. Everyone has it just that the principles are not all the same.

The marvel is principled. He is guided by his convictions, the ones he thinks are right or wrong depending on how he views life.

Everyone in some way has some good and bad values from the personal experiences he has had. We learn to build our convictions and develop our core values based

on our aspirations and drive to get there. It is amazing to know that we look like the values we project.

The marvel is a positive value personality. Though he may keep some negative values sometimes, he seeks often to propel in himself the right attributes. These attributes are actually the things that make up his value system.

There are numerous attributes that make up our positive value system. Hard work, perseverance, tenacity, encouragement, hope, motivation, inspiration are all positive values that marvels associate with.

These values are actually what make the marvel marvelous. When they showcase these attributes, it is because they are aware of their marvelous capacity and the qualities expected of them.

You need good values to associate you with your marvel seeking pursuit. This means there could be some bad ones too that could be detrimental to your marvel seeking pursuit. These bad values include lie telling, fear. Recklessness, frivolous talks, time wasting etc.

These attributes could be very detrimental to your pursuit. Incidentally, it could lead to a life of less than your true worth and value, the marvelous life.

The marvel seeking man often holds on to good values that are easily seen and recognized. He lives for these values and acts in such a way as to become these values. You might have heard some statements made in respect of certain persons, statements like “Mr. C is an epitome of hard work.” Well, the marvel becomes his values that when examples of these values are being looked for, he is not too far away.

The marvel often seeks to protect his hard earned image. He projects his personality in such a brilliant light that even when he has faults, everyone looks at the light and away from the faults.

Do you want to be a marvel right? What are the values you have inculcated? What quality are you known for? Are they good or bad ones? Many would-be marvels have had their stint tarnished by one act of frivolity.

Marvels (would have been) such as Balotelli who would have taken over the world of soccer lost their place due

to their inability to develop good values alongside great footballing talents.

Yes, one might be talented but what is needed is virtues, values to guard the talents. When value adds with talent, there is a massive explosion into a marvelous figure.

If you've not developed values that could sell you, you may want to think about taking classes on values. How do you create your values? You create values by;

- Learning to VOLUNTEER yourself for causes other than yours. Learn to do task that you won't get paid for but which you will put in all your zest and energy to see it get done
- Learning to ACCEPT sacrifice. You need to sacrifice. Sometimes you will need to give up what you so treasure to help someone become better than they were. There are many out there who have no meals. If you can sacrifice just one meal for them every day, they'd ever be grateful to you.
- Learning to LOVE in spite of how the people are, what they do and who they are. Love is so important a virtue that it is projected only by the man who understands what the marvelous life is.

- Learning to UPLIFT other persons who are not as high as you are with kind and motivating words. You may not have so much but your little words of upliftment could be all you need to be a blessing to others.
- Learning to EXERCISE your commitment to be useful to the world outside your immediate box. The world needs people who would be committed to changing lives in the little way they can.

Your values speak volume of you especially to people outside your immediate sphere who quantify and measure how much you have affected their lives by the little things you have done. Let your values speak.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

ENTERTAIN

You have watched on the television many of these superstars and models. Some of them are musicians, dancers, actors, sportsmen etc. they often are a marvel to watch and at one time in your life you had fantasized being like them.

Well, the life of a marvel is an entertaining one. They are often amusing and carry always a joyful and happy mien.

The marvel amuses and amazes. Everything he does erupts in wonderful raptures of joy that envelopes his watching audience. The audience could be his family, mates, friends, acquaintance or the larger society. The entertaining lifestyle of the marvel attracts people to him.

People want to hang around those who are happy. They often want a transfer of the happiness and joy others carry to them. They want to be amused away from the

challenge that characterizes life even if it means only for a short time.

The beauty of the marvelous life is that people feel it and when they erupt in happiness from your lifestyle, they will always return to you for more. They even create a fan base to support you.

What entertainment can you offer? How can you make people happier than you met them? Do the following;

- Make quality music. Life consists of beats and music. Everyone can produce music however not everyone produces quality music. That “quality” is left for the marvel that has gone one step ahead to create the kind of stuff that everyone wants to listen to.
- Act the major scene. Marvels find the major scenes of life and make themselves the major act. Life is the movie and everyone is the actors. Marvels make themselves the major acts in the major scene
- Become the review of the best books. Every great book is written by great authors. In life, our lives are each books. The quality of our life is the quality of the book that we are. The goal is to become the best book. By seeing how the best have lived their lives

and following same, we repeat is some way the same book they have written.

- Value the best artwork. The best artists are very creative and original. Their artistic work could be so interesting that we hardly can do without appreciating them. Everyone is some form of artist but the very best of us are the ones who have distinguished themselves, the marvels who make a name for themselves. They are the ones who truly value the best artwork. You can be that best artist who creates the best artwork
- Enlightening with the pen. What you write has the capacity to instigate in others some form of entertainment and enlightenment. Writers could be very impressive with their talents. You can become impressive as well by doing what you can do, write.
- Locate the grandest cinemas. Everyone needs a stage to be seen. We don't just need a stage, we need a huge stage. In some way, life is a stage and everyone acts, however, there are certain stages of repute that attracts persons who are grand and have quality taste. You need that kind of stage to be seen.

The more of the biggest stages you find yourself, the bigger you become.

Your capacity to entertain is inherent in you. It's right there for you and the world who would soon see you as the marvel.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

LOCATE GOD

God has created everyone to do some marvelous feet. He has incredibly blessed us with this capacity that his desire and only desire is to see us become what he has made us for.

The challenge however we have is that we tend to run from God. We often think we don't need him when in reality, we need him most.

All the time, God is stretching his hands towards us. He calls out to us but we often think, we are strong enough and do not need him. It's so sad.

I had a similar experience. I was busy, but I knew I needed the marvelous life. I just quipped when it had to do with God but I soon discovered I couldn't run. I just had to locate him. It's being marvelous since.

All the things written before this chapter wouldn't help a bit if you don't find God and then allow him to have a place in you.

Often, we become too busy trying to locate ourselves where we think we should be. We discover that however, it isn't an easy task.

God wants to help us achieve great things. He feels like us and he knows best what we don't. It's great that we find out first from him.

How do you locate God? God has offered us his son Jesus. God says through Jesus, we should come to him. Jesus is the only way.

You have to accept Jesus as the son of God. Believe that Jesus came to die, confess your sins to Jesus. God says he will give us anything we ask in the name of Jesus.

That marvel you want to be is settled when you ask in the name of Jesus.