



THE HIGH-POWERED CHRISTIAN ENTREPRENEUR



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Аннотация

It is the desire of every rational person to achieve measurable success in their occupation. However, most persons pass through life unhappy with most aspects of their lives. We crave a good life but rarely carry our aspirations beyond the belief it could be achieved through hard work often in the wrong professions. We regularly work at tasks for which we are not suited and regrettably end up with a poor imitation of what we imagine success to be.

The High-Powered Christian Entrepreneur is a book for Bible-believing Christians, both young and the old. It illustrates through instructions and activities how to rise again from life failures and create a new life enterprise suited to what God has fashioned you to be.

The High-Powered Christian Entrepreneur shows how to use proven goal-setting principles in tandem with sound Christian principles to achieve life and financial goals in spite of the times. Though written for practicing Christians this book is meant for anyone in earnest search for measurable goals, progress, and achievements in their life and earnestly able to commit themselves to that search.

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to everyone in search of a new meaning
to their
lives.

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PREFACE TO THIS EDITION

At a point in my life, I was a very zealous young Christian, constantly seeking knowledge that no pastor appeared willing

or

able to sufficiently give to me. My eagerness led me to Bible College, after which I was eventually by my church, put in

charge

of a fledgling community church. But this was not my life

vision.

Even though I loved to advise and encourage people, I was

not cut

out to be a church pastor, at least not yet. I was certain God required more of me; especially as no other part of my life was

going on impressively. I resolved thereafter to focus more on

the

task of unraveling the purpose of human life and especially

of my

life, which was certainly not going enviably at all.

I have in my life passed through scary medical situations

and even more frightening financial situations from which

anyone's survival should defy rational human explanation. But

I

remember the amusing quip of a very scared pastor which

says:

“without passing through a mess, you cannot have a message”
I have passed through sufficient mess to preach thousands of messages and nearly completely convinced the purpose of my life

may be an encourager. I have indeed seen nearly everything.
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I wrote the first version of this book, I believe purely from divine interference. The version was compiled from personal notes

and observations made from various challenges life had led me through. The book was published under a pseudonym; because I

wasn't sure I wanted anymore to be associated with religious writing. That done, I set the book aside, refused even to promote it

and happily carried on with my other interests, the divine call being done with.

I have formal qualifications in civil engineering, software technology and also journalism. The engineering degree I acquired

at the age of twenty and set aside about fifteen years later because I

thought it was no more sufficiently challenging. I needed something which interfaced more with the world around me

rather

than with a specialist niche. I needed an enjoyable occupation being convinced nobody was ever created to live an unhappy life. I

believe every human being has a unique skill, something that nobody else can do in the same way as you can, and if you can find

it, you have found the purpose of your existence and life will consequently become easier to live. My most enjoyable skill is creative-writing and I made certain it would be an important

part

of whatever I committed myself to, a decision I believe divinely

placed after a circuitous life journey.

After reading this book, I am sure you will want to ask if I eventually achieved the financial goal, I projected. No, I did not.

This is because I started with a goal and ended with a vision that

set the goal aside, for a while. The perks were equally rewarding –

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I could more easily fund my several community-oriented projects,

which include ongoing support to a local orphanage. I was also

able to write more than thirty books over a space of only nine years, some of them for big-name foreign publishers. An abridged

record of my adventure into writing books, I urge you to read in

my literary autobiography titled *Gathering the Words*. I must mention that more than ninety percent of my books were written

after I turned fifty, an age at which most people think their productive years are already behind them. I still write at least one

book every year, living the most liberating and liberated life I could ever have imagined.

Undoubtedly, creative writing will not be your liberating skill, primarily because you need to be an extraordinary writer to

earn any money at all from writing books. Yours could be sports,

or catering, music, pastoring, dressmaking, teaching, care giving

...or whatever your conversation with God eventually places in

your heart. How would you know you have found this liberating

skill? If it is not something that excites you beyond the expected

monetary rewards, you still need to keep searching.

The title of this book may need a bit of explaining. My definition of a high-powered life is one that is constantly receiving

guidance from God. My definition of a Christian is one who is constantly guided by the Bible and consequently of God.

When

you decided to read this book, what were your expectations?

Did

you imagine it may turn you into a high flying business owner jetting around the world in your private plane? Yes, the little

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knowledge I have given here could enable you to do that, but it will take a great deal of work on your part to arrive at that goal.

Becoming an entrepreneur is not always about wheeling and dealing and making a lot of money and I love this definition

given

by an organization known as Enterprising Oxford:

“It is not just about starting a business or spinning out a company from research. It’s all a mindset or a way of thinking. Entrepreneurs just think and do things differently... Being an entrepreneur can mean knowing your industry inside out and

being

able to exploit that knowledge to create new opportunities.

Being

entrepreneurial can mean sharing ideas freely and celebrating so-called failures as learning and growing experiences. Being entrepreneurial can mean simply thinking outside the box and expecting the unexpected.”

What were my reasons to again revisit a book I abandoned for more than eight years? I thought initially to reply that I don't

know the reason, but that would be quite untrue. I do, and it is again purely divine intervention. I offer this book as a testimony

that all the principles I have mentioned in the book work.

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INTRODUCTION

These are difficult times indeed. Entire fortunes are being
daily
wiped out economies go deeper into turmoil. Unemployment
is rife
and many people are looking to the future with distress. But
this is
the world economy, not God's economy – because The Maker
has
equipped each of us with the means to succeed and prosper
in spite
of whatever is the situation in the world.

There are a few things though that we ought to get out of
the way before you dive deeper into this book. They should
help
you determine what you may hope to expect and whether the
book
is worth reading at all.

This is a book.

Yes, that is correct. It is not a miracle machine; and you
will not instantly become a successful entrepreneur, just by
reading
it. This book contains knowledge and very little else and until
you

put the knowledge to work it will remain just a book. This is a book about how to use proven goal-setting principles in tandem with sound Christian teachings to achieve life

and financial goals. It contains material from my personal experience, success stories of other individuals around the world

and also Biblical notes. Regardless, my life encounters are specifically mine and what has worked for me may not work for

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you. It is my wish that you eventually look up and not to my experience. That is the reason for this book: guiding you to create a

secular occupation that is powered from up above. I offer this book

merely as a guide to assist you to navigate your way through some

of the rough channels of life especially those concerned with the

basic task of finding your purpose and place in the economy of

God.

I have been there.

Maybe you are at this moment thinking you have seen so

much hardship in your life and you are thinking - it is okay for him

to write books; he doesn't know what I am going through. ; think

again. I can tell you right now how wrong you are. I have passed

through it before. This book is therefore also my testimony
This book is about rising to reclaim your place and purpose in life. It is a small book, not quite so filled with pages of action

points and motivational jargon such as you have probably read in a

dozen places and you are fed up with them. Read it quickly at first

just to enjoy it; then come back read it all over again, much slower

this time – to apply it.

What you do is what you get.

This book will have no more impact on you than you permit it. What this means is that if you are happy enough with your life, this book may be of no use to you. However, if you are in

earnest search for measurable goals, progress and achievements in

your life and you are willing to commit yourself to that search, then, read on.

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SUMMARY

This is a small book. You have probably read similar, most of which at the last page makes you too weary even to put the instructions into action. That is why I have made it small. I will further make it smaller by summarizing the content into a couple of pages so that you can easily determine what sections you want to go back to re-read, to get yourself going.

Chapter 1

How do you know whether your life is on course or not? It is often quite easy to find out if you know the tell-tale signs. Give your life an audit.

Chapter 2

If you are convinced that you are going wrong in life, it is necessary to do rid yourself of the pains. Examine all your bad decisions, influences, and quantifiable failures. Decide to forgive yourself.

Chapter 3

Many of those things and persons that you had previously relied on are nothing but unnecessary props. Resolve to get rid of them.

Chapter 4

Begin to build up your spirit by speaking good things to and about yourself. Set a purposeful goal and make plans on how to actualize it.

Chapter 5

Take inventory of your skills. Decide which ones you will need to actualize your goal and what new skill you will need to learn.

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Chapter 6

A reaction is always a natural result of an action. Examine those obstacles which could hinder and completely halt your progress, and deal with them.

Chapter 7

It is now time to start implementing your plan, but how positive are you about success and how well prepared are you for failure? Pursuing a goal is a lot like war, and you need to make contingency battle plans.

Chapter 8

Success requires an uncommon attitude or several of those attitudes. Get yourself a brand new routine and earnestly forge ahead with your goal constantly in sight.

Chapter 9

It is a natural law is that you cannot sow oranges and harvest apples. Similarly, to reap money you must needlessly sow money.

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