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“...but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.” Daniel 11:32

RESEARCHING PROFICIENCY

Having a root of PROFICIENCY demonstrates your progress away from the unknown which invites premature destruction. Reposition yourself as a **researcher**. “Curiosity is one of the permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous mind.” Samuel Johnson. Curious minds want to know. And they find satisfaction when they do know. With technological advancements, knowledge has increased over the past century. Every invention including humanity has at least a 1,000-fold competency level: we can realize potential to operate at least 1,000 times better than we were born. Isaiah 60:22, “a little one shall become a thousand.” Here is one exponential example I heard about: Man on horseback can travel up to 25/mph; while man in a shuttle can travel up to 25,000/mph although the registered speed at the time of research is 17,321/mph. The difference between expertise and ignorance is that one goes farther than the other. The one may not even know s/he does not know. Here are three ways to ignite your knowledge base: 1) **Reading** is how you can receive the largest flow of information, instruction, and inspiration. You cannot do anything else when reading aloud. Senses are totally engaged to see, hear, speak, touch, and interpret. Reading also stimulates brain development. Investing in reading exposes you new material in days: you can receive more knowledge in shorter time span than the years it may have taken the author to write. If you think a book is too expensive, remember this quote by John Rohn, “It isn’t what the book costs; it’s what it will cost if you don’t read it.” The experts suggest committing to a daily 90-minute literacy block. If you know someone who does not like to read, request a literacy affirmation bookmark to read aloud at kjfm@sbcglobal.net today. 2) **Research** is seeking to discover what already exists. There was an attempt to close the US Patent Office in the late 1800’s. It was said “everyone could see that everything that could be invented, had already been invented”. We were created to create distinction. It remains a way of life to do things creatively. With every impenetrable problem, there is also a heaven-born solution as well. I learned to approach market research using this premise: the better the question, the better the answer. “Answers are the rewards for questions,” Mike Murdock. If you haven’t discovered answers yet, simply re-position yourself to keep on exploring until you do. Deep only attracts deep. If you remain shallow, you will stay on the surface most of the time. 3) **Revelation** is unveiling a secret message. No longer covered up, you can view the story behind the story. For example, the moral of the story of *The 3 Little Pigs* is simply this: “if you don’t build on the right foundation, you are going to keep running for your life.” To get to the point of revelation, allow your reading and research to turn into meditation. Make your requests to God, then get quiet before the Lord so the mind of Christ in you can grasp “intelligence”. This is part of your heavenly inheritance “to know as you are known”. George Washington Carver asked, “What is the secret behind the peanut?” and received over 325 answers about the functionality of the peanut. Albert Einstein observed this about our imagination, “The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mystery.” You can have a clear vision of what is possible. You can make a discovery and a demand on the unseen. Then revelation will become the credible witness to receive your manifestation.

AUTHORIZING MASTERY

Demonstrating the fruit of MASTERY proves you have influence not to be overcome, but to overcome. Reposition yourself as an **authorizer**. And that authority is in Christ. Therefore, you are no longer just an echo in the world around you, but you have developed a voice that resonates the kingdom of God in earth. You command performance. You are set apart from what is common. Everything you master has zero defects. I Corinthians 9:25, says, “And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.” First learn to influence yourself before you try to influence others. One area of mastery is keeping your on-time fulfillment of what you promise: As a seed, now you can expect on-time delivery of promises. There are four levels of influence. 1) **Manipulate** – exploitation to take the advantage of people and situations; therefore you exercise dominion over others for selfish motives. (I do not endorse because it causes oppression). 2) **Manage** – experience and education to be a steward of plans, processes, projects, and places. People, you lead. 3) **Master** – expertise to teach others to give away the advantage because you have vested succession goals; you desire to make things work with you and without you. 4) **Majestic** – empowered to rule where things come to you to lead and/or manage: “be fruitful, multiply, replenish, subdue, and have dominion”, Genesis 1:28. “Everything in the earth is awaiting an instruction,” Mike Murdock. So begin!

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Thought for Transformation

Once I heard there are two kinds of pain: 1) the pain of regret weighs tons. It could be from the sin of omission or commission. Recognizing God’s mercy outlasts a lifetime, you can learn to free yourself and others of guilt and shame to give and receive forgiveness. 2) the pain of discipline weighs ounces. Discipline is not at all punishment; it is training for mastery. It molds precision and accuracy for great habits. “Discipline realized inside is the mark of influence that can be seen outside.” Some benefits are: minimizes waste; reduces error; perfects instructions; and performs best practices. You do not have to wait for everything to be perfect. Suppose you have experienced a setback. You begin to work with what you have to get what you desire. Becoming deaf, Ludwig Van Beethoven still composed musical masterpieces. None of his work is dissonant. Although he changed his approach to music, he did not have to change his total art form. Mastering his own weakness, he strengthened the soul of humanity. If he had focused on his disability, he would have never received a second wind where he was and made something of it. “Self-discipline is not doing without. It is doing within, when you are without. It is indeed virtual reality,” Denis Waitley. Go for the gold!