

## SUCCESS - It's Time to Upgrade

### Part 1 by Ps Larry Elliott

I'm a Vodacom subscriber, their newest marketing strategy is to have an agent call you and as my chosen "service-provider" to let me know I'm due for an UPGRADE and offer me the best deals possible!

Well as believers we have subscribed to the Heavenly Network, and as your chosen "service provider" I'm "At Your Service" Provider I've come to tell you:

#### ✂ It's time for your NEXT UPGRADE...

- ✂ Today as believers we are wonderfully free in Jesus and are the recipients of all God's promises.
- ✂ The "genesis" of abundant life for every believer begins with the finished work of JESUS.

**Genesis 12:1-3 NKJV** "Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a **great nation**; I will **bless** you and make your name **great**; and you shall be a **blessing**. I will **bless** those who **bless** you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be **blessed**."

🔥 Today believers are recipients of this promise, because we are His "chosen ones." In Christ.

🔥 We were adopted into His family and ALL His glorious promises are ours.

**II Corinthians 1:20-22 NKJV** "For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

David prayed and put his request for an UPGRADE to His Father:

**Psalms 51:7-15 MSG** "Soak me in your laundry and I'll come out clean, scrub me and I'll have a snow-white life. Tune me in to foot-tapping songs, set these once-broken bones to dancing. Don't look too close for blemishes, give me a clean bill of health. God, make a fresh start in me, shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life. Don't throw me out with the trash, or fail to breathe holiness in me. Bring me back from gray exile, put a fresh wind in my sails! Give me a job teaching rebels your ways so the lost can find their way home. Commute my death sentence, God, my salvation God, and I'll sing anthems to your life-giving ways. Unbutton my lips, dear God; I'll let loose with your praise."

- 👏 God moved when He gave up Jesus to die for us. Now, when we confess His Word, it moves us from a position of doubt into faith.
- 👏 It moves your heart from a position of "Is it true?" to "I believe it!"
- 👏 When this happens, "you make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success"!

**Joshua 1:8-9 NKJV** "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

- ✚ Where do you need an upgrade:  
Marriage, Work, Relationships, Health, Finances etc

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It always, always, always starts with YOU and IT ALWAYS STARTS **IN** YOU...

**Luke 17:20-21 NKJV** "Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

Three things that POSITION YOU BRILLIANTLY:

1. WORK with The Word

A Daily Reflection: Begin to Discover the permissions that Jesus is giving you in His Word, see Jesus as He really is and not as someone else or previous experience would dictate, be upgraded in every way by letting the Living God speak to you from His Word.

{Read books, articles, watch programs, but never let it replace Reading and Studying His WORD}

Jesus actually lives inside you by His Spirit, and every time you study the word you can be HELPED as His Spirit makes the Word come to life.

The Holy Spirit will guide you into God's plans for your life, which is better than anything you could plan for yourself.

**WORD FOR South Africa and YOU: out of FAILURE...ARISE**

There are many lessons in the Bible but the Holy Spirit will show you which one is for you today.

You can begin it today, and it is a journey you will be on for the rest of your life.

Anytime you try to do anything new, it will take effort on your part, learning how to do it.

I want you to know that every path the Holy Spirit has led me to take has always brought me to a better place than I was before and it always ties back to the Word.

God will never ask us to do anything difficult unless it will lead us to a better life.

2. MEASURE your Motives

**James 4:1-3 AMPC** "WHAT LEADS to strife (discord and feuds) and how do conflicts (quarrels and fightings) originate among you? Do they not arise from your sensual desires that are ever warring in your bodily members? You are jealous and covet [what others have] and your desires go unfulfilled; [so] you become murderers. [To hate is to murder as far as your hearts are concerned.] You burn with envy and anger and are not able to obtain [the gratification, the contentment, and the happiness that you seek], so you fight and war. You do not have, because you do not ask. [I John 3:15.] [Or] you do ask [God for them] and yet fail to receive, because you ask with wrong purpose and evil, selfish motives. Your intention is [when you get what you desire] to spend it in sensual pleasures."

Your motive is the real sometimes hidden reason we do things.

Because doing something new is not always easy, you may be tempted at times to fall back into your old ways.

But if you will resist that temptation and ask God to help you persist in the new way of living, it will always make your life better.

3. ADDRESS your Attitudes

✚ An attitude is the way you see things, it's the perspective from which you view the world around

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you, and it's very important.

- ✚ Jesus' very first sermon was all about Attitudes (Mathew 5) known as the Be-Attitudes
- ✚ In them He shares eight powerful attitudes that position us to be A SUCCESS in His Kingdom!
- ✚ Jesus said to him, **'If you can believe, all things are possible to them that believe'** (Mark 9:23). It's time to change your mindset, and renew your thoughts and ways of thinking. God never intended for us to live according to the world's system and ways of doing things.

**Luke 17:20-21 TPT** "Jesus was once asked by the Jewish religious leaders, "When will God's kingdom come?" Jesus responded, "God's kingdom does not come simply by obeying principles or waiting for signs. The kingdom is not discovered in one place or another, for God's kingdom realm is already expanding within some of you."

- Make a decision this morning; I want to WIN in my LIFE.
- That means you've got to get up each day and go for it. (Pursue It)
- Be intentional by being ready to do what's difficult and keep at it with diligence.

**Psalms 143:7-12 NKJV** "Answer me speedily, O Lord; my spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; In You I take shelter. Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. In Your mercy cut off my enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul; for I am Your servant."

### **5 Actions you take to activate your UPGRADE:**

Trust // Sow // Align // Release // Receive

#### **1. Trust God at the Next Level.**

- 👉 Recognize it's time to climb your Mountain to the next level of TRUST!
- 👉 Faith occurs when we stop trying to do it something by our own efforts and trust someone else (Jesus) to do it for us.

**Romans 4:16 NKJV** "Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all

### **Trust is living by Faith by walking in Grace**

**Romans 4:17 NKJV** (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed - God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

- 👉 Faith is the exact opposite of trusting yourself, it's an attitude of the heart positioned in Grace that says GOD CAN.

**Romans 4:18 NKJV** who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

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