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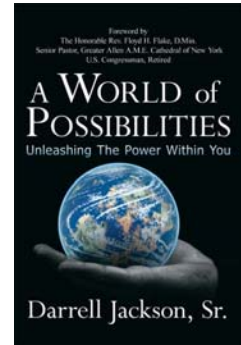
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"Enemies of Our Success #6: Limited Thinking"

Numbers 13:30-33 (KJV)

Proverbs 23:7 (KJV)

Excerpts from "A World of Possibilities"



- There are many enemies of our success: fear, pride, greed, envy, and the words from our own mouths; but limited thinking, also an enemy of our success, controls how we handle the rest of our lives (our futures). (p.78)
- It is important to conquer limited thinking, which is small-time thinking; having a defeatist attitude; thinking as if you don't deserve to be where you are. (p.78)
- Jesus did not allow the adversary to get into His head, the way that the adversary gets into some people's heads. (p.79)
- God told you that you could. The enemy told you that you couldn't. Whose report will you choose to believe? (p.80)
- Not limiting our own thinking is a choice that we make. We choose to believe the report of the Lord.
- His report says that we are more than conquerors. We are the head and not the tail. We can do all things with Christ, and so on.
- In his book, *Thinking for a Change* by John C. Maxwell, he says that successful people think differently than unsuccessful people. Successful people will see a glass half-full. Unsuccessful people will see the glass half-empty. It is simply a mindset.
- When we focus on the glass being half empty, we dwell on the negative or what appears to exist. (p.82)
- This limited way of thinking causes us to then become paralyzed and not move into the areas that God has predestined us to be.
- When we look at the glass as being half-full we expand our possibilities and seek opportunities through faith. By applying faith, through standing on God's Word, we can then walk into the success that God has for us.

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- No actions are committed without thought. Perhaps you did not think a situation through thoroughly, but at some point, thought was given. Therefore, the thought triggered an action. (p. 82)
- People who achieve greatness (success) first believe they can do it. This belief begins with a thought.
- If we are able to curse limited thinking, defeat limited thinking and change our mindsets, then we can achieve success.
- Do not allow the enemy of limited thinking in your life. Hope is not for the things you already have in your possession. Hope is for those things that you want to have. (p.83)
- We must have confidence in knowing God cannot fail. And, that what He promises will surely come to pass.
- As believers and followers of Christ with His spirit residing in us, He challenges us to expand our thinking.
- God encourages us in this area when He tells us of the exceeding abundance we are able to have beyond our own limited thinking.
- We can actually do so much more than what we possibly think we can.
- It is then that our prayer to God is that He allows us to see ourselves as He sees us.
- We know our true identity which will influence our thinking, when we are intimate with God.
- When we know who we are, and what His purpose is for our lives, then we can think differently. Thinking differently will impact our actions.
- If we think as successful individuals, then we will become successful individuals.
- We must ask ourselves three things:
 1. What do I think of myself?
 2. What do I think of my situation?
 3. What do I think of my God?

If you know who you are, if you know about your situation, and if you know about your God, then you have just broken the chains of limited thinking. There is no situation that you will encounter that is not common to man.