HAVING A GOD INSPIRED IMAGINATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR YOUR SUCCESS

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Dear Partner,

race be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and Lord Jesus Christ. I want you to know that progress, advancement, and enlargement are knocking on your door today. I believe that they will happen under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. I believe you will break generational curses that have been plaguing you for years, starting now. Family ties which have weighed you down will begin to unravel, and you will be able to soar to heights that you have never dreamed.

However, you will have to break through the natural barrier and operate on the frequency of the Holy Spirit. After all, it is God's ultimate plan for you to do so. Prophets and leaders of old operated in this manner and accomplished great things. Just like these prophets and leaders, you no longer have to live as a regular person because Christ rules on the inside of you.

You must rid yourself of religion. Operating religiously will cause you not to fully take advantage of the power you have in God. You must dispel the mindset of only praying the same time every day or going through a spiritual ritual on a regular basis. You can put yourself in a position where God's blessings are overtaking you every day. In order to live in this state, you must develop the mentality of doing whatever God tells you to do, where, and how He tells you to do it. This mindset comes through, what we talked about last month, "meditating in God's word and communing with Him." It will also come through your "IMAGINATION," which is what I want to talk with you about this month.

The dictionary definition of imagination is, "the faculty of imagining, or of forming mental images or concepts of what is not actually present to the senses." On the spiritual side of the matter, the human imagination is the preparation tool for building and receiving in the realm of the Spirit. It will take you places before you get there. It will enable you to do things before you actually experience them. And finally, it will let you have things before you physically possess them.

The imagination is an incredible component of your spirit life. Your spirit life would be insufficient without using your imagination properly. Now, allow me to make a disclaimer. I am not talking about "new-age thinking," psychology, nor mind-over-matter. Using the imagination is a principle in God's word that has been provided for you so that you may experience a place before you get there. God told Abraham in **Genesis 26:4**, **"And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all**

these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." God told Abraham to look into his imagination in order to see what was in store for him. God was in essence telling Abraham to set his imagination on something that was totally impossible for himself to accomplish. You can set yourself in this position with God! Suppose you work this principle and see things before they happen. Expansion will take place in your life. Your imagination can put you on the frequency of thinking like God. It has the right to call things that be not as though they were because you are about to create with God. I challenge you to find something you think is totally impossible for you to accomplish. It must be something completely beyond your own abilities. Whatever it is, I dare you to imagine it and bring it before God. Genesis 11:6 says, "...and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have <u>imagined</u> to do." When the Holy Spirit finishes shaping your imagination, this verse will be talking about you.

If you are going to utilize your imagination properly you must first, **drain it**. In other words, you must free your imagination of any negative event that has ever happened to you. You may have grown up in a dysfunctional home, or you may have not done well in school. You may have been in an abusive relationship and feel that you are not worthy to have a good man or woman. You may have grown up poor in your life and feel you were destined to live in an impoverished state. I have news for you. You can overcome these situations and have a bright future with the help of the Holy Ghost. Philippians 4:8 says, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever the negative from your imagination and imagine great and mighty things. I guarantee, your life's expectations will begin to soar to another level. And finally you, with the help of the Holy Spirit, will begin to act on bringing your dreams to pass. YOU CAN DO IT!

Secondly, you must **train** your imagination. In other words, fill it with good images from the Word of God. See yourself owning that business. See yourself paying off someone's bills. See yourself healed. See yourself finishing school and enjoying your dream career. See yourself in good relationships. This is how you experience your future before you arrive there. Abraham had to see the billions of stars before the promise of his children ever arrived. God was showing Abraham the magnitude of blessing in which he was going to receive. But Abraham had to see (imagine) it first.

Thirdly, **Expand** your Imagination. You must achieve this by constantly feeding it the word of God. Don't just settle for what you think you can accomplish in your life. If you can accomplish it on your own, you don't need God. God wants to help you accomplish the impossible. He wants to show the world that anything is possible through Him. According to where I was raised and the education I received, I shouldn't be living as blissfully as I am today. It is because of constantly feeding myself God's word and His Grace that I am what I am. You are a product of what you have been speaking, believing, and imagining. Whatever your imagination conceives, you have the endowment, through the Holy Ghost, to achieve.

On the other hand, a negative imagination will cause you to see negative images of yourself and self-destruct. Many people look in the mirror of what people say about them. Their imagination takes on the negative words and they begin to establish those words as truth. You must realize that **the most important image of** **you is what God says about you.** A negative imagination says: I'm too fat; I'm too skinny; I'm too poor; or I'm not good enough. If you possess a negative image of yourself and it is not properly adjusted you will have strongholds plaguing your life. The more strongholds, the harder life becomes. If you want to change your future, develop your imagination to think like God. YOU MUST LET GOD BE THE DETERMINING FAC-TOR OF HOW YOU THINK ABOUT YOURSELF—SAY WHAT HIS WORD SAYS.

Every day, declare and decree every good thing God has promised you in His word. It does not matter what your last name is; it does not matter what the color of your skin is; it does not matter what your IQ is, nothing will be restrained from you which you have imagined to do (read **Genesis 11:16**).

Before I started building my dream home, I was getting ready to settle for a smaller home because I'd allowed images of a smaller home to enter my imagination. **But God (say it 3 times)!** God began speaking to me and said, "DON'T SETTLE FOR LESS, FOR I HAVE PROVIDED FOR YOU TO HAVE THE BEST!" At that very moment, God was reassuring me of what He had deposited in my imagination years earlier. My faith rose to an uncompromising level, and I began to step out and do what He had promised. Listen! One of the main problems Christians have is they read and hear the promises of God but they never let their imagination take hold of it. You can live a better quality of life! The next time you read the word of God, stop for a moment and give your imagination a chance to embrace what you have read. This is the way it will drop into your spirit. SEE WHAT YOU ARE READING!

I speak the same words over you today: "DON'T SETTLE FOR LESS FOR YOUR FATHER HAS PROVIDED FOR YOU TO HAVE THE BEST!"

In conclusion, never take your imagination for granted. It is a powerful tool that God has equipped you with to accomplish the impossible. You don't have to live life below God's means another moment. Carolyn and I want you to grasp this principle. It will take you places you thought you would have never traveled. It will put you in positions that are totally out of your reach, and your enemies will marvel. I challenge you to connect your imagination with the Spirit of God, so many marvelous things will happen. Don't forget to train it every day. And remember, we love you and **2013 IS THE YEAR OF HUNGER THIRST AND BEING FILLED!**

In His service,

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