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Dedication:

This book is dedicated to my Mother, Doreen H. Davis who watches in heaven while my change comes!

Chapter 1: It's Harvest Time!

“So, class” the Kindergarten teacher asked: “who can tell me what you want to be when you grow up?” When all the little children raised their hands in frenzied excitement, what was your answer? What was the sweet daydream you vividly imagined as you rode to and from school everyday? Did you play and pretend to be a fireman, a ballerina? Did you play house and practice parenthood? What gifts and talents were already emerging in your young mind and nimble fingers? What were you so sure would be your destiny?

And most importantly, what happened between then and now?

We would never wish it upon our own precious children, but somehow between our dream and its fruition “reality” hit and told us something else was a better choice. But maybe it’s not that bad right? You’re a different person now, much has changed and you have responsibilities to take care of. And besides; you’re not *really* good enough to actually *succeed* at that, right? I mean, why even try? It’s much more practical to keep things as they are, count your blessings and survive each day – that’s why you’re on the earth, right: to survive?

But that answer has never been good enough – for any of us. So, deep down, under the business, stress and responsibilities that define our lives; an ache for purpose lingers. The muffled cry of our forgotten and ignored ambitions echoes to us in our jealousies and offenses. We are outraged at the social injustices that we were born to eradicate. We blame the world, politicians and each other for our problems and shortcomings but one thing has remained clear: there has to be more to life than this.

My friend, I’m here to tell you that there is! And you picking up this book is your first step in the direction of living a life of passion and purpose and fulfilling your destiny!

Today, we are reaping the harvest of yesterday's beliefs, thoughts, words and actions. Seeds of faith, and seeds of doubt are planted in the fertile soil of our mind daily by our environment and ourselves; and what we believe about ourselves we act upon. Those actions, good or bad, wise or foolish; create the circumstances in which we live and are no one is to blame for that circumstance but ourselves. That may be a tough pill to swallow, but there's great news! Just like seeds created the harvest in which we now live, new seeds create a new harvest for us daily – and we are in control of what seeds go into our garden! Your life, and your destiny are truly in your hands – and you have never walked alone. Are you ready to make a change?

Homework: Before you move on to the next chapter, on a clean piece of paper write at the top “My Life’s Mission Statement”. Then write what you think yours is! Don’t over analyze and don’t even worry about getting it right on the first try; just write down what comes to your mind as you think about what activities bring you joy; and what kinds of people do you always want to help and protect? Why do you think you were put on this earth? There are no wrong answers, and you can write as many as you like. As an example, my Life’s Mission Statement is “*Helping people get from where they are to where they want to be by means of building up the individual.*” How am I doing? ☺

Chapter 2: You are worth Millions!

Did you know that? Inside of you are treasures so precious that if the world knew about them you wouldn't have a moment's rest for people admiring your sheer beauty. You have inside you thoughts and ideas so valuable to the world that when you don't use them the very history of the world is changed. Inside of you are answers to today's and tomorrow's plaguing questions, cures for unknown diseases, inventions that give function to today's society and the parental guidance that literally forms the next generation of humans and therefore shapes the state of our entire planet! You didn't know you were that powerful, huh? Well my friend, I'm here to tell you that you most definitely are! How do you know that Dallas? You ask. I'll prove it to you.

We are all born with **gifts**, **talents**, and **abilities**. You have all three operating inside of you right now! I dare say that you are using one of these to earn your current income, and I would further say that you could use another of these to earn much much more than you are currently earning. Here's how you tell the difference between the three:

A **Gift** is something that you were born with. It is a skill so excellent that you were doing it since you were very young and it most likely got you into trouble. I once worked with a woman who got in trouble as a child for dancing around the house too much. Today she is a master choreographer and owner of her own dance studio. Many people with speaking gifts (including Yours Truly) got in trouble in school for talking too much! Gifts tend to get us in trouble while we are young because the gift is perfected when God gives it to us before birth, and we have to grow and mature into knowing how to correctly use our gift for its purpose. Because gifts are so perfected and innate to our very existence; we can't help but operate in them; even if we try not to! Perhaps you have a gift to sing, but decided not to pursue it. It still finds its' way out of you though – in the car, the shower and over a sink full of dirty dishes.

You may not even like your gift right now; but because it's so natural to you; you can't stay away long. So no more denying it, okay?

A **Talent** is something that you enjoy and have some natural ability towards; but it needs love, nurturing and attention if it's going to shine. Sometimes we think that our talents have nothing to do with our gifts; and couldn't possibly work together for anything. We may also believe that our talent is so underdeveloped that there's no use working with it. We are wrong on both counts. Just because a talent doesn't come as easily or naturally as a gift doesn't mean that it takes a lower priority in where you place your attention. On the contrary; your talent is the skill that requires the most time, effort and practice. The challenge of perfecting our talents creates the great feeling of gratitude and accomplishment that life achievements bring us. In case you haven't reached this conclusion by now, your dream can only come to pass with a balanced use of your God given gifts, talents and abilities. Any two without the other one is incomplete and leaves us feeling unfulfilled in our choices.

An **Ability** is something that perhaps we don't enjoy, but are able to do with our eyes closed and one hand behind our backs. We may have learned this skill growing up or as an adult, and if you hate the job that you are good at you are most likely employed using your ability everyday. An ability has no particular ties to passion or joy; although it may bring those for you. Abilities are often the first thing we turn to when looking for a job, because we do them so well. They are so reliable that when we are making our sensible career plans, they are front and center. Abilities hold great purpose though because they are often the glue that makes our dreams viable. An ability in the right context gives us the confidence to perfect a talent and operate in a gifting unashamedly.

Homework: Still not convinced that you carry diamonds in your mind? Make 3 columns vertically on a piece of paper and write on the top of one “My Gifts”, one “My Talents” and the third “My Abilities”. Write in what yours are for your life. Remember, there are no wrong answers and you can write as many as you like. Can you see how they can work together to accomplish your Life’s Mission Statement? I hope that you are beginning to see what a treasure you really are and what a great purpose you have! Don’t waste another day going in some other direction!

Chapter 3: The Time is Now!

What's that you say, Dallas? The time is *now*? But you don't understand! I am so busy and I have so much going on! I have children to raise and a household to take care of! I am married/single/divorced/widowed – I cannot possibly pursue my dream *today*? It's too late or I'm not ready quite yet. I'll wait a few more years when things are different and then maybe I'll try to reach that pesky dream that won't go away. Nobody knows the trouble I've seen... okay, that's enough!

Be honest with yourself – how has that line of thinking served you thus far? Are you living the life that you want to live? Are you satisfied with the amount of money that you bring in and the way that you earn money? Does taking care of your responsibilities without pursuing your passions satisfy you? Are you willing to continue to live this way until you die with the treasures still buried in the recesses of your soul? If you have answered yes to any of these questions, please close this book now and don't read any further. However, if you are still reading, that tells me that you're not satisfied with the status quo and somewhere, deep inside, you're ready for a change. So what has stopped you all this time? Do you think you are able to operate in your purpose full time? Do you deserve it?

In today's society, we see some people as “deserving” and others as not deserving the better things of life. As a matter of fact; American culture says that no one really “deserves” complete fulfillment; because that would be selfish or otherwise unfair to those that suffer worse fates than our own. Please be aware that shrinking back from your greatness to make someone one else comfortable (weather that comfort is real or perceived) is not only a futile waste of time, it is a severe dishonor to your Creator. You were created to reach your full potential and leave a legacy in this earth as unique as your fingerprint. No one can accomplish

your part for you, and no one more deserving can function in your gifts like you can. If you don't do your part, the world will never even know what it missed. Mankind will continue to stumble blindly forward complaining of all its unanswered needs – the very needs that God answered when He created you. Yes, it's that important.

It is not selfish to pursue and accomplish your dreams. To the contrary, it is selfish to leave them waste in the pool of potential so as to avoid the pain and discomfort of personal growth and change. The reward of change is a sweet victory for us all; the reward of complacency is the taste of bitter disappointment that has held us to our fears and “practicality” thus far. So, my friend, the choice is, and has always been yours. All it takes is a first step: make yours today!

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