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**Heb 11:32 (New American Standard Version)**

Great men do things beyond the ordinary, leaving their mark on the sands of time. Greatness cannot be attached to a particular job but the influence of that job on lives and the great testimonies given as a result describe greatness.

The Webster's dictionary defines challenge as 'to dare to a contest'. Another

## Face that Challenges

scholar defines it as 'a trial of superiority'. In the scriptures,

greatness is not about the material comforts of life, rather it refers to a spirit-led conquest over difficulties.

The defining moment of every great man in the Bible is how he confronted his challenges.

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Whenever God wants to lift a man from mediocrity and bring him to limelight, He allows him to face a challenge. The difference between a man who merely

dreams and one who also dares to act is the ability to face challenges.

Achievers dream and dare. A visionary tells of wonderful things God will do in his life, the missionary backs up these sayings with action knowing that men are rewarded not by their resolutions but by their actions. Talk is cheap, but to walk one's talk is to achieve greatness. One of the first women in history to climb Mount Everest, Allison said, "You have got to decide sometimes in your life when it is okay not to listen to what others are saying. If I had listened to people, I would not have climbed Mount Everest."

Challenges are tests which open doors to testimonies, they are divine programmes to take us to new levels of greatness.

The greatest undoing of a mediocre mind is his familiarity with the word "impossible". James 5:17 (New American Version) says "...Elijah was a man with a nature like ours." He however performed great miracles despite his human nature.

To great men, failure is never an option. They blaze a new trail despite opposition. They face critics and obstacles straight on.

There are two kinds of obstacle on the pathway of greatness namely the inner and outer obstacles. Inner obstacles are those based on a person's thoughts, past experiences, imaginations, feelings and facts available to them. The inner dialogue

is the conversation within the self and it has to be mastered before one can achieve greatness.

Christianity is not a calling to be ourselves but conquer ourselves.

II Corinthians 10:4-6 says For the weapons of our warfare are not in the flesh but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses and strong holds. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. A writer has said The first order of business for anyone who wants to enjoy success in all areas of his life, is to take charge of the inner dialogue and only think, say and behave in a manner consistent with the results they truly desire.

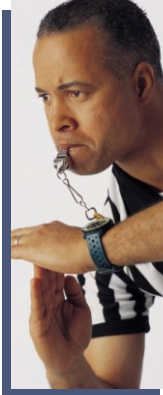
To take charge of the inner dialogue is to be in control. Control is the difference between sanity and insanity between

foolishness and wisdom, between taking up responsibilities and giving others our responsibility, between making excuses for our failures and acting decisively to change

our lives. Emerson wrote "unless you do something beyond what you have mastered, you will never grow". Bernard Shaw, a great british writer said 'People are always blaming circumstances for what they are. The people who get along in this world are those who get up and look for those circumstances they want and if they cannot find them, they make them. Be encouraged

to go higher. The sky is big enough to accommodate every great man. To be among the rolls of honour of great men, face that challenge.

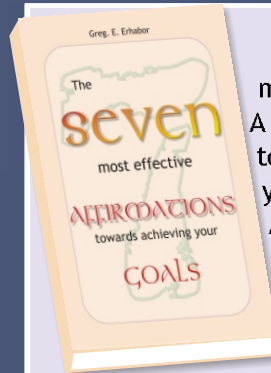
Nothing can conquer us when we believe nothing can conquer us.



## get these TAPES



- When it seems the answer to your prayers is on hold
- Still the storm
- Talk back to the devil
- In understanding be men
- All things work together



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## QUOTES

When the resources of men are over, then God shows up.



Success is going from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm.



Fame in life is discovering the little things you can do.



You are the character the biographers will write about later.



No root, no memorial! Every great man nurtures a seed!



A saint on his knee is stronger than ten thousand generals marching on their feet.

## POEM

### GOD'S LOVE

God's love is like an island  
In life's ocean vast and wide

A peaceful, quiet shelter  
From the restless, rising tide...;

God's love is like an anchor  
When the angry billows roll  
A mooring in the storms of life,  
A stronghold for the soul...

God's love is like a harbour  
Where our souls can find sweet  
rest

From the struggle and the tension  
Of life's fast and futile quest...

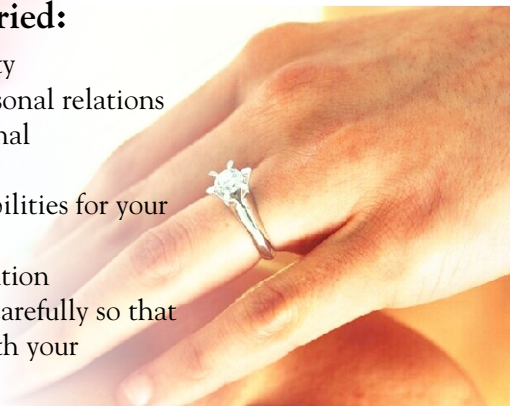
God's love is like a beacon  
Burning bright with faith and  
prayer

And through the changing scenes

## LEADER

### Before getting married:

- Have a personal identity
- Work on your interpersonal relations
- Be committed to personal improvement
- Bear personal responsibilities for your life
- Have a spiritual foundation
- Guard your affections carefully so that it may move in line with your purpose.





Our dream church is closer than you can imagine

Glory be to God, the ceiling of the church auditorium has been completed. We are using this medium to appreciate everyone that has contributed to this project. The next phase of the church building is putting tiles on the floor and installation of an industrial generator. Don't be left out of the fun! Join the millionaire's club. God bless you as you do.

Be part of the tiling project!

TESTIMONY

I had sat for an exam for about three times with no result. I felt so disappointed and couldn't just understand what was happening. I decided to have a pause and maybe change my department. However, I discovered that my heart was still in family medicine (the department I wanted to specialize in) so I decided to go for the exams again. I registered at two colleges. I went for the first one but found out after submitting that I didn't read the instructions so I was not able to do much. I felt very bad and was scared of failing again. I just shouted, 'God I must not fail.' I went for the second one. It was okay but I was still afraid of the outcome. I came out of the exam hall and cried out to God that I must not come back the fifth time. Everything I had was put in the exam. I had no zeal left in me.

To God be the glory, he heard my cries and wiped away my tears. I passed the exams. God can turn your tests to testimonies. Keep hope alive!

Dr. Tayo Adewole

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