

DREAM GOD'S DREAM

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I John 2:20

The Holy Spirit will *unctionize* you – i.e. He will *smear on* a scented fragrance. (Dake 1-276-m)

Psalm 45:13

“The King's daughter is all glorious within.”

Judges 6 – GIDEON

- v. 7 The Midianites had oppressed the children of Israel; and they cried unto the Lord.
- v. 11 Gideon was threshing wheat.
- v. 12 The angel of the Lord appeared and said,
“The Lord is with thee, thou might man of valor.”
- v. 14 “You have what it takes to save Israel from the Midianites – I will send you.”
- v. 15 Gideon:
“O, Lord, how shall I save Israel? Behold my family is poor in Manasseh; and I am the least in my Father's house.”
- v. 16 **GOD:**
“Surely I will be with thee; and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.”
- v. 34 “The Spirit of the Lord came upon Him.”
He blew the trumpet and gathered the people together.

Judges 7

- There were with Gideon 32 thousand.
- v. 2 God said there were too many; and “they ill brag about the personal victory and steal my glory.”
- v. 3 The fearful and afraid were asked to depart and there were

22 thousand left.

v. 4 God said, “There are still too many. Bring them to the water. Those who bow on their knees to drink will go back home. Those who lap the water as a dog, these will be your army.”

There were 300 left!

And God said, “By these 300 will I save you” (v. 7).

God has a dream for you. He does not see you as you are; He sees how you can be. Outward wrinkles and warts mean nothing to Him; for His daughter is “all glorious within.”

Your AGE is not important to God. He used _____ when he was _____; and _____ when he was _____; and _____ when he was.

(Look up people in the Word who were old, but God still used them in a mighty way.)

The DREAM FULFILLMENT begins when you start exhibiting active, positive attitudes on a daily basis in your life.

When you do this FIVE “PRs” appear:

1. POSITIVE RESULTS

When you get positive, when your attitude gets positive, there will be constructive results.

2. POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

You will be attracted to, and you will attract, other positive people who will help you dream the dream.

3. POSITIVE REACTIONS –

Especially in areas that were previously tough, problem areas

for you.

4. POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

Like a mirror; what you show is what you see; what you put in is what you get out! When you encourage others, you'll find they will encourage you.

5. POSITIVE REJOICING

Joy (happiness, fulfillment) doesn't come when we seek it, it's a by-product of doing what is right.

John 15:11

“My joy will be in you and your joy will be full.”

OUR POTENTIAL FOR ACHIEVING GOD'S DREAM IS UNLIMITED BECAUSE OF OUR –

I POWER SOURCE = JESUS!

Philippians 4:13

“I can do all things THROUGH CHRIST, etc.”

ILLUSTRATION:

An elephant and a mouse were crossing a bridge over a deep ravine. The bridge trembled, swayed and shook! The mouse said to the elephant, “Boy, we really shook that bridge didn't we?”

QUOTE:

Hudson Taylor, the great missionary to China, said,
“Many Christians estimate difficulty in the light of their own resources, and thus they attempt very little, and they always fail at what they do try. All giants have been weak men who did great

things for God because they reckoned on His power and His presence to be with them.”

ASK YOURSELF THESE SEVEN QUESTIONS:

1 Am I consecrated to Him?

Romans 12:1, 2

You have to be consecrated to Him before you can know His dream.

2 Am I spending time with Him?

The more intimate I become with God, the more knowledgeable I become about His dream for my life.

3 What are my gifts?

Check it out!

They're there!

Many times God's dream fits right in with the gifts God has given.

4 What are my desires?

Are you satisfied with status quo?

5 What are my Christian friends saying?

What do they say are my strengths and weaknesses?

6 What are my opportunities?

What lies before me that God may be giving me as an open door to walk through?

7 Am I in ministry now?

It's amazing how many people who want to know God's plan/dream for their lives are doing nothing now!

If you really want to know what God's plan/dream is for your life – do something!

GOD WORKS THROUGH A BUSY PERSON!

COMMIT YOURSELF TO GOD'S DREAM:

1 Discover your potential

Get near someone who believes in you.

Do something you enjoy!

Remove the “*if onlys*” from your life!

If you don't, you'll never ready God's dream. You'll always be excusing yourself.

2 Dedicate your potential

Give your motives to God.

When He has your motives, He has everything.

3 Develop your potential

How?

By beginning to accept responsibility.

Then remember: God is more interested in your *development* than He is your *mistakes*.

So YOU need to learn from, then forget, your mistakes and
START DREAMING!

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INTRODUCTION: Gideon, Judges 6, 7

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EXHIBITING ACTIVE, POSITIVE ATTITUDES RESULTS IN:

1. Positive _____
2. Positive _____
3. Positive _____
4. Positive _____
5. Positive _____

Our potential for achieving God’s dream is unlimited because of our

_____.

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1. Am I _____ to Him?
2. Am I _____ with Him?
3. What are my _____?
4. What are my _____?
5. What are my _____ saying?
6. What are my _____?
7. Am I in _____ now?