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*Greatest Life Lessons*



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# Introduction

I want to thank you and congratulate you for downloading the book, *“T.D Jakes – 70 Greatest Life Lessons”*.

We all know T.D Jakes as an Apostle and Bishop of The Potter’s House, a very popular non-denominational church in America. He’s charismatic and well liked amongst all those that come to see this great man talk.

He’s also an accomplished writer and has many published works, some of which are:

- From the Cross to Pentecost: God’s Passionate Love for Us Revealed.
- Life Overflowing: 6 Pillars for Abundant Living.
- Wisdom from T.D. Jakes.
- Ten Commandments of Working in a Hostile Environment.
- Strength for Every Moment.
- 40 Days of Power.
- Power for Living.

- Promises from God for Parents.
- Promises from God for Single Women.
- Woman, Thou Art Loosed! Healing the Wounds of the Past.
- Great Investment, The: Faith, Family and Finance.
- Maximize The Moment: God's Action Plan for your Life.

These are just a few of the many titles he has released. Each focusing on different elements on life. He has managed to touch on so many difficulties that people face each day and if there is ever a problem that you face you can be sure you will find something from T.D. Jakes to help you through it.

In this book we take you through his 70 greatest life lessons and we use his words to help you and inspire you! Thanks again for downloading this book, I hope you enjoy it!



# Chapter 1 Inspiration

## Life Lesson 1

*If you can't figure out your purpose, figure out your passion. For your passion will lead you right into your purpose.*

We all gravitate towards certain things more than others. For some of us, it's a passion for music, for others its words, for others its people or animals. Whatever it is you must never let this passion die out. You must never ignore it. Spend as much time with this passion as possible and in so doing you will truly find your purpose in life. Make it part of your life plan to explore the things that truly ignite you.

## Life Lesson 2

*When God blesses you, not only will He bless you personally, but He will bless your family, your field, your crops, and your land.*

When you do good things for other people, it affects not just them but also those around them, just as when God blesses you. No good deed ever gets done in a vacuum but instead flows around all those surrounding the good deed. You do one

thing for someone else; they will probably do something good for someone else, and so the deeds continue. Don't ever think that your one good deed is too small to make a difference.

### **Life Lesson 3**

*Others can inspire you, but ultimately the only thing that empowers you is what lies within you and learning how to better utilize what you've been given.*

We can do great things in life, but we first have to realize the power that we have within us to do these great things. Without this belief and this determination then nothing will ever happen. Everybody has the power to do amazing things, both big and small, and not one person is left out of this equation. Have strong beliefs in yourself and you'll go further than you ever thought possible. Remember that God has given you these gifts to use.

### **Life Lesson 4**

*Once you have confidence in your instincts, you must never allow other people's refusal to believe, or their data to refute, what you instinctively know is true.*

It's incredible how much we let the influence and ideas of other

people stop us from being ourselves or from doing what we know is true. We will never truly succeed in life both in our professional or personal journey if we do not stick to our own instincts and beliefs. If we continue to follow in the footsteps of others we will always be their shadow and we will never truly feel alive. Be true to yourself at all times, not matter how hard it may be to do so. Be strong and always have confidence in your own instincts.

### **Life Lesson 5**

*When you are a giraffe and you receive criticism from turtles, they are reporting the view from the level they are on.*

You are the giraffe, you are strong and powerful and you are your own person. If you stay true to yourself and refuse to follow the crowd you will definitely receive criticism from those that quite frankly are jealous of how you stand your ground. You can let this get to you and give in to the thoughts and ideas of envious people but then you will only be moving down to their level. Or you can rise above it, like the giraffe, and stand steady in your beliefs. The choice is yours, but remember to always look at who is criticizing you and why.

### **Life Lesson 6**

*God has invested entirely too much in you for you to be comfortable in anything less than you were created to be.*

One of the worst things a person can do is to just settle in life. So many people just settle for any job, they just settle for an okay marriage, they just settle for a life that is nothing but mediocre. God has instilled so much in us and believes so much of us, that settling is almost a slap in the face. It's like throwing a gift back at someone. We were meant to be more, we were meant to strive and move forward and to grab onto all opportunities that life throws at us. We were meant to live with our whole heart and soul and enjoy life completely. Are you doing that now or are you living a life that is less than it is meant to be?

### **Life Lesson 7**

*God will not let your needs and wants go unattended, especially when you desire to be more like Him.*

If your greatest desire in life is to be like God, then you are already on the right track, and by doing so He will make sure that all your desires are attended to. If your heart is in the right place and you truly want to live a life that is full of love, joy, giving and compassion, then he will do all that is in his power to create a good life for you. So ask yourself today, in all that

you do are your intentions right?

### **Life Lesson 8**

*Get up today and say, 'this is going to be a great day. I'm excited about my future. Something good is going to happen to me'.*

If we could start every single day with this quote we would live a much happier and fulfilled life. Most of us wake up groggy and unsure of the day that lies ahead and in so doing we are already putting doubts and negativity in our minds. The mind is so much more powerful than we realize and so starting off each day with a positive mindset is already starting you off in the right way. Print this out, say these words every day and then let abundance flow into your life.

### **Life Lesson 9**

*You'd be surprised at the things that look great on the outside but are dysfunctional on the inside. Be sure to function as good as you look.*

I once knew a functional alcoholic. You'd never guess he had any troubles and managed to function on a day to day basis without anyone finding out about his addiction. Until it got the

better of him of course. Never assume that someone has it all together, more than likely they are facing so many more battles than you can ever imagine. As for yourself, work on the inside as well as the outside, because both are important if you want to live a good and happy life.

### **Life Lesson 10**

*How you think about your opportunities determines how you will act on them.*

The way we think about anything in life will determine the things that we do about them. If you think that you will fail then you probably will because you have already decided that it will be the outcome. Don't underestimate the power of your thoughts. You need to act with enthusiasm, gratitude and excitement with all opportunities that come your way. This simple act of positivity will get you so much further in life than you could ever imagine.

### **Life Lesson 11**

*Big ideas come from forward thinking people who challenge the norm, think outside the box, and invent the world they see inside rather than submitting to the limitations of current dilemmas.*

We all have big ideas, but most of us are just too afraid to do anything about it. We're scared of what others may think, of failing and of changing a world that we have become quite accustomed to. When life feels too comfortable it becomes very hard to change the way we do things. We get caught up in daily habits that do nothing to strengthen us or move us forward. To really live life and to see positive changes happen we need to act upon our thoughts and challenge our normal way of living. Only then can we truly see a change. Don't be afraid to do things a little differently today.

## **Life Lesson 12**

*Progress apart from purpose ends in arrogance.*

Moving forward in life, through progress, is important. But doing so with the right attitude is even more important. If you become successful through selfish means then your progress is only to better yourself and nobody else. All things in life should be done to better not only yourself but those around you. So if your progress in life is done with purpose and a means of compassion for others than that is true progress. Look at your life today and make sure that you are doing things without arrogance but with a sense of love and consideration.

### **Life Lesson 13**

*When you don't become fixated on winning the prize or appearing successful, and instead pursue your passions, then you will discover the fulfillment that comes from living by instinct.*

We've become hugely fixated with putting on a front for other people, especially with the rise of social media. Suddenly everyone wants to come across as happy and successful even if they're not. Appearing successful and happy does not equate to the same thing. True fulfillment comes from living a life of purpose and passion. Don't worry about other people, worry only about yourself.

### **Life Lesson 14**

*My mother would take the Band-Aid off, clean the wound, and say, "Things that are covered don't heal well." Mother was right. Things that are covered do not heal well.*

It's almost human nature to cover our wounds, in the metaphorical sense of course. We don't like other people to see our pains and we prefer to hide them under layers of false smiles. In fact we prefer hiding them from even ourselves. But a wound that stays covered will never get healed. It needs to be

seen to, attended to, and allowed time to breathe. If you hurt yourself you need a doctor to fix it, just as if you hurt yourself emotionally you need to let others help you with the pain. Nothing should ever be done alone. Let others in.

## **Life Lesson 15**

*I'm all for people bettering themselves, no matter who they are and where they are, doing all they can to be all they can be.*

It doesn't matter exactly what you are doing or how you are doing it, as long as you are doing it in order to better yourself. Every day it is important to make sure that you are using your hours wisely to become a better and more efficient you. Don't ever think that you have learnt all that you can learn from this world, because the truth is that the learning never ends. Keep growing.

## **Life Lesson 16**

*Contentment.*

This is by far my favorite of all the life lessons from T.D Jakes. Just one word and yet it encompasses a world of emotion. Contentment. The very thing in life we should be striving for. Everything in life that we do, say or think should be for this

reason. For contentment. So now the question is, are you content? If not what are you doing to change this?



# Chapter 2 Life

## **Life Lesson 17**

*The low-grade plagiarism of popularity will never lead you to true contentment.*

What is your life goal? To be happy or to be popular? Most people assume that by becoming popular you will in turn become happy, but this is definitely not the case. Shift your focus off from popularity because those are thoughts of fleeting emotions that will change as the people around you change. Instead focus on happiness and watch as your life slowly begins to change for the better.

## **Life Lesson 18**

*Blame unto others only as you would first blame yourself.*

Always treat others in the same way you would want others to treat yourself. This should always be the first rule when it comes to communicating with other people. Life would be a lot different if we learnt how to treat people with the same sort of

respect and kindness that we demand for ourselves.

### **Life Lesson 19**

*Sometimes, God will tie you up til the time is right. Nothing will work, your money won't work, your career won't work, the boyfriend will leave, the house will sell, cause when God has you tied up, He's not gonna let you get away. He'll say, be still and see the salvation of the Lord.*

Have you hit a brick wall with something in your life? Are you frustrated that nothing is going your way no matter how hard you try? Take a deep breath and walk away from it. understand that this is not in your hands anymore but that God has a purpose for you that you just cannot see yet. It will make itself known soon, but you have to have faith and patience that God is working hard in order to make it happen. You've hit a brick wall for a reason.

### **Life Lesson 20**

*It's better to gather in righteousness than fellowship with darkness.*

The company you surround yourself with will have a direct impact on your life and will change the direction of your

journey. We are extremely influenced by those around us so it is important that the people we spend most of our time with are people that we admire and that live a life in which inspires us. Be with those that are righteous and in turn you will become righteous too.

### **Life Lesson 21**

*Sometimes we esteem others more important than ourselves. We always become the martyr. It is wonderful to be self-sacrificing, but watch out for self-disdain.*

The best way to live life is to find a happy balance between doing things for yourself and doing things for other people. There are many people that like to do things for other people but do so for the recognition and the acknowledgement. This should never be your reason to do good in the world. Make sure your intentions are pure. Equally, as it is important to do good for other people it is also just as important to make sure you are attending to your own happiness. You cannot truly make someone else happy if you are not happy yourself.

### **Life Lesson 22**

*Let It Go!!*

In order to live a healthy, happy and whole life you need to learn to let things go. Are you holding onto past regrets, to pain, to people that bring you down? You need to let it go. You need to be free from all the negative things that you are holding on to, and have faith that you will be fine without it. Trust in God and know that if you fall you will fall into His arms. Today, what can you let go that is just holding you back?

### **Life Lesson 23**

*In my research, I was surprised to discover that some experts believe many people possess an instinct or a natural aptitude for making money, others for healing, creating art, organizing, or negotiating.*

The most beautiful part of life is that we are not all the same, and it is because of these differences that we are able to live in such a whole and interesting world. The problem comes in when people want to do what they are not naturally meant to do and when people ignore their true callings in life. We all have natural tendencies towards certain things in life and it is these things that we should be gravitating towards and cultivating. Focus on what you know you are good at and work at it until you just get better and better at it. Don't ignore your passions and your abilities because you have them for a reason.

## **Life Lesson 24**

*Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma—which is living with the results of other people's thinking.*

We forget how precious our time on earth is and what little moments we actually have. Don't live a life that one day you will regret. Don't live someone else's life and then one day look back and realize it was all a waste. Live your own life! Go on your own exciting journey!

## **Life Lesson 25**

*He who wins the race cannot run with the pack. And once you get out you can't come back, because caged lions don't mate with free ones!*

Stop constantly trying to be ahead of the race, always aiming to be better than everyone around you. While you should always look to better yourself it should always be about you and not about other people.

## **Life Lesson 26**

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

Life's rules have been set by people so by following all the patterns in the world you are just going along with the ideas and beliefs of other people whether you believe them or not. Learn to look at your own mind and understand your own beliefs. Then follow those!

### **Life Lesson 27**

*You don't have to be in church service to worship, you can be in your own home. You enhance your spirituality, through the instrument of worship, when you really connect with the invisible, almighty God.*

Going to church does not make you a spiritual person. It helps to be surrounded by likeminded people that can inspire you, of course, but it doesn't mean anything unless you are living by the rules on a daily basis. Worship can and should happen everywhere. It should be the basis of how you live your life, no matter where you are or who you are with. God doesn't just want to connect with you on Sundays, but rather he wants to be an active part of your entire life.

### **Life Lesson 28**

*A church that focuses on the external has lost its passion for souls.*

Make sure that you are going to a church in which believes in the better of mankind and not in a church that just looks good to the outside world. Don't just accept the world around you but learn to enquire and ask questions. Where does your money go? Who are the worshipers? Who runs the church? Make sure that their intentions are in line with your own beliefs.

### **Life Lesson 29**

*The brilliance of morning is in sharp contrast with the darkness of night.*

The morning is an opportunity to start afresh. It's a beautiful awakening of the mind and the soul and should be utilized every day to the full. Wake up each day with awareness and allow positivity and compassion to consume you and see you through the day.

### **Life Lesson 30**

*Think about it this way: if you are too predictable in any area of your life, you may be paving the way to your own extinction!*

Are you open to new opportunities in life? Do you say yes

more often or no more often to chances that come your way? If you do the same things you will continue to get the same results. Don't live a life that is so too filled with habits and predictable behaviors, but learn to do things that challenge and inspire you. Doing this will open up so many more doors for you that you never knew existed.

### **Life Lesson 31**

*We are the people that we have been waiting for and no one else is coming.*

This is it. The fate of our lives and of the world rests in us, the people that are here. Stop waiting for someone to come and change things, but rather be the change that you want to see in the world. Understand that you can make a difference. The time is now. So stop waiting and wishing for life to change or for ideas and decisions to just fall into your lap. Take hold of life with both hands and create your own destiny.



# Chapter 3 Decisions

## Life Lesson 32

*It is not how much you know that arms you with the tools of great decision making, but rather how much you ask. Ask questions.*

It is impossible to know everything. You can only know as much as you yourself know, but you can never know what someone else is thinking. When you are trying to decide something you should always look at things from every angle and speak to as many people as possible. Ask ask ask. Never be afraid to ask people, to read books, to look up on the internet, to phone friends, to call someone of high authority on a matter. The more information you have on a subject, the more angles you see and the more you understand, the better your chance of making the correct decision. You can never know too much. There is no such thing as a stupid question. Don't be shy to admit that you don't know something, and remember that the more you know the better you will be.

## Life Lesson 33

*We're taught to rely on facts and figures, data and digits, not hunches and gut feelings.*

Facts, figures, spreadsheets, data; these are all good to go through when determining what decision to make in life. Everything should always be looked at from an intellectual point of view and all viewpoints should always be considered. Then once you have done this you need to take a step back and ask yourself, 'what does my heart tell me? What does my gut feeling tell me to do?'. Then you weight the two up together.

### **Life Lesson 34**

*When both your intellect and instincts are aligned, then producing the fruits of your labors brings satisfaction beyond measure.*

Do everything in life using both your heart and your head. Focus more on the one and you'll be making decisions incorrectly. Just because your heart tells you one thing doesn't mean it is the right thing. Often it is just what you want to hear. Likewise your intellect may be telling you something but without the heart is is nothing more than a decision based on facts and figures. Human beings are not black and white. There are many grey areas that always play a factor, emotions that creep in and external circumstances that happen. Use your heart and your head to make the right decision.

## **Life Lesson 35**

*Never make a permanent decision about a temporary situation.*

Decisions! Never easy to make them, because the truth is that we cannot see what the future holds and we don't know what will happen when we make certain decisions in life. People are constantly saying, 'I just wish I could know what would happen if I made this decision and what would happen if I made that decision'. This often prevents them from even making a decision and they live a life of permanent limbo. What people fail to understand is that a decision is not final. It's an action that will start a reaction but it can be moved and changed if it is not going in the right direction. But without some sort of decision nothing will ever happen. So you need to start somewhere. Do what you instinctively believe is right and then watch and change if you're wrong.

## **Life Lesson 36**

*When we are placed in a set of circumstances where we have to take initiative and be creative, some of us find it hard to transition.*

It's not easy to take control of our own life in terms of standing

out from the crowd and taking the initiative. It's easy to follow what others do because if something goes wrong than you can easily place the blame on them. Everyone is so afraid to fail that they will avoid any circumstance where they have to take the lead. This may be the easy route but it will mean you will constantly be living a life in someone else's shadow. You will exist without truly living. You will never fail but you will also never succeed.

### **Life Lesson 37**

*When you hold on to your history you do it at the expense of your destiny.*

The past should always stay in the past and should not be carried with us into the present and the future. We should take what we can from past experiences and learn from them but we should also learn to let them go. If you hold onto your past too tightly you are preventing yourself from truly experiencing your present moment and in turn you are preventing the future from becoming all that you want it to be.

### **Life Lesson 38**

*Your instincts are more resourceful, resilient, and responsive than you probably realize.*

We all have instincts that tell us what is right and what is wrong. But many of us ignore these because we'd rather go with what the majority is doing for fear of perhaps being wrong or fear of standing out from the crowd. We don't give ourselves enough credit and we forget that our in built instincts were put inside us for a reason. We need to spend more time truly listening to what these instincts tell us and learning how to act on them without worrying about what the rest of the world is doing.

### **Life Lesson 39**

*If you can spend some time with yourself, you may be on the verge of the most powerful part of your life, discovering what's inside that your instincts want to express outside.*

How much time do you spend alone in a day? By this I don't mean watching TV or surfing the internet. I mean actual time to yourself in stillness, getting to know who you are and what makes you tick. I'm guessing not much time at all? It's so important to set aside a few moments each day to really look into yourself and see the truth of who you are and what you can be. Most people go through life never truly knowing who they are and never giving themselves the time to find out. Don't deny yourself this gift.



# Chapter 4 Forgiveness

## **Life Lesson 40**

*As we forge deeper into this issue of forgiveness, we must be prepared to open up and discuss things that bother us before they escalate to a crisis level.*

Open communication is so important, even if that communication is between you and the person you are trying to forgive. If you don't speak up and talk about an issue then that issue will just build and escalate inside you until it becomes ready to explode. The result will be a problem much worse the one that you started off with. Squash your issue as soon as they come up.

## **Life Lesson 41**

*To be unforgiving is like to drink poison and wait for someone else to die!*

People will do things that will hurt you. They will do things that you may not understand or may not like. But if you don't forgive them then they will always have a hold on you. That emotion will never truly leave you. The only way to truly be

free is to forgive.

### **Life Lesson 42**

*When you begin to realize that your past does not necessarily dictate the outcome of your future, then you can release the hurt. It is impossible to inhale new air until you exhale the old.*

You have to learn to let go of the past and forgive yourself and those around you for anything that might have happened. Only then can you truly be free to live in the future.

### **Life Lesson 43**

*I think it is important that we rebuild an atmosphere of forgiveness and civility in every aspect of our lives.*

Rebuilding a life is possible and achievable and yet so many people live their lives thinking that what is done is done. Learn from past mistakes and use this as these lessons as building blocks to your new improved way of living.

### **Life Lesson 44**

*Unforgiveness denies the victim the possibility of parole and leaves them stuck in the prison of what was, incarcerating them in their trauma and relinquishing the chance to escape beyond the pain.*

If you don't learn how to forgive someone you will forever be living in a world dominated by pain and suffering. This, as we truly know, is no way to live. Be kind to yourself and learn how to forgive. Don't do it for them but do it for you.

#### **Life Lesson 45**

*You take a few steps forward and a few back. You stumble and fall and get back on your feet. Such is the way we learn to lean forward and keep stumbling toward success.*

Life is not one straight line but instead curves and loops. You can only truly move forward through letting go of the past, forgiving for what has happened and learning with paths to take.

#### **Life Lesson 46**

*I'm convinced that seeds of resentment take root in the silent frustrations that never get discussed. Other people cannot read our minds--or our palms!--and that is why we have*

*tongues to speak.*

People go through their whole lives without speaking up until one day it is too late. They don't say the 'I forgive you's' that needs to be said, or the 'I love you's' that hang in the air. Don't be afraid to speak out and show someone how you truly feel. Remember, they will never know for certain how you feel unless you tell them.

### **Life Lesson 47**

*One of the great healing balms of the Holy Spirit is forgiveness. To forgive is to break the link between you and your past.*

Forgiveness is one of the greatest human emotions we have and yet we abuse it by ignoring that it exists. We prefer to struggle on in pain and anger. Learn to relinquish this emotion and let it fill your life with the joy that it brings.



# Chapter 5 Struggles

## **Life Lesson 48**

*We must examine our struggles with forgiveness in which there are not overt offenses or blatant betrayals.*

Struggles are part and parcel of our everyday life and cannot be avoided as much as we want them to be. Take these struggles, learn from them, forgive them and move on.

## **Life Lesson 49**

*It's not over, until the Lord says it's over.*

Everything you do is in God's hands, and if he feels you are not finished with something then it truly is not over until he says so. Don't worry, you're safe in his hands and his plans for you are great. Persevere with everything he gives you.

## **Life Lesson 50**

*Sometimes what makes us insecure and vulnerable becomes the fuel we need to be overachievers. The antidote for a snakebite is made from the poison, and the thing that made you go backward is the same force that will push you forward.*

I was terrible at sport when I was at school, but now I often come first in running races. I was shy and my hands would shake when I had to talk in a crowd, now I run my own business and hold meetings on a weekly basis. My insecurities and my vulnerabilities are what pushed me to be who I am today, they made me work harder and more determined to be more than what I thought was possible.

## **Life Lesson 51**

*Hardship can humble you, but it cannot break you unless you let it. Your instinct for survival will see you through if you're attuned to its frequency.*

The truth about hardship is that we will all go through it at some part in our life, both big hardships and small hardships. And each time we will survive. It's not easy, but the trick is to ask yourself what you can learn from it and how you can learn to let it go.

## **Life Lesson 52**

*A setback is a setup for a comeback.*

What a great way to look at life. Life, after all, is not about the things that happen to you but about the reactions once these things happen. If you can look at every set back and wonder how you can turn this around into a positive comeback then you have truly find the key to a highly successful life.

## **Life Lesson 53**

*Resist your fear; fear will never lead to you a positive end. Go for your faith and what you believe.*

Look fear straight in the face and say 'I am not afraid'. Don't let fear stop you from being who you want to be or doing what you want to do.

## **Life Lesson 54**

*It is important to remember that for every person, there will be a problem. Even more importantly, for every problem, our God has a prescription!*

Problems cannot be avoided, they are part of everyday life and will be something that every single person goes through. You

are not immune from this. However, with every problem comes a solution. Don't be afraid to ask God to help you. He has the prescription but is waiting for you to ask him for it.

## **Life Lesson 55**

*Face the giants in your life, slay them, and move on. Do not be daunted by the mistakes and failures in your life.*

This quote always provides such a mental picture in my head and is such a great way of looking at all the struggles that come your way. Each time you are faced with a hardship I want you to imagine yourself in armor and holding a sword. I want you to visualize your problems and then slay them until they are gone. This is a great positive way to face all your issues!



# Chapter 6 Love & Relationships

## Life Lesson 56

*If you succeed at loving imperfect people, then it becomes plausible that someone could love imperfect you.*

Nobody is perfect, not you and not those around you. True love is seeing beyond the imperfections and loving someone despite this. After all, isn't this the way you want to be treated in life? For someone to love you without judgment? Do unto others as you want done unto you.

## Life Lesson 57

*No woman wants to be in submission to a man who isn't in submission to God!*

God should always be your number one. He is the one that you should be learning from and living for. Your partner will only truly respect you if you are first a servant of God.

## **Life Lesson 58**

*You cannot be a big person with a small heart.*

If you want to be a truly successful and happy person in life than you have to be someone that can fully love, give and be compassionate. Open your lives up to those around you, because life is all about what we can do for other people.

## **Life Lesson 59**

*One cannot have an enriched marriage when it is funded by an emotionally and spiritually bankrupt man.*

What is being rich? Being rich doesn't just mean having money. A rich and healthy marriage will not survive on money alone, but needs the richness of pure and unselfish love to truly survive. Make sure that your marriage is funded from the heart.

## **Life Lesson 60**

*I want to congratulate all the men out there who are working diligently to be good fathers whether they are stepfathers, or biological fathers or just spiritual fathers.*

A father is a figurehead, someone that a child looks up to no

matter what age and what blood relation they may be. A good father is one that works hard to make sure his children are well taken care of and greatly loved. If this is you, then you should be proud of who you are and what you have done. If you have a father figure in your life, then use this time to appreciate what they are to you and take the time to say thank you.

### **Life Lesson 61**

*I raised five children. They all have different personalities. All of them have different issues, different levels of success. That was a learning experience for me.*

This is such a candid quote that can be looked at from so many different perspectives other than just from the point of view of a family. In life, just like in a family, there lives a group of people with different personalities, different beliefs and different ideals. Understand this and knowing that these differences are good and important, will lead to a much happier life. Constantly trying to get people to be like you instead of just accepting them for who they are learning from them is the detriment to our life and to society. Learn to accept the beautiful differences we all have.

### **Life Lesson 62**

*Maybe we need to stop choosing people purely by résumés and rationales that have led us headfirst into disappointment. We need instead to find people who are in sync with our beat and form a more perfect union with those who hear the same rhythm!*

Have you ever seen two people in love that you would never have put together had you seen their credentials on paper? Yet the love that exists is so much purer than you thought possible. That is because they have found a connection that goes beyond what we think is right or wrong. They have found a union within each other that doesn't see past the differences but rather embraces them. Where the one lacks the other flourishes. Try always see beyond as things appear to a place where things truly are.

### **Life Lesson 63**

*Some young ladies are so starved for male approval that what should be a normal attraction to men is accelerated into an obsessive need for male affirmation.*

A relationship should never happen purely because the one partner is seeking approval from the other. Just as marriage won't fix the wrong relationship or a baby won't fix a broken marriage. Be happy in who you are, and make sure that the only person you are trying to impress is yourself and God. Only then can you be in a loving and whole relationship. You must

love and want the person but you must not need them.

### **Life Lesson 64**

*A whole woman will always attract a whole man. And when they touch, they will fuse to create a whole marriage. Ultimately, when the time is right, they will produce whole children*

True love involves two people that are whole in body, mind and soul. They love themselves as the gift God has given them and loves others for the same. They don't rely on others to make them happy but are content in themselves. When two whole meet and fall in love, this is the true love that God intended.



# Chapter 7 Communication

## Life Lesson 65

*Silence isn't golden and it surely doesn't mean consent, so start practicing the art of communication.*

There is a time for quiet, but true enlighten comes from being involved in open communication with all those around you. Let people know what you are thinking and listen to the things that others are saying. It's a give and take. Remember that nobody will know what is on your mind unless you speak out. Have enough belief in yourself to let others know your thoughts.

## Life Lesson 66

*Avoid getting into isolated groups because you will miss the move of God. Shun cliques because they are the bundles.*

The best gift you can give yourself is to open yourself up to all people and to give everyone a chance no matter how different to you they might seem. Don't just stick to the same small group of people but allow yourself to grow by communicating and involving yourself with people of all different walks in life. You will become a much more whole person by doing this.

## **Life Lesson 67**

*I like to see myself as a bridge builder; that is me building bridges between people, between races, between cultures, between politics, trying to find common ground.*

What can you do today to help others come together? Some battle to communicate with people that are different to themselves, but others like yourself can look at these differences and show people how beautiful they all work together. Without differences the world would be dull and one dimensional. In order to grow and nourish we need difference cultures, races and beliefs to all live together.

# **Chapter 8 Gratitude**

## **Life Lesson 68**

*You cannot partake of the power of Christ's resurrection unless you are first willing to lay down your own will and desires, and die to all your pride and independence.*

Today, I want you to give everything to God. Hand your entire life over to him and ask him to use it as only he knows best. Only then will the true meaning of your life be shown. And it will be shown in full and vibrant color, whereas right now it's still in black and white.

## **Life Lesson 69**

*What woman would not appreciate a God who becomes her attorney, assumes her case, requires no fee, and wins her the victory?*

God is everything in life. He's the one that makes it all possible. Everyday wake up and say thank you. We spend too much time complaining about what we don't have instead of being grateful for what we do have.

## **Life Lesson 70**

*Each day is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift to Him*

God has blessed you with a life. Are you living it to your full potential?



# Chapter 9 Conclusion

Thank you again for downloading this book!

I leave you with a final quote: *I may be, tied up, but at least, I am HIS. I may be hurting, But I am HIS, I may be reluctant, but I am HIS, I may be lonely, but I am HIS, I may be frustrated, but I am HIS, That's why I am praising Him, because I'm glad He tied me up. He stopped me from doing the things I would have done, that would've messed up myself.*

And with that, may your life be as beautiful and inspirational as it can be!