

A close-up photograph of a lion's face, focusing on its eyes and the texture of its golden-brown mane. A semi-transparent dark grey rectangular box is centered over the lion's nose and mouth area, containing white text.

Walking In
DOMINION

IN THE YEAR

The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion. Proverbs 28:1

The Lord gave us a command in Genesis 1:28 'Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

We have a divine mandate to be fruitful, to excel and to dominate in the areas the Lord has equipped and planted us. For us to fulfil this mandate, we cannot be timid or fearful. Instead we are to be as bold as a lion. Over the next few days we will look at how to dominate in this season.

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Day 1 God's Presence

'And I will send My Angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people." Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people." And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:2-3,13-14

In the verses above Moses was in a discussion with the Lord regarding the Israelites' journey to the promised land. Because of their constant grumbling and disobedience, the Lord had said His presence would not go with them. Note a very critical point: the Lord was ready to send His angel, but without His presence. Which means the Israelites would have seen results, but the Lord would not be with them. Moses interceded because he understood a critical thing which is that results without God's presence may impress short term but will not benefit in the long term. Why? Because it's only the presence of God that brings His rest. It's only His presence that renews our strength and gives us sustained power for the long-haul. It's in His presence we are transformed and conformed to the image of Christ.

Prayer: Ask the Lord for His presence to go with you throughout the year. Ask Him for the grace to spend time in prayer and study of the Word not for the primary reason of getting results to prayer points, but so you can dwell in His presence. Ask for the grace to prioritize His presence over everything else.

Meditate on the verses above through the day and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal greater depths in this word to you.

Day 2 Understanding

'of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command ' I Chronicles 12:32

'Issachar: 200 leaders, together with the men under their command (these leaders knew what Israel should do and the best time to do it)' I Chronicles 12:32 GNT

In the coming year you need to be able to accurately assess what is going on around you and what to do about it. The Bible tells us that the sons of Issachar were such people, their leaders – numbering just 200 – had understanding of the times and as such were able to discern what Israel was supposed to do.

This means you have the divine ability by the power of the Holy Spirit to discern what's going on around you – your family, workplace, business, nation, etc. Not just that because you could know what's going on around you but still be incapacitated. They also knew what to do and the best time to do it. It's critical you pray this into your life for the coming year so you're not held back by ignorance or paralyzed by overly analyzing a situation without taking the necessary action.

Praying this into your life also means that you will be one of the few people in your environment who is able to provide Holy Spirit inspired guidance in various circumstances. This will certainly set you apart in the coming year.

Prayer: Father in the year to come, please make me like the sons of Issachar. Give me understanding of the seasons and the capacity to accurately discern what to do and when to do it. Holy Spirit, this can only happen by your grace, please help me. In the name of Jesus.

Day 3

Acceleration

'Then the hand of the Lord came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.' I Kings 18:46

As a king Ahab's chariot may have been attached to at least two horses which would have been the best in the land, specially bred for the king's service. However, Elijah on his feet outran the chariots of Ahab and got to the destination ahead of him. Elijah didn't move by his own natural speed, but by the speed given to him by the Lord. Supernatural acceleration came upon him.

If it happened to Elijah, it's a possibility for you. This means there's a possibility for acceleration that causes you to move faster than is humanly expected. It's the energy of the Holy Spirit that propels this acceleration. The Holy Spirit is able to accelerate the productivity and results of a year into a month, of a month into a week and a week into a day. God is not limited by anything we could ever conceive. Remember you are for signs and wonders.

God has plans for you in 2020, but it won't be by your own strength or according to your own agenda. It must be by the Spirit. Man may be stopped by circumstances and situations, but nothing can contain the move of the Spirit.

Prayer: Lord let your hand rest upon me this year. Let my ear be attuned to your desires and my will be swift to yield to and obey you. That I may be propelled by your hand upon me. Let your divine acceleration come upon me this year and launch me into the plans you have for me this year.

Day 4 Diligence

“Do you see a man skillful and experienced in his work? He will stand [in honor] before kings; He will not stand before obscure men.” Proverbs 22:29

If you're serious about walking in dominion, you cannot escape from putting in the requisite work. The Bible tells us clearly that there's an expected outcome for someone who is diligent, skilled and experience in work: that person will stand before kings and not obscure men. You will need to stretch yourself and apply yourself to continuous learning.

“As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.” Daniel 1:17

“See, I have called by name Bezalel, son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom and skill, in understanding and intelligence, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship,” Exodus 31:2-3

The Lord gave Bezalel, Daniel and his friends knowledge, skill, wisdom, and much more. But they also applied themselves to what they had been given and we must do the same. When given an assignment, complete it without being followed up on. When you're given a project, execute it with discipline without delay. Make sure you do your part.

“The LORD will open for you His good treasure house, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand...” Deuteronomy 28:12a

“And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.” Psalms 90:17

Reflect: The Lord has committed to establishing and blessing the work of our hands. Not the wishing of our minds, or the ideas we never execute. Our hands must work and work diligently. If we do our part, we have the guarantee that our covenant keeping God will do His.

Day 5 Enlargement

“Clear lots of ground for your tents! Make your tents large. Spread out! Think big! Use plenty of rope, drive the tent pegs deep. You’re going to need lots of elbow room for your growing family. You’re going to take over whole nations; you’re going to resettle abandoned cities.”
Isaiah 54:2-3 MSG

This year you need to expand your perspective. At whatever stage you may be in your relationship with God, there is a greater dimension available. Wherever you may be now, whatever you may be doing there is room for more. But if you think you have become all you could ever be, then that’s where you will remain. If you say you have become all you could ever be, then that’s what will happen.

“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...” Proverbs 23:7a

'Keep vigilant watch over your heart; that’s where life starts.' Proverbs 4:23 MSG

Our thoughts are important because whether we realize it or not, our thoughts shape our actions, posture and our words. That’s why the Bible admonishes us to guard our hearts because what we surround ourselves with permeates our hearts in subtle ways. So we need to be deliberate about what we choose to see, hear and the company we choose to keep.

'Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.'
Proverbs 18:21

Read Genesis Chapter 1 and notice this: before something was created, it was predicated by these words, “then God said...”. We were made in the image and likeness of God and in the kingdom, words shape our existence. So do not say what you do not want to see. Make up your mind that this year you will expand in every area of your life. And speak it into reality. Take the time to search the Bible concerning the areas you want to expand in and speak God’s word over your life until you see what the word says become a reality in your life.

Reflect: Watch what you let into your heart and what you bring out of your mouth. Both have a direct impact on how much room you will permit for enlargement in your life.

Day 6 Associations

“It takes a grinding wheel to sharpen a blade, and so one person sharpens the character of another.” Proverbs 27:17 TPT

The people you choose to surround yourself with this year will have a direct impact on your capacity to dominate. The Bible tells us that our character is sharpened by our associations - for good or bad. We may not detect the impact immediately, but over time we will observe that we start thinking, talking and acting like those we hang out with regularly. So it's important we choose well

“Happy are those who reject the advice of evil people, who do not follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God. Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord, and they study it day and night. They are like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do.” Psalm 1:1-3 GNT

Pay close attention to the last two sentences of the scripture above. If your desire is to consistently bear good fruit and succeed in everything you do, then the verses before give you insight on how to achieve this. Watch who you join and what examples you follow. You should prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to bring the right people into your life and separate you from the wrong ones.

“If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.” Ecclesiastes 4:10

“One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” Proverbs 18:24

Reflect: Be discerning about who you give access to your time and mind. You need the people who will be your ‘purpose partners’, their presence in your life will spur you on to being productive and accountable. You will move faster as you inspire one another. You also need the helpers, who will lift you up when you're down (because such days will come). People who have proven (or are proving) themselves to be dependable. And most importantly, those who really value having a relationship with God.

Day 7 Generosity

“Now [remember] this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to others] will also reap generously [and be blessed]. Let each one give [thoughtfully and with purpose] just as he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver [and delights in the one whose heart is in his gift].” 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 AMP

The Lord expects us to look beyond ourselves and have a lifestyle of giving, but more importantly He expects that we give with a desire to benefit others, not just so that we get a blessing from God in return. Giving isn't limited to finances alone which is where most people tend to focus. It could be your time, talent, whatever it is that's within or available to you to give.

“Those who live to bless others will have blessings heaped upon them, and the one who pours out his life to pour out blessings will be saturated with favor.” Proverbs 11:25 TPT

To accomplish His plans, God requires vessels that will act as channels to bring His will into the earth. As you bless others from your heart, you extend the influence of God's kingdom. And the wonderful thing is that He blesses you for it so you can do more and expand the influence of the kingdom further.

“Let giving flow from your heart, not from a sense of religious duty. Let it spring up freely from the joy of giving—all because God loves hilarious generosity! Yes, God is more than ready to overwhelm you with every form of grace, so that you will have more than enough of everything—every moment and in every way. He will make you overflow with abundance in every good thing you do.” 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 TPT

Reflect: As you begin to dominate in your sphere of influence, you have a responsibility to give out of what you have been given to others. The Bible has made clear to us what God's thoughts are concerning generosity. If you really struggle with the idea of giving then spend some time reflecting on this: who do you really believe is the source of what you have? Ask the Lord to give you the right mindset concerning not just what to give, but also how to give.

Day 8 Prosperity

'Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go.'" Isaiah 48:17

The Lord has promised to teach us to profit and lead us if we follow His directions. We have the assurance that we will minimize errors in every aspect of our lives and truly prosper if we approach life God's way. And as we have always noted, God's ways are very different from ours.

'Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.' 3 John 1:2

'But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.' Deuteronomy 8:18

Sadly, we often chase things first and put the things that help our soul bloom and prosper (prayer, study, meditation, etc.) on the back seat. But the Bible tells us that God's path to dominating is different. Whatever it is we engage in this year to get ahead should not be at the expense of our relationship with God. Rather, we will prosper in all things and be in health as our soul prospers.

Remember in God's system, He is the source of all that we have and the power behind all that we can do. So, it will be a grave error to ignore our source because doing so means we have started depending on ourselves and are telling the Lord we no longer need Him.

As believers we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit who is available to us to teach, guide and instruct in the ways that will lead to the prosperity of our soul and every other aspect of our lives. Let's not waste this wonderful gift.

Reflect: As we seek to walk in dominion this year, we must always bear in mind that our primary objective should be the prosperity of our soul and increasing our intimacy with the Holy Spirit as He leads us through the days ahead.

Day 9

Power

'For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.' 2 Timothy 1:7

How distressing it would be to receive wisdom, understanding, develop great associations, receive ideas inspired by heaven with favour surrounding you, but you lack the power to execute – '...as when children come to the moment of birth and there is no strength to deliver them.' (Isaiah 37:3). The year is pregnant with so many God-ordained opportunities, but we need power to birth them into reality. And not just from any source, we need the power that the Holy Spirit gives us.

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'" Acts 1:8

'After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.' Acts 4:31

'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us' Ephesians 3:20

When we begin to understand the amount of power that is available to us through our access to the Holy Spirit, fear and timidity will take a back seat and boldness will take over. We are not meant to rely on our natural strength alone for this journey, because our strength will surely fail. But when we lay our self-dependency aside and draw on the power available to us, we will soar on wings like eagles, run and not be weary, walk and not be faint (Isaiah 40:3), because the Lord Himself will renew our strength.

How do we access this power? It comes from prayer, from studying and meditating on the word of God, from what you decree, from obedience to and dependence on God and willingness to set aside our personal agenda in order to please Him. You can't access God's power without accessing His presence and being someone who values Him above everything else.

Reflect: A life filled with God's power will come at a cost that can only be determined between you and God. It may not be easy, but He gives grace and at the end of it all, it will be worth it.

Day 10 Focus

Keep me from paying attention to what is worthless; be good to me, as you have promised. Psalm 119:37 GNT

If you don't know where you're going any road will take you there. Each day we will all get 24 hours worth of opportunities to fulfil our assignment and mandate to dominate. It's critical that this year we don't allow ourselves to be distracted and waste the gift of time, because time will pass wherever we do the right thing with it or not.

Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. Hebrews 12:2a

"To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen." I Peter 5:11

How will you know what's worth focusing on and what's a worthless distraction if you haven't spent time getting clarity from the Lord of your life? It's critical we make a focus on Jesus our key priority for the year. All the glory belongs to Him, He has dominion over all things seen and unseen.

"And God blessed them [granting them certain authority] and said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subjugate it [putting it under your power]; and rule over (dominate) the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every living thing that moves upon the earth."" Genesis 1:28 AMP

"For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God." Romans 8:19

We have been given the blessing and the authority by God to dominate. He has provided us with the Holy Spirit to equip, embolden and guide us on the way. The word is available to us to dig deep into to access God's mind. We already have all we need to dominate.

Prayer: Lord you have blessed and equipped me to dominate. Open my eyes, ears, and understanding to receive this truth and more importantly to be focused as I walk in it and may all the glory be yours alone.

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