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How to use the power of self-help and God to bring balance into your life!

If you love self-help but are still struggling and searching or you love God but don't always receive His blessings a balance of both may change everything for you.

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Preface

I grew up without religion. I thought it was because my dad hated God. Turns out he just hated religion! Many of us (rightly so) associate God with religion but it is possible to know God without religion and to develop your own private and personal relationship with the Creator.

This special report covers my personal journey of not knowing God, being spiritual but not having any interest in money, having an interest in money but leaving behind the spiritual before finally accepting the power of being financially free with God's help.

If you, like me, have spent thousands on your own personal development but find yourself still searching I hope this special report helps you to end your search. If your goal has been material and financial only, yet you are always in debt and financial freedom seems a long way off I hope you too will end your search.

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Setting The Scene

This short special report has been written as a result of a conversation I had with someone who asked me "Don't you wish you were rich?"

That question sparked a conversation that made me realize while working towards financial freedom is important to me being spiritual strong enough to cope with the challenges of being wealthy was more important.

We have all heard stories about people who are rich and painfully unhappy. Or the man who won the lottery (\$16.2 million) and within a year lost it all and was 1 million in debt, being sued by his girlfriend and his brother had taken out a contract to have him killed. So I knew it wasn't about the money.

A few years ago I told myself that I didn't want money. I was spiritual and money wasn't important. And as you always get what you think about I was taken on a journey that meant me experiencing having none. Literally. There were times when I had absolutely no money coming in at all.

Now I don't talk about money not being important because it is. It is an important tool to help you experience the best of what life has to offer. I truly believe we are spiritual beings having a human experience and part of that human experience is to understand and experience our abundant nature. The journey to reaching that point that will be different for us all.

Some of us will just naturally attract whatever we desire and others will have a life full of misfortune and/or challenges that they must overcome in order to experience an abundant life. I fall into the second example and my life is about learning from my mistakes.

When money flowed back into my life I decided I wanted to be rich. A millionaire. I believed it was a journey I could make relying on man alone. I didn't need the spiritual beliefs I had and being rich was all about taking action. I believed my wealth would be made by taking courses on how to be financially free and by working towards my financial goals using my own efforts.

But there was something I had totally disconnected from when I made that decision back in April 2006. By disconnecting myself I set myself up to experience heartache and debt. The only people who got rich were those running the wealth creation courses!

The debt didn't matter too much because I saw it as an investment in my education and I still believe what I learnt will continue to support me. Plus I was earning more than enough to pay it. Until the economic situation changed, the contracts were cancelled and the money stopped flowing then keeping up with everything became difficult.

In the book "The Life You Were Born To Live" my birth date created a numerology number that is 29/11. I am what's known as a creative but doubly creative. With that double creativity comes double insecurity. My life's lessons are about recognizing my greatness so that I can triumph over my limits.

My biggest challenge is to not repeat my mistakes but learn from them and eventually reach my desired outcome. I tried it with God but without money. I tried it with money but without God and now the time has finally come to balance the two (balance is another of my life's lessons) as I realise my life is about both. **Experiencing wealth by knowing and loving God.**

Life provides us with many challenges and many of them include hurt and/or pain because that pain is a lesson for us to learn from. When we are willing to search for what that lesson is we provide an opportunity for us to transform and discover our inner greatness.

Moving out of a painful situation requires moving forward and moving forward only comes when we can accept a challenge and begin looking for the lesson. The alternative is to stay mad, to stay hurt, to stay bitter and to die that way.

It was April 2008, exactly two years after putting God to one side I woke up and was given a very clear message. I was told that I had forgotten who I was and it was time to come back. On That faithful day I heard a whisper that reminded me I was not fulfilling my purpose. In that month I surrendered my life to God and promised to go wherever He told me to (the ability to let go and surrender being another one of my life challenges!)

I had learnt my lesson and was ready to move forward. Eight months later my life is making a turn around and despite the economy getting worse my income continues to grow.

I love the self-help industry because it teaches us to help ourselves but the mistake comes from believing that we (and the person who wrote the book) are the only two people we need to rely on. Relying on man alone did not work for me.

When I was given my first bible and began to read the Gospel I realised that the self help industry and "raped" the bible, taken God out of the equation and tried to teach us how to be the best we can be using our own efforts.

But religion was no better for me. I have met people who have been in the church for years; 10, 15 even 20 years of dedicated service who are still not experiencing the life they truly want. Why? Because they have a past that is full of limits, fear and doubt. While God can wash that away we also need to take some responsibility for working on it ourselves.

Any believer who is not working on learning from the mistakes in their life is not helping themselves, and they will argue that God doesn't need help to help them and that is true but they need help to help themselves and you can't open yourself up to receive God's blessings if you live in fear at every turn. We repeat the same mistakes if we do not take responsibility for learning from them. That is all self-help really is, healing through personal awareness.

It is my belief that God without personal development doesn't work and personal development without God doesn't work either but a balance of the two creates miracles.

This is the message God wants me to share with you. This is what I believe is God's plan for my life. To bring you to Him by building a relationship that includes helping yourself and putting your faith only in God.

For many weeks now I have opened my bible to the Prophet Ezekiel Chapter 1. When it happened 4 or 5 times I began looking into who Ezekiel was and I took this as a powerful lesson from God. Like Ezekiel I have discovered that I need

the Lord's strength throughout all of my endeavours and also like Ezekiel I believe that God will use me to help bring people to Him.

My friend Rev. Norma L. Fontaine-Philbert <http://www.normaphilbert.org> explained Ezekiel in this way

Purpose of Writing: Ezekiel ministered to his generation who were both exceedingly sinful and thoroughly hopeless. By means of his prophetic ministry he attempted to bring them to immediate repentance and to confidence in the distant future. He taught that: (1) God works through human messengers; (2) Even in defeat and despair God's people need to affirm God's sovereignty; (3) God's Word never fails; (4) God is present and can be worshiped anywhere; (5) People must obey God if they expect to receive blessings; and (6) God's Kingdom will come.

Practical Application: The Book of Ezekiel calls us to join in a fresh and living encounter with the God of Abraham, Moses and the prophets. We must be overcomers or we will be overcome. Ezekiel challenged us to: experience a life changing vision of God's power, knowledge, eternal presence and holiness; let God direct us; comprehend the depth of and commitment to evil that lodges in each human heart; to recognize that God holds his servants responsible for warning wicked men of their peril; to experience a living relationship with Jesus Christ, who said that the new covenant is to be found in His blood.

After reading her words I knew it was time to write this special report and I hope it inspires you to become an overcomer and seek out His word.

Life with money and no spiritual grounding can lead to unhappiness as you continue to search within yourself for something greater.

Life with spiritual grounding and without money is not living our true nature, which is abundance.

Life with both..... well I'll let you know ☺

Don't you wish you were rich?

"Don't you wish you were rich?" was the simple question I was asked over coffee. "Really, stinking rich where you didn't have to ever think about how to pay another bill or where the money for your holiday was going to come from?"

I only needed a second to think before saying, "I will achieve a state of financial freedom but I realize that it's not the money I want it's what the money can provide that I am interested in"

What is it I see that money can provide? Well being financially free means travel at every opportunity with my children, it means giving them the best in life in terms of what we see as materially rewarding. It means being able to give back to the parts of society I care about the most – young people and the elderly.

Being financially free means I have provided a service or product that has made a difference to enough people that they made a decision to buy it. It means no debts and a constant feeling of peace knowing that all my material concerns are taken care of. That feeling of peace is what I desire most of all.

I have seen people with thriving businesses and loads of money crash down to nothing and it has broken them because they made the money they have mean status. It meant flash cars and flash things. It meant a feeling of superiority because they had something others didn't.

I want my money to work for me, I want it to provide me with everything I desire but I also understand that it is only a small part of who I am. I am more than just the money I have (or don't have.)

So it's not about the money but what the money can give me and when I look at what is important to me I don't even need money for that anyway. Health, loving relationships, and laughter are all extremely important to me. All of that stuff is free.

Doing work that fulfils me is also important to me. I have been lucky enough to achieve two of my greatest desires, which are to always follow my heart and make a difference to people. I have experienced making a huge difference to 7,000 people in my social network. They are connecting with each other on this

online platform from around the world. They are all from the same small Caribbean island but for those that left many years ago the network has provided them with an opportunity to find friends and family they haven't seen/heard from in 20 or 30 years.

By starting the network (that the Holy Spirit instructed me to start) I provided an opportunity to make a huge difference to people on a daily basis.

In terms of following my heart I have stayed at home writing because I believe that my destiny involves me writing to empower others. In the moments of having no money coming in I did start searching for a job. Some of my friends encouraged me to look and I even completed a few application forms but ultimately I realised that I will be going against everything I believe in by doing something I didn't want to do.

I knew that if I take a job because times are hard or when things get rough I won't have failed but it will seriously hamper me fulfilling my destiny. So instead I found ways to cut back when the contracts were cut, to handle credit card companies and ask for reduced payment terms, and to continue living in a way that will definitely help me appreciate financial freedom when I achieve it. 😊

I am not saying here that I won't take a job or I won't work. I love taking on short-term contracts with a beginning and ending! But I will only take on the work that I am inspired to do, not just work for the sake of money.

Rather than get a job that would mean having to start again and learn I decided to rely on the talents I already have and earn a living using them!

I also learnt how to put my faith and trust in God to guide me through.

Watching Your Focus During "Hard Times"

During late 2007 and early 2008 as the economy began to weaken I started to focus on fear and doubt wondering what was going to happen to me as another contract was cancelled.

I spent time at home not doing any work because of my worry about what was happening and not looking for work either. I was trapped in a cycle of worry, doubt and fear that was dragging me towards depression and desperation.

When you let fear, doubt and worry into your life they weaken what my Pastor calls your "spiritual immune system". They take hold and like a disease they invade you so that you can no longer function.

God has the antidote for this disease and when you ask Him he will give you the medicine you need to turn your life around. My medicine was a new relationship. God introduced a man into my life. It's funny how exciting new love is! Being in this relationship (which was short lived at only 3 months) took me out of desperation and gave me moments of happiness. Thanks to those moments of laughter and happiness I realised that no matter what my situation was I could still choose to be happy.

Once I understood that my focus changed and this man who was sent to teach me that lesson and who contributed an enormous amount to helping me dig myself out of the hole I was in disappeared. God sent me help in the form he knew I could use and once I got the lesson the relationship was over. He was never meant to be anyway I truly believe that.

Desperation Breeds More Desperation

Right now there are rich people losing money and becoming desperate. When you become desperate you begin to experience more desperation in your life. Science has proven this time and time again. Just listen to the Science of Getting Rich audios I have on my site. Click the link below.

<http://inspirationalguidance.com/category/free-personal-growth-audios/science-of-getting-rich-audios>

In the early 1900s (1910 to be exact) when the Science of Getting Rich was written even Wallace D Wattles recognized that *"it is a natural law that like causes always produce like effects."* or put another way for more modern times you get what you focus on. As we get desperate, worry and live in fear we get more events in our life that will continue to make us desperate, worry and fearful.

My background/childhood comes from being raised in the art of worry and fear so it is an easy habit to automatically slip into without realizing it and it takes all my skills to pull myself back up.

Focusing on what you want even when things are crashing down around you has to be one of the biggest lessons to learn. Standing in gratitude and choosing to be happy no matter what your circumstances is another.

Getting Out Of The Rabbit Hole

In April 2008 I had made a promise to God to go wherever he lead me so when I walked out of a train station in August and had a card thrust into my hand by a woman I didn't know I ignored it. I had looked at it. As I looked at it I had seen the word CHURCH and I said to myself "no thanks, I don't do church!"

But God had other plans. He had already sent someone into my life in June who had given me my first bible and as the Bible made no sense to me he was now leading me to a place where I could get help with learning His word.

I wasn't going to church I told myself and the voice in my head grew louder as I stood at the bus stop. It wanted me to look at the card and I refused. Then I was reminded that I had promised to do whatever He told me to and I took another look.

That look led me to a church that continues to uplift me. It opened me up to knowing God on a far deeper level than I ever have. I am still not an advocate for religion but I am passionate about God and building a relationship with Him.

It all happened together. The new church, the new man and my new mindset that made me begin to choose to be happy no matter what my circumstances.

I began to turn my life around by focusing on what I want. I was uplifted by the sermons given by my Pastor who focused on prosperity as our birthright. I read material that reminded me that the journey towards financial freedom is not an easy road and many became completely bankrupted only to come back and succeed.

But the biggest message was that out there is a power stronger than anything man could ever create that was waiting to help me through if I only stop to ask. I took myself away from believing that man could make me rich (I was investing in one wealth creation course after another) and went back to my spiritual beliefs that I had abandoned in the pursuit of money.

I reconnected to My Creator, Source Energy as Dr Wayne Dyer calls it. Or God as I like to call Him. Somewhere in all the doubt and fear I had forgotten about Him and tried to make it on my own. I had relied on man to help me through instead of relying on God. Everything changed when I refocused on Him.

Finding Faith And Praying

There are three things that I believe everyone can be enriched by without the need for religion. They are faith, prayer and a belief in God. By surrendering to Him and being obedient (or listening to your gut feeling/intuition/Higher Self if you prefer) I found my faith. I began to stand in complete faith that my life is now experiencing a turn around towards the financial freedom I desire. I began to focus on what I want and I began to pray. I have never felt the sense of peace and serenity from anything else that I get when I connect to God through prayer.

I actually didn't know how to pray. I wasn't sure what to do. Back in June when I was given my first bible I was told to just talk to Him. To talk out loud and share what I needed but I felt too uneasy, it wasn't natural or comfortable for me so I continued to talk with Him in my head.

Then another awesome soul from my network encouraged me to read his book on the subject and after reading it I understood how to approach Him. Not like a friend but more like a Father, with reverence, gratitude and respect, feeling the awe of being in His presence.

I still pray that way, first thing in the morning around 5 or 6am. Sometimes during the afternoon and on occasions before going to bed but there is no definite time. I pray when I am moved to.

What praying did was help me to experience first hand how He can work in your life to turn things around. Every month when I thought I had no money coming in He would always provide me with enough to pay what I needed to and sometimes the money came from family or friends but it was always there.

Business began to pick up again and my focus returned to bringing in new contracts. I am not saying that all my concerns are over but when I compare it to where I was heading everything really is getting stronger.

At first I began to trade one false God for another by asking Him for money. It only took me a month or so to realize I was going about it the wrong way and instead I prayed for wisdom, forgiveness, strength and mercy. Doing that helped me to experience His love and also helped me to feel stronger within myself.

I prayed with expectation. Giving thanks and standing in faith that what I needed was on the way to me. I found ways to please Him through worship and singing. I love singing in church because there is something very powerful about a room full of people singing in unison. I began to thank Him for my current situation because I knew it was there to teach me an important lesson.

The most magical thing was when I first connected and felt His love. Real love within my heart radiated out of me and I cried. After that first connection I made it my business to connect often because it is a wonderful feeling.

Praying, having faith and believing in God is NOT about religion. You don't have to be religious to enjoy this connection. If the burdens of life seem never ending and over whelming I urge you to share your troubles with Him. Even if you don't believe in anything you will feel a sense of strength flow through you just from acknowledging your troubles and you will find ideas will begin to flow to you about how to help yourself out of them.

I beg you to give God the glory for those ideas but if you are not ready for that right now my prayer for you is that one day you will be.

Working Towards My Turnaround

I write this as my life begins to turnaround. As God continues to show me what can happen when I believe in Him. Work continues to come in for me now. Money is flowing into my life again. I still have a way to go but my head is above water and my swimming is getting stronger. I am no longer sinking. As a result of being spiritually grounded in His love I am feeling happier and have pulled myself out of the constant feeling of dread.

This is why I love to write and speak about discovering your greatness because once again I went on a journey that has helped me discover mine. It is not about being perfect or pretending that life is great and selling information to others on how their life can be great too. For me my writing will always focus on helping you through your life lessons by sharing my own.

My Pastor always says that he (and God) is not interested in where you are but where you are heading.

I know I am heading towards enjoying the abundance that is my birthright.

I know I am heading towards owning land in the Caribbean and writing/blogging full time to make my living.

I know that I am heading towards earning a 5-6 figure monthly salary 100% online and that I will be anywhere in the world and have instant access to my business.

I know I will continue to spread the joy that comes from building a relationship with God, living in faith and using the power of prayer.

I know I will donate money to great causes and give my time to supporting the communities I feel passionate about (young adults and older people)

Despite where I am now I know that with God's grace upon me everything becomes possible and that is what I hope you take from this short special report.

For a long time I remember hearing a saying in the personal development field that went something like "if you knew who walked with you, you would never

fear” and now I totally understand that. I walk with the wisdom, blessing and guidance of the Holy Trinity inside me. I am no longer alone. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost guide and protect me. In the words of Les Brown “I am blessed and highly favored.”

If you are ready to start building a relationship with God just close your eyes and talk to Him. Ask Him to forgive you for not believing in Him. Ask Him to show you what you need to do next. Tell Him you are surrendering to His loving care and promise to follow any feelings, thoughts or messages He sends to you.

Connect with Him every day and be humble. Stand in reverence and gratitude. Approach Him with the expectation of having your prayers answered. Pray for others not only for yourself and always remember to ask for wisdom and courage not just money and cars!

Then stay alert, watch out for where He guides you to go next. That's all I did in April 2008. I then spent 6 months on a quest to discover where I am meant to be. I downsized and got rid of excess from my life and now I am rebuilding.

It's my purpose to teach. It's my destiny to empower. It is who I am. Unlike money that can be with you one minute and gone the next my purpose and destiny is forever. Whether I have \$2 coming in or \$2 million I will always be happy because I am doing what I love to do.

I am committed to my financial goals. I don't want to make this sound as if I am heading towards becoming the next Mother Theresa. I will enjoy the house, the car, and the designer clothes because I believe that abundance is my birthright. Keeping myself in this current situation is not living my true, authentic self so I have no choice but to be rich. And my wealth will come from doing what I love to do because that brings me a sense of freedom and peace that money can't buy. It is a constant reminder for me that it's not the money but what the money can provide that I will enjoy.

Now that I understand that it means I can enjoy life, loving and living in this moment right now. Building a relationship with God and putting God in the centre of all I do is my new desire in life. The only thing I need to do is remember to ask Him what His will is for me and be open to being guided. He takes care of the rest.

Next Steps

Please don't replace one false God with another by thinking you have to go out and buy expensive courses, or pay a guru to teach you how to connect with God. Everything you need is inside you and you tap into it through your connection to God. That connection is free of charge!

If you are moved to attend a church consider doing that. Before I found my church I had a friend who invited me to hers on a regular basis but I said no because I wasn't religious, I didn't like religion and there was no way I was going to church. And yet the Pentecostal church I found has been the biggest contributor to my new found faith.

You can empower yourself without ever attending a workshop but that's not what we are taught. We are taught to invest in product after product that never brings us the desired result.

I am not against buying things. If they help you in that moment then for me they are a worthwhile investment. I just want you to know that there is a free alternative that just needs an investment of your time.

If you are continually searching for something through personal development workshops I would encourage you to stop for six months and try something different. Firstly, acknowledge that the thing you are looking for is yourself and you are right there. Then consider that within you is a Higher Power that just might be able to support you if you choose to connect.

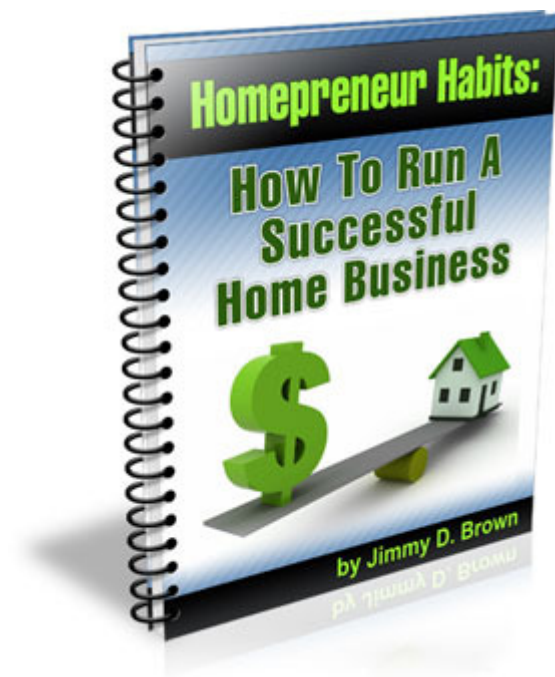
I pray that you connect and get to meet Him because all you can expect is forgiveness and love.

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Psalm 25

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in You;
Let me not be ashamed:
Let not my enemies triumph over me.
Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed;
Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

Show me Your ways, O Lord;
Teach me Your paths.
Lead me in Your truth and teach me;
For you are the God of my salvation:
On You I wait all the day.

Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindness
For they *are* from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;
According to Your mercy remember me.
For Your goodness's sake, O Lord.

Good and upright *is* the Lord;
Therefore He teaches sinners in the way
The humble He guides in justice.
And the humble He teaches His way.
All the paths of the Lord *are* mercy and truth,
To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies
For Your name's sake, O Lord,
Pardon my iniquity, for it *is* great.

Who *is* the man that fears the Lord?
Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

He himself shall dwell in prosperity.
And his descendants shall inherit the earth.
The secret of the Lord *is* with those who fear Him,
And He will show them His covenant.
My eyes *are* ever toward the Lord
For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn yourself to me, and have mercy on me.
For I *am* desolate and afflicted.
The troubles of my heart have enlarged:
Bring me out of my distresses!
Look on my affliction and my pain.
And forgive all my sins.
Consider my enemies, for they are many;
And they hate me with cruel hatred.
Keep my soul, and deliver me;
Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in you.
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for You.

Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all her troubles!