

# Life Lessons

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## Winning Attitudes for 2008

**1. Give highest priority to the Word of God.** Nothing will capture and transform our lives more than the Word of God. If we read 12 minutes a day we can read the Bible through in one year! Whatever makes you get in the Word, do it.

**2. Associate with people who have what you want.** Do you see certain people excel in certain areas of life? Ask them to be your mentor. Elisha received a double portion of Elijah's anointing simply by serving and hanging around him. (2 Kings 2.)

**3. Guard your thots and mouth.** Nothing will rob us more than dwelling on negative thots. Establish your life in positive anchor thots found in the scripture. Don't discredit God's Masterpiece in you by allowing self-defeating, self-condemning thots. Use your words to speak how you want things to be. Spend less time describing how things are.

**4. Invest in yourself.** Proverbs 1:5 says, A wise man will hear and increase learning. Take time to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to you. Read books and listen to CDs on the subjects you want to improve. Focus on the areas you want to grow. Create a weekly accountability plan and stick with it.

**5. Invest in others.** Be a part of someone's miracle. Nothing will bring you greater joy and satisfaction than to see another person's life changed because of you. Do little things everyday to improve the life of people God has surrounded you with. You'll be amazed what God will do for you!

**6. Schedule time.** Have you ever said, "I don't have time?" Well the fact is none of us do. If you don't schedule and guard time for what's important to you, you'll never find time to do it. Jesus set aside daily time to visit with His father before He ministered to the multitude. You'll be amazed what you can do simply

by following a daily schedule. Take care of the priorities first; everything else will fall in place.

**7. Make, save and invest.** Consider multiple source of income. After you've paid your tithes and offerings, make it a "religious practice" to take out a percentage of your income and put it in a high interest savings account. Most of us earn what we need but all of us struggle with keeping what God gives. Be disciplined to save, give and invest.

**8. Develop better habits.** Did you know that 90% of what we do is based on our habits? These are things we do without even thinking. The environment you grew up in has much to do with your habits today. Researchers say it takes only 21 days to change a habit. With God's help and your willingness, you can develop better habits.

**9. Forget the Past.** Once I had an account with a bank that had two sets of doors spaced about four feet apart. For security reason, the first door had to shut completely before you could walk thru the second door. Often life works in the same way. We must let go of our past failures and disappointments before God can open new doors for us. Paul said, "One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind... I press forward."

**10. Live with daily expectation.** Jesus said in Matthew 19:26, "With God ALL things are possible." When I was young, I used to say, "No expectation, no frustration." But that was a lie from the pit of hell. Expectancy is a heavenly FORCE. Learn to expect good things to happen to you. Speak and believe that in your heart. Expect "preferential treatment" everywhere you go. As a Father, nothing pleases God more than to see you trusting Him for a good life!