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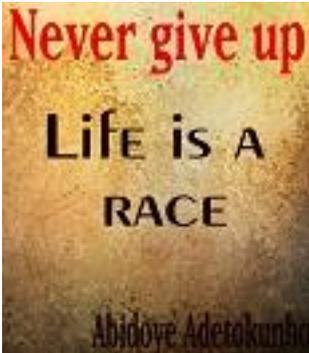
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Appreciation

Appreciation goes firstly to the Almighty God for making this a reality secondly I will like to say a very big thank you to my family for the daily support and encouragement and most especially my son Emmanuel Abidoye who inspired and encouraged me.

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Letter from the Author

Never give up is an inspirational book written to liberate those who are at the verge of given up, it is a book put together to empower those who are tired of backwardness and stagnancy, it's a piece that is scripturally backed to give hope to the hopeless and motivation to those who are discouraged and above all to restore confidence to those who have lost their self-esteem. Hear these statements of facts about life and achievements:-

- Achievements are made by those who refused to quite
- Achievements are not by chance but by persistent actions
- Great achievers are those determined to succeed and accept no for an answer
- Achievers learn from their mistakes
- Achievers don't condemn but encourage themselves
- Achievers sees mistakes, challenges and obstacles as another opportunities to explore for greatness
- Those who lack motivation end up in the pit of failure
- To achieve greatly, never hang around with negative minded people
- Achievers are not moved by what people are saying, they are driven by their vision
- You are a failure only when you accept that you are one
- You are a failure when you give up doing what you ought to do
- You are a failure when you refused to try again
- Lack of proper information is a sure way to failure

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In Micah 7 verse 8 the Bible says *“Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me”*

I’m praying for you that all those who are waiting to celebrate your failure shall be the first to announce your achievements in the name of Jesus. I’m declaring into your life that as from today all obstacles and challenges confronting your progress shall give way in the name of Jesus. As the red sea swallowed the Egyptians so shall the red sea of this world swallow all those opposing your advancement in the name of Jesus?

As you read on may the good Lord give you divine understanding into the scriptures and the power therein in the name of Jesus.

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Facts about yourself

Facts you should know about yourself are In 1 Corinthians 12 verse 14- 27, the Bible says *“For the body is not one member, but many. 15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? 18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 19 And if they were all one member, where were the body? 20 But now are they many members, yet but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: 23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. 24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: 25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. 26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. 27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular”.*

- You are as important as others
- Without you the world is not complete

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- Your contribution in life is the raw materials or the starting point for others
- You are what you call yourself and not what people call you
- You are too important to be ignored
- In you there is a great deposit of talent
- What you have is enough to make you great if you know how to use it
- You are a chosen one according to 1 Peter 2 verse 9 *“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light”*:
- Failure to use your God’s given talent will result in the talent been taken away as in Matthew 25 verses 28- 29 *“Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath”*

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People who refused to give up

The persistent widow In Luke 18 verses 1- 8 *“AND he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; 2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: 3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. 4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; 5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. 6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. 7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? 8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”*

The woman set her heart on getting justice against her adversary; she never gave up until she got what she wanted. The woman was not moved by the insensitivity of the unjust judge, she was not looking down on herself, rather she was **DETERMINED AND PERSISTENT** in her request towards getting justice and eventually she got her desire.

Hannah in 1 Samuel 1 verses 11 -15 *“And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor*

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come upon his head. 12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth. 13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. 14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? Put away thy wine from thee. 15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD". Never gave up despite been called a drunkard by Eli, rather she was **FOCUSSED** on her prayer and her pain, she refused to be distracted by others or the circumstances around her

Elisha in 2 Kings 2 verse 9- 14 *"And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. 10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. 11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 ¶ And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. 13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; 14 And he*

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took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over". When Elijah called Elisha to follow him, He knew what he wanted and was driven by his **GOAL** so when the time came to answer Elijah, he was able to answer immediately because he was been driven by his goal. The goal of receiving double portion of the anointing of Elijah made him to ignore words of the sons of prophets.

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Why are people given up?

Drawing from the three Biblical examples above we could see four key elements that are needed to aid achievement, these are Determination, Persistence, Focus and Goal. I shall be explaining this in a reverse order of importance starting with goal.

Goal: a man of destiny is a man that has goal; a goal in a layman's word is simply what do I want to achieve and it differs from person to person. Some have small goals "also called dreams" while others are dreaming big. I remembered the story of two people who were praying in a church, one was asking for 2000 naira while the other was asking to be awarded a contract even though they were praying in the same place but their goals differs, when the prayer of the one with 2000 was over shadowing the one asking for a contract, the later asked the other to stop and gave him the 2000 so that he could allow him concentrate. Meaning some goals can be met easily while other goals might require extra effort to achieve. People are given up when they fail to have a well-defined goal.

Another reason why people are given up is **lack of focus**, judging from the example above, the man asking for 2000 naira was focussed on his own goal; he was not distracted by the goal of the other man who was looking for contract. Many believers in our age are losing out on their destiny by shifting attention away from their own goal and pursuing the goals of others. If you

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are not original you are the copy and copy has no value compare to the original. I also remembered another story that one of our pastors shared with us during a deliverance programme, that there was a professor in a ship and was asking a fisherman some terminologies and when the fisherman could not answer, he began calling him names like; why are you so dumb to understanding simple terminology, the fisherman did not condemn himself rather he kept looking until when the ship ran into difficulty and the fisherman turned to the professor and began asking him some high sea terminologies on the basic escape plans when situations like this arises, the professor could not answer and the fisherman told him why are you so dumb since you don't understand these basic rules then be prepared to drown. The fisherman never looked down upon himself; rather he remained focused with the use of his talent.

Lack of Persistence. Men in this age are given up right at the edge of breakthrough simply because they lack persistence. They tried once and again and right when their breakthrough is at hand they give up. I remembered the story (told by one pastor) of a man who bought a land to be having gold, he started the extraction but after long excavation of the earth and no gold coming forth, he sold the land to another man, who again continued and gave up and lastly the land ended up in the hand of a young vibrant man full of energy and ready to sacrifice all to succeed, just after few days of excavation he was able to reach the gold, he was persistent when

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others were given up. To be successful in every aspect of life you need to be persistent in whatever you are doing. The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 16 verse 9, that 9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and *there are* many adversaries. What the bible is saying is that at the edge of every opportunity there are always challenges and opposition which must be overcome before the manifestation of the breakthrough, do you also know that adversaries at the door could be the enemies of your father's, mother's and even in-law's houses that you must fight violently and aggressively without given up if you want to succeed in life. Hear this, your glory will determine your battle, the more colourful your destiny the more aggressive the enemies will be. This will lead us to the next reason why people are given up

Lack of Determination is another crucial reason why people are given up, lack of determination simply means the lack of force to pursue. For a car to move from one point to another force must be applied, same with life and destiny, for progress to be made there must be the application of both the physical and spiritual forces called determination. Determination is an invisible energy called I refused no for an answer even when all hopes are lost. Men in this age have dreams, goals and ambitions but they lack determination. Some love to remain in their comfort zones rather than confronting their challenges. In a simple language, determination simply means ready to pay whatever price for success or fight to succeed.

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Lack of motivation, you may have the goals, drive, favourable environment, determination and be persistent but if motivation is lacking all will lead to nothing. Motivation is the driving machine of I love what I'm doing and have pleasure in it. There is great danger in starting and doing what you don't like, very soon you will be bored and quite. Man in this age are given up simply because they have wrongly defined goals and business ideal, they are following people's dreams and plans rather than what they liked and enjoy doing. In a nut shell you cannot go far either in career, ministry or life when you don't enjoy and find pleasure in what you are doing. In other word the lack of motivation has made many entrepreneurs to abandoning their dreams and visions.

Lack of the required skills; knowledge is power according to an adage in my culture, sadly many businesses are relying on others with the right skills and expertise for the day to day running of the business so when the skilled labour leaves, it sometimes leads to the collapse of a dream and business. To some extent as a believer, business person or student you must have the basic and the elementary knowledge of your business, all must not be left in the hands of others. People are given up when they could not understand the basic principles surrounding their lives.

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Members of your household, the Bible says in Matthew 10 verse 36 and a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household. What the Bible is saying is that the enemy of man shall be the members of his household, what this is saying is that people in your household can cause or make you to give up when you are trying to break forth or achieve what no one has ever achieved in your family. Your household enemies can use weapons like discouragement, backbiting, isolating you and sometimes make you a laughing stock all just to cause you to give up your dreams.

Inadequate planning. You may be discouraged and abandoned your dreams if not adequately prepared. To be adequately prepared means carrying out detailed analysis of what you need to do to reach your goals failing which when you have a small problems you might feel discouraged and abandon the plan.

Lack of understanding of your purpose and calling Genesis 2. Another reason why you could give up is when you lack understanding of your calling and purpose. Your purpose is the reason or your assignment on the planet earth, if you failed to understand and discover your purpose any other plans you have or follow will not yield any result but frustration. In Genesis 2 verse 15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. The purpose and assignment of man initially was to look after the Garden of Eden, as the first man had a purpose so also

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everyone born of a woman has a unique purpose. Have you discovered your purpose? Or are you running on someone else's purpose

Wrong counsel (the senior prophet).do you know that wrong counsel can lead to a vibrant and promising man quitting his destiny? Just like the case of the man of God that came from Judah, he had a promising ministry but lost his life by taking wrong counsel from the senior prophet. I want you to pray like this, all those assigned to derail and waste my destiny die in the name of Jesus, pray this again, say Lord Jesus destroy the evil counsellors that are around me in the name of Jesus

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What must we do? & Conclusion

Your destiny lies in your actions according to the book of Matthew 11 verse 12 and from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. What the Bible is making you to understand is that possessing your possession lies in the application of force. Not been forceful in your action is like murdering your destiny. Do you know that one last chance could lead you to your uncommon breakthrough, will you try or will you give up? My message to you is never give up even in times of terrible challenges, look up unto Jesus as the Psalmist said in Psalm 121 verse 1- end *“I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. 2 My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. 6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. 8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore”.*

Don't condemn yourself, I was once in your shoes, always given up when faced with little challenges not until when I sat back to redefined my purpose and start pursuing it only and nothing else, it wasn't an easy task as other distractions do come up inform of other opportunities but as said they are just distractions that lead nowhere. I want you to carry out this simple

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exercise by asking yourself these simple questions and given an honest answer

- What do I like doing
- What gives me peace and joy
- What do I like doing that I don't get tired of doing
- When you wake up what do you think about that brightens your day

If you discover what you are good at doing, that you don't get tired of doing and you derive pleasures in them, then you are on the right track of succeeding in life. In conclusion never give up there is hope at the corner just keep calling on Jesus he is your living water. I leave you with Job 14 verses 7-9 *"7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. 8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; 9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant"*

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Prayer

1. Lord Jesus I come to you this day help me with my weaknesses in the name of Jesus
2. Father Lord put me out from the land of discouragement in the name of Jesus
3. Powers assigned to prolong my suffering and challenges be exposed and die in the name of Jesus
4. Where is the Lord God of Elijah, arise and give hope when all hopes are lost in the name of Jesus
5. I refused to give up in times of trials in the name of Jesus
6. Voices of the enemies frustrating my efforts be silenced forever in the name of Jesus
7. Powers making me to give up at the edge of breakthrough release me and die in the name of Jesus
8. Voices of the senior prophets calling out of my destination be silenced forever in the name of Jesus
9. Father Lord help me never to give up in the name of Jesus
10. All the wealth and years that I have lost due to constant given up be restored back in the name of Jesus
11. Spirit of running on opposite direction of life release me in the name of Jesus
12. Powers saying over their dead bodies will I make it die in the name of Jesus

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13. Finger of the wicked confusing my destiny be cut off and thrown inside the lake of fire in the name of Jesus
14. My father when I'm confused be a light and direction unto me in the name of Jesus
15. All those who are using witchcraft to frustrate my achievements die suddenly in the name of Jesus
16. I refused to abandon my projects, my enemies shall give up in the name of Jesus
17. All projects that I have abandoned receive new life and move to perfect completion in the name of Jesus
18. All the resources I've lost in the past due to given up, I recover all back in the name of Jesus
19. Witchcraft agent appearing as friend and causing me to give up on my way to progress be wasted now in the name of Jesus
20. Fresh fire that cannot be stopped fall upon all my abandoned projects in the name of Jesus
21. Father Lord raise souls and helpers who will assist me on all my projects from now till completion in the name of Jesus
22. Lord Jesus even if I'm on the wrong path, if I'm frustrated and even if I'm weak, arise and be my strength in the name of Jesus
23. All those saying I shall never achieve anything Lord disappoint them and give me great achievements today and forevermore in the name of Jesus

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24. The Lord that lifted Joseph up in the land of Egypt arise and lift me up in the name of Jesus
25. Upper room anointing that announced the glory of God upon the Apostles fall upon me and my destiny in the name of Jesus
26. Anointing to discern opportunities fall upon me now in the name of Jesus
27. Father Lord give me the Eyes that can see great and mighty opportunities in the name of Jesus
28. Strength to mount up wings like the eagle enter me in the name of Jesus
29. Father Lord make my ways inspirations and supports to others in the name of Jesus
30. Thank you Lord for given me strength and lifting me up in the name of Jesus

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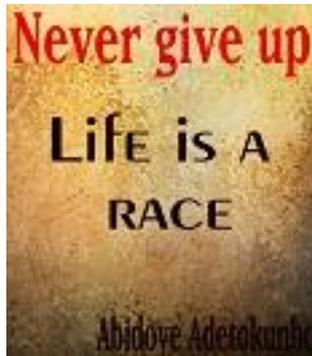
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