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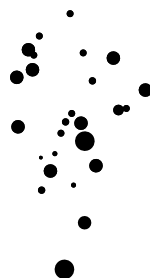
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Dear Esteemed Young Visionaries,

In this edition of Arise Magazine, we are focusing on how God can take the broken pieces of our lives and turn them into something beautiful, fulfilling the purpose and mandate He has given us. You may feel like you've lost hope, or that your life has been through so many ups and downs that you don't even know where to start. But I want you to know, God can take your broken pieces and use them to create a masterpiece.

There is still hope for you. Whether you dropped out of school, had a child outside wedlock, failed a course, lost a job, collapsed relationship, or you are carrying pain from the past, etc You can redeem the lost time and take that one final step toward restoration. We serve a God of second chances. He can take our mistakes and create something good out of them. Yes, He will use those broken pieces.

The purpose God created you for is still alive, even in the midst of your brokenness. It hasn't died. Just as a tree that's been cut down will sprout again if its roots remain, so will you. I pray that you will turn back to God and begin the process of painting your life anew.

I can speak from experience. I was once lost, broken in every aspect of my life: my academics, career, finances, and family. The more I tried to fix things on my own, the more mistakes I made, and my life became a complete mess. But when I reconnected with God, those broken pieces of my life became valuable again.

Friends, with God, even the broken pieces can paint a beautiful picture.

David Ntalasha Chisha

The Visinary

BROKEN PIECES CAN STILL PAINT

Have you ever felt like your life is beyond repair? Like the pieces of your heart, dreams, and aspirations are shattered beyond recognition? Take heart, because you're not alone. Some of the most remarkable stories of transformation and triumph began with brokenness.

David: From Shepherd to King

Before David became Israel's greatest king, he was just a young shepherd, overlooked by his own family. But God saw beyond his brokenness and anointed him for greatness. David's journey wasn't easy; he faced giants, betrayal, and his own flaws. Yet, he remained faithful, and God used him to paint a masterpiece of leadership and faith.

Joseph: From Slave to Royalty

Joseph's story is one of epic betrayal and redemption. Sold into slavery by his own brothers, he could have let bitterness define him. Instead, he chose to trust God, even in the darkest of places. From prisoner to prince, Joseph's broken pieces were transformed into a breathtaking tapestry of forgiveness and wisdom.

Jephthah: From Rejection to Victory

Jephthah, a rejected outcast, gathered other broken pieces – a band of misfits – and formed an army that changed the course of history. His story teaches us that our brokenness can become the foundation for something extraordinary.

The Thief on the Cross: Last-Minute Redemption

In the final moments of his life, the thief on the cross turned to Jesus, and his brokenness was transformed into eternal salvation. This powerful story reminds us that no matter how shattered our lives may seem, redemption is always within reach.

Samson: Blind but Not Broken

Even without his eyes, Samson found the strength to bring down the enemy's stronghold. His story shows that our brokenness doesn't have to define us; instead, it can become the catalyst for our greatest triumphs.

Your Story is Not Over

These stories remind us that broken pieces can still paint a masterpiece of hope, redemption, and transformation. No matter how shattered your life may seem, God can take those broken pieces and create something breathtakingly beautiful.

So, don't give up. Your story is not over. You are not beyond repair. You are a work of art in progress, and the brushstrokes of your brokenness can become the most vibrant colors on the canvas of your life.

Reflection Questions:

- What are the broken pieces in your life that you feel are beyond repair?
- How can you surrender those pieces to God and trust Him to create something beautiful?
- What's the first step you can take today to begin painting your masterpiece?

MASTERPIECE

FROM BROKEN PIECES TO MASTERPIECE: 7 POWERFUL KEYS

Life isn't perfect, and at some point, we all experience brokenness; whether it's from failure, disappointment, or loss. But being broken doesn't mean you're finished. In fact, those broken pieces can still create a beautiful picture, and God can help you paint it. Here's how you can start:

1. Don't Dwell on the Past

Stop holding onto failures, disappointments, and broken promises. It's easy to get stuck replaying what didn't go right, but the past is a place of reference, not residence. If you keep living in the mistakes of yesterday, you won't see the possibilities of today. Give yourself permission to begin again. The beauty of life is that each day offers a fresh start, a blank canvas. Let go of what you can't change and focus on creating something new.

Key: Set small, achievable goals that help you move forward, one step at a time. Leave the past where it belongs.

2. Forgive Yourself and Others

Carrying grudges and resentment only weighs you down. Whether you're angry at yourself for past mistakes or holding onto bitterness against someone who hurt you, unforgiveness keeps you stuck. It's time to let go. Forgiving doesn't mean forgetting or excusing what happened, it means releasing the hold that past pain has on you. When you forgive yourself and others, you free your heart to heal and grow.

Key: Write down the names of people you need to forgive, including yourself. Pray over that list and commit to letting go.

3. Love Yourself

You are valuable, even with your flaws and imperfections. Loving yourself is not about being selfish; it's about recognizing that you are worthy of love and respect, no matter where you are in life. When you start to see your own worth, you begin to understand that the broken pieces of your life don't define you, they can actually shape you into something stronger.

Key: Practice positive self-talk. Replace negative thoughts with affirmations that remind you of your value and potential.

4. Be a Pencil in the Hand of God

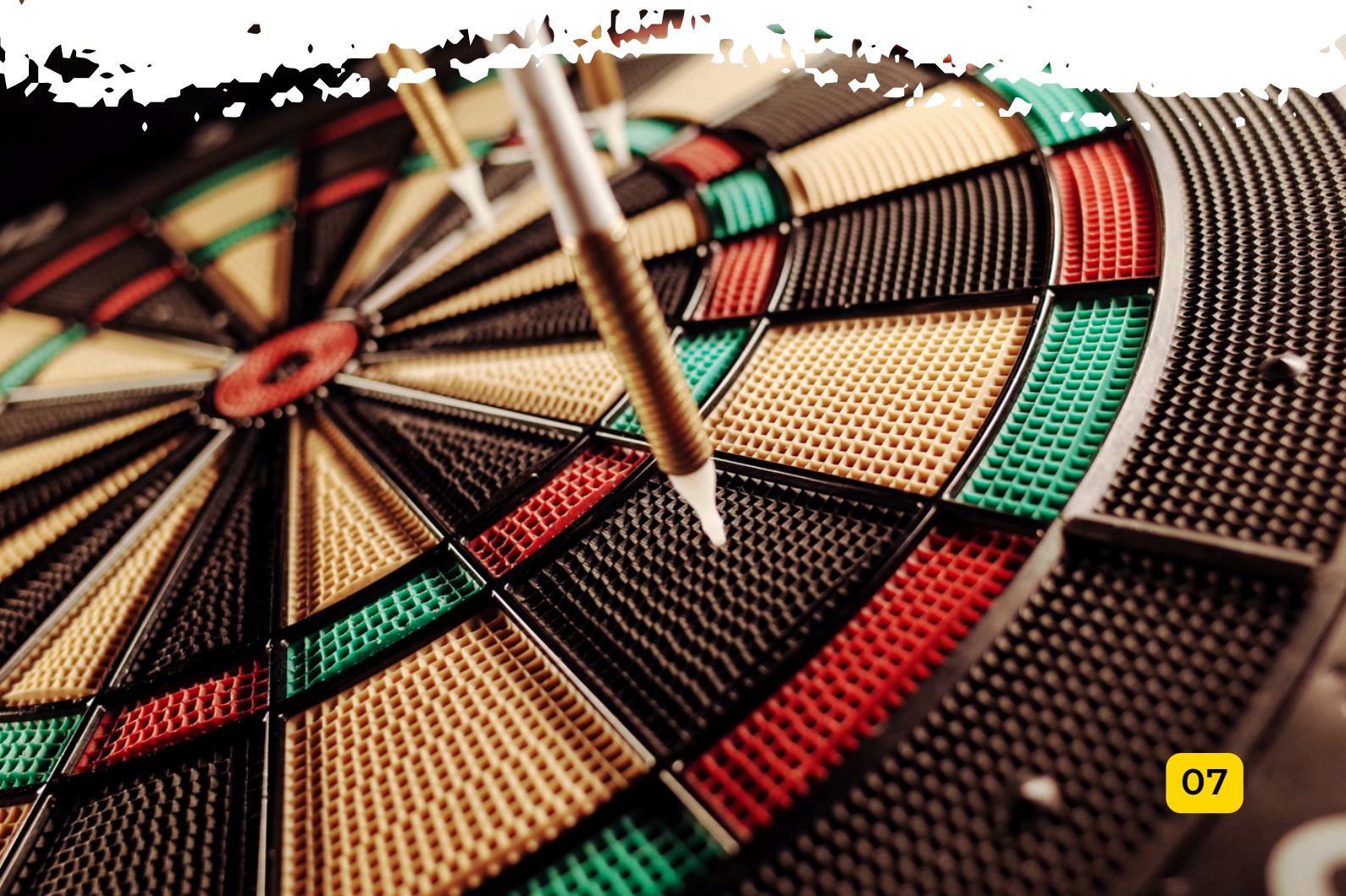
Allow God to write your story. When you surrender your broken pieces to Him, He can restore value to every part of your life. God is like an artist with a pencil; He erases the mistakes, smooths out the rough edges, and draws something beautiful from what was once damaged. He alone has the power to remove the negative labels that have weighed you down and to create something new.

Key: Spend time in prayer, asking God to guide your steps and shape your future. Trust Him to rewrite your story.

5. Focus on Your Purpose

Your purpose doesn't disappear just because you've experienced hardship. Even in your brokenness, the purpose God created you for is still alive. It might feel buried under pain or failure, but it's there. Instead of focusing on what went wrong, focus on why you are here. God has a plan for you, and it's not over. Tap back into that purpose and let it guide you.

Key: Revisit your dreams and passions. Write down what excites you and aligns with your purpose, then take steps toward those goals.





6. Work With What You Have (There's Always Something)

You may feel like you've lost too much, but God always leaves you with something to work with. Whether it's a talent, a relationship, or a small opportunity, there's always a beginning point. Don't wait for everything to be perfect. Start from where you are, even if it feels like a place of disadvantage. God can turn small beginnings into great things if you trust Him with what's in your hand.

Key: Identify your strengths and resources, no matter how small they seem. Start taking action with what you have now, and watch how things unfold.

7. Refine and Package Your Gift

Each one of us has a unique gift, but like any skill, it needs to be refined and developed. The trials and challenges you've gone through can actually sharpen your gift and make it stronger. Take the time to polish your talents and passions, and present them to the world with confidence. Your gift is part of the masterpiece God is painting through your life, and it's time for it to shine.

Key: Invest in learning and growing your talents. Whether it's taking a course, seeking mentorship, or simply practicing, refining your gift is crucial for success.

Conclusion: Your Broken Pieces Are Part of the Masterpiece

It's okay to feel broken, but remember that broken pieces can still paint. God doesn't see brokenness as the end, He sees it as the beginning of something new. Whether you've been hurt, rejected, or feel like you've failed, know that your story is far from over. God can take those shattered parts of your life and create something more beautiful than you ever imagined. Trust Him with your brokenness, and watch how He transforms it into a masterpiece.

You are never too broken to be used by God—your broken pieces can still paint.



"Even what
looks like a
mess in your
hands
becomes a
masterpiece
in God's
hands."

DECISION CARD



**LET GOD RESTORE
THE BROKEN
PIECES**

I tried to fix the broken pieces of my life on my own, but it only made things worse. Friends, only God can truly restore and bring value back to the shattered parts of our lives. Nothing is too broken for Him to heal. He can turn even the most broken situations into a beautiful masterpiece.

I encourage you today to invite Jesus Christ into your life as your Lord and Savior. Ask Him to work on the broken pieces. When I did, my life was changed forever.

PRAY THIS PRAYER:

"Dear God, I come before You, acknowledging my sins and my need for Your forgiveness. I believe in Your love and in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who gave His life for my salvation. I accept You as my Lord and Savior, and I surrender my life to Your guidance and grace.

*Please forgive my past, guide me in the present, and secure my future. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, and help me follow Your will for my life.
In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."*

If you've accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, we encourage you to find a Bible - believing church and connect with us. We would love to pray with you! Also, consider joining the Arise Connect Groups to help nurture and grow in your faith.

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A VOICE OF INSIGHT: THE ENDURING INFLUENCE OF DICKSON JERE

*What does it truly take to wear many hats and to wear each one with distinction? How does one rise from humble beginnings, embrace a relentless pursuit of knowledge, and leave an indelible mark across the diverse landscapes of law, media, governance, and public service? The inspiring story of **Dickson Jere** reminds us that a potent blend of passion, unwavering resilience, and insatiable curiosity can unlock doors far beyond our wildest imagination.*

Growing up in the bustling city of Lusaka, Dickson Jere's path was not paved with privilege, but meticulously carved by sheer determination and an unyielding thirst for knowledge. His journey began by grounding himself with a Diploma in Journalism, Public Relations, and Advertising from Evelyn Hone College, a solid foundation that propelled him into Zambia's vibrant media space. As a sharp young reporter at The Post newspaper, he dared to tell stories that truly mattered, fearlessly bringing important narratives to light. His raw talent and insightful perspectives quickly caught the attention of international media powerhouses, including the BBC, Agence France Presse (AFP), and Radio France International, where he became a trusted voice, sharing astute insights on African politics and economic affairs.

Yet, Jere's ambition and dedication refused to be confined to the pressroom. His relentless pursuit of growth propelled him toward the courtroom. After earning his Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Zambia and securing a coveted Bar Practising Certificate from ZIALE, he rose to become an Advocate of the High Court for Zambia. His quest for excellence didn't stop there; it deepened with the acquisition of two master's degrees; one in the intricate field of Intellectual Property and another in the vital area of Human Rights. Today, as the distinguished Managing Partner at Dickson Jere & Associates and a respected practicing arbitrator, he exemplifies how unparalleled expertise, combined with unwavering ethics, can build trust, resolve complex issues, and create profound impact within the legal fraternity.



Perhaps most notably, Dickson Jere's expansive career trajectory led him to the very corridors of power. His appointment as Special Assistant to the President for Press and Public Relations under Zambia's Fourth President, Rupiah Banda, was a testament to his exceptional abilities. It was a demanding role that required not only unwavering integrity and lightning-fast thinking but also the delicate art of balancing truth with diplomacy; a unique blend of skills that only years of dedicated application could forge and refine.

Beyond his undeniably impressive résumé, a consistent thread woven throughout Jere's entire life has been his profound commitment to service. From being personally appointed by President Levy Mwanawasa as a Commissioner tasked with helping to draft Zambia's national constitution, to his leadership as President of the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) Zambia, and his invaluable contributions on various boards promoting sports ethics and legal reform, he consistently proves that true leadership is fundamentally about giving back. His life is a living embodiment of the principle that genuine greatness is measured not by the positions one holds, but by the lasting, positive impact one leaves on institutions, communities, and countless hearts.

*In 2014, Dickson Jere courageously opened a window into his life behind the scenes with his acclaimed and widely read book, *Inside the Presidency: The Trials and Tribulations of a Zambian Spin Doctor*. This isn't merely a political memoir; it's a profound testament to courage, honesty, and the enduring power of personal storytelling, an invitation to understand the complexities of leadership from an insider's perspective.*

To every young reader of Arise Magazine: let Dickson Jere's exceptional journey serve as a potent reminder that where you start in life does not, and should not, limit how far you can go. Embrace every opportunity for education, relentlessly pursue excellence in all your endeavors, maintain humility in your triumphs, and allow your vision to stretch far beyond your present circumstances. You, too, possess the inherent potential to become a powerful voice, a transformative leader, and an enduring change-maker for your generation.

TURNING EVERY CHAPTER INTO A MASTERPIECE: THE LEGACY OF DICKSON JERE

BY DAVID N TALASHA CHISHA

What if every season of your life could become part of something greater? Dickson Jere's journey from newsroom to courtroom, from presidential advisor to author shows that true greatness is built choice by choice, season by season. So, what invaluable lessons can today's dynamic youth; the future thinkers, builders, and leaders of our nation, draw from his life? His story is more than a resume; it's a living testimony that with courage, resilience, and purpose, your own journey can become a masterpiece that inspires generations.

NEVER STOP LEARNING

Dickson Jere's life is a vibrant tapestry woven from diverse qualifications and rich experiences: from journalism to law, from authorship to arbitration. His story shows that every skill you master and every piece of knowledge you acquire becomes a powerful tool, unlocking the door to your next great opportunity. Invest in learning relentlessly, your mind is your most valuable asset.

BE FEARLESS IN YOUR PURSUIT

Whether daring to report for global media or stepping into the corridors of power as a presidential advisor, Jere's life teaches us to boldly step out of our comfort zones. Embrace challenges, pursue big dreams, and remember: it's courage, not certainty, that paves the way for extraordinary achievements.

SERVE BEYOND SELF

True greatness isn't simply measured by titles or applause. Dickson Jere shows us that lasting impact is found in what we build for others; drafting constitutional reforms, mentoring through media, and strengthening ethical practices in law and sports. Aspire to touch lives, uplift communities, and leave institutions better than you found them.

TELL YOUR OWN STORY

By openly sharing his journey; including the triumphs, trials, and turning points, Jere reminds us that our stories carry power. Document your path, reflect on your lessons, and dare to share your truth. Your journey can spark hope and wisdom in countless others.

PURSUE EXCELLENCE RELENTLESSLY

Whether in the courtroom, the newsroom, or the boardroom, Dickson Jere exemplifies the discipline of doing things well. Excellence isn't perfection; it's the daily choice to give your best, keep learning, and hold your work to the highest standard.

BUILD AND VALUE RELATIONSHIPS

Across his diverse roles, one constant emerges: the strength of connection. From international journalists to legal peers and community leaders, relationships opened doors and built trust. Learn to network with humility, collaborate generously, and invest in people along your journey.

EMBRACE SPORTS AND WELLNESS

Jere's involvement in sports especially is time on the golf course reminds us that a balanced life fuels success. Exercise isn't just physical, it sharpens your discipline, focus, and mental resilience. Prioritize your health; it's the foundation for sustained achievement.

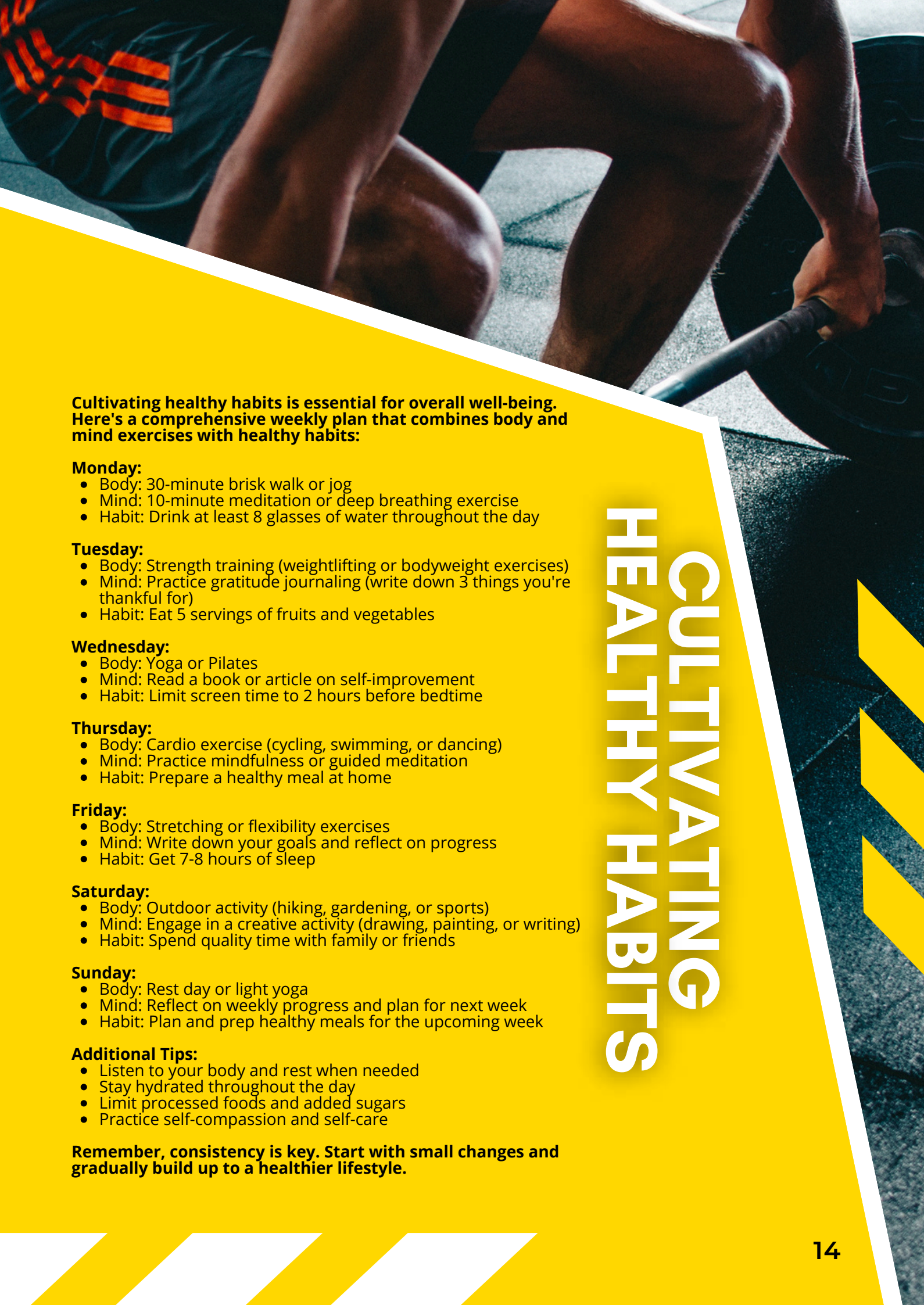
YOU ARE NOT JUST ONE THING

Perhaps the most liberating lesson: you don't have to fit into a single box. Jere's life shows that you can be a lawyer, a journalist, an author, an analyst, and more. You can be all that God has gifted you to be. Embrace your multifaceted calling without fear.

EVERY PIECE OF YOUR LIFE CAN BECOME A MASTERPIECE

Even the challenges, setbacks, and detours have a place. Dickson Jere's story teaches us that, in time, every experience can be woven into a bigger purpose, a masterpiece that reflects resilience, growth, and faith.

To every young reader of Arise Magazine: Let Dickson Jere's life inspire you to learn without limits, to step boldly into your dreams, to serve others wholeheartedly, and to write your own story with courage. Remember, your journey is unique, your potential is limitless, and your future can become a masterpiece of purpose and impact.



CULTIVATING HEALTHY HABITS

Cultivating healthy habits is essential for overall well-being. Here's a comprehensive weekly plan that combines body and mind exercises with healthy habits:

Monday:

- Body: 30-minute brisk walk or jog
- Mind: 10-minute meditation or deep breathing exercise
- Habit: Drink at least 8 glasses of water throughout the day

Tuesday:

- Body: Strength training (weightlifting or bodyweight exercises)
- Mind: Practice gratitude journaling (write down 3 things you're thankful for)
- Habit: Eat 5 servings of fruits and vegetables

Wednesday:

- Body: Yoga or Pilates
- Mind: Read a book or article on self-improvement
- Habit: Limit screen time to 2 hours before bedtime

Thursday:

- Body: Cardio exercise (cycling, swimming, or dancing)
- Mind: Practice mindfulness or guided meditation
- Habit: Prepare a healthy meal at home

Friday:

- Body: Stretching or flexibility exercises
- Mind: Write down your goals and reflect on progress
- Habit: Get 7-8 hours of sleep

Saturday:

- Body: Outdoor activity (hiking, gardening, or sports)
- Mind: Engage in a creative activity (drawing, painting, or writing)
- Habit: Spend quality time with family or friends

Sunday:

- Body: Rest day or light yoga
- Mind: Reflect on weekly progress and plan for next week
- Habit: Plan and prep healthy meals for the upcoming week

Additional Tips:

- Listen to your body and rest when needed
- Stay hydrated throughout the day
- Limit processed foods and added sugars
- Practice self-compassion and self-care

Remember, consistency is key. Start with small changes and gradually build up to a healthier lifestyle.



GLORIA FARAI KAIPI: ADVOCATING AGAINST TEENAGE PREGNANCY AND EARLY MARRIAGES

When Gloria Farai Kaipi was crowned Miss Munali, it wasn't just a personal milestone; it marked the start of a mission bigger than herself. For Gloria, modelling has never been only about wearing a crown or walking a runway, it's about using her voice and platform to bring real change, especially in the lives of young girls.

"Aspiration isn't just about achieving success," she reflects. "It's about becoming the best version of yourself. It's about pushing beyond our limits, learning from our failures, and growing with every step we make."

The journey to the crown was anything but easy. Behind the grace and poise were long nights, early mornings, and moments when giving up seemed tempting. But what kept her going was something deeper: a passion to stand up for the girl child and advocate against teenage pregnancy and early marriages.

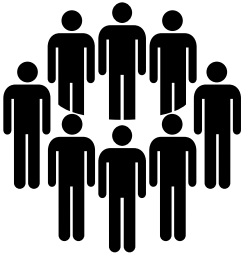
Encouragement from mentors and a steadfast sense of purpose fueled her determination to keep moving forward. Now, wearing the title of Miss Munali, Gloria is determined to transform her platform into a force for change. Her vision goes beyond Munali Constituency, she dreams of sparking conversations, raising awareness, and inspiring young people to choose education, self-worth, and hope over early marriage and motherhood.

To every young person, Gloria's message is powerful and clear: "Don't give up on your dreams. Every achievement begins with a single step. Every success story starts with a dream, and every dream is born from aspiration and courage."

Gloria Farai Kaipi's story is a living reminder that true beauty shines brightest when it serves a purpose. With passion, perseverance, and faith, even the hardest journeys can become platforms for hope and transformation.

To all youths out there: this is our time to rise, to speak, and to create the positive change our world needs; one voice, one dream, and one brave step at a time.

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY GROUPS: SOLVING PROBLEMS TOGETHER!



WHAT ARE COMMUNITY CONNECT GROUPS?

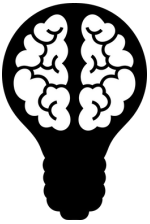
Community Connect Groups are local teams of people who get together to improve their community. They could be focused on anything from cleaning up parks, helping small businesses, or even supporting mental health. These groups create a space for sharing ideas, working together, and making real changes happen.



WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

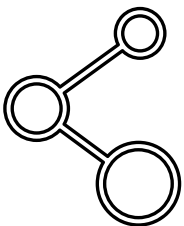
STRENGTH IN NUMBERS:

When people come together, their combined efforts can make a way bigger difference than if they try to go it alone. A group of friends or neighbors could organize events, fundraisers, or even start a movement that makes lasting change in their town or school.



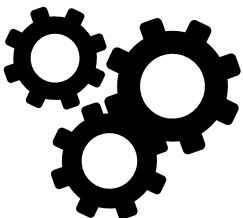
BETTER PROBLEM-SOLVING:

When different people come together, they bring new ideas and skills. With diverse perspectives, connect groups are better at coming up with creative solutions to tough problems. Maybe someone has a great idea for reducing plastic waste in your community, while another knows how to make it happen.



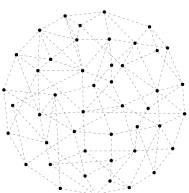
FEELING EMPOWERED:

One of the best things about being part of a community group is feeling like you're actually making a difference. When you work with others to solve issues that affect you directly, you feel more connected and motivated to keep going. You're not just watching things happen, you're making them happen.



BUILDING SUPPORT NETWORKS:

These groups don't just tackle community issues, they also create support systems. Getting involved with others can help you feel more connected and supported, especially during tough times like school stress, personal struggles, or even community-wide events like natural disasters.



Challenges may seem huge, but when young people come together through Community Connect Groups, nothing is impossible. These groups bring people closer, spark new ideas, and create the change that's needed. By joining forces, you can help shape the future of your community and make sure everyone is part of the solution.

THE REALITY CIRCLE

BREAKING THE CHAINS: HOW TO FIGHT AND OVERCOME ADDICTION



Are you struggling with a habit that you can't seem to shake off? Whether it's social media, video games, substance abuse, or even unhealthy food, addictions can make you feel trapped. But here's the truth: You can take control of your life.

THE TRUTH ABOUT ADDICTION

Addiction comes in many forms—it's not just about drugs or alcohol. Anything that consumes too much of your time and energy and affects your health, relationships, or goals can be considered an addiction. Social media, gaming, or even habits like overspending can lead to feelings of helplessness.

STATS THAT MATTER

- 1 in 7 young people struggles with some form of addiction.
- Youth addiction rates to digital platforms have risen by 35% in the last five years.
- Those with unhealthy habits report higher levels of stress, anxiety, and isolation.

FIGHT BACK: TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE

1. Acknowledge the Problem: The first step to breaking free is recognizing the hold that addiction has over you. Ignoring it only gives it more power.
2. Build a Strong Support System: Surround yourself with friends, family, or mentors who can support you. Peer pressure is often part of the problem, but positive peer support can be part of the solution.
3. Replace the Habit: Instead of just trying to stop an addiction, find healthier habits to replace it. Sports, reading, or engaging in creative hobbies can help fill the void.
4. Seek Professional Help: Sometimes fighting addiction requires professional support. Therapists or addiction specialists can give you the tools and strategies needed to overcome it.

HOW TO START TODAY

- Set small, manageable goals: Start by cutting down your time with the addictive habit little by little.
- Focus on personal growth: Work on skills or goals that give you a sense of purpose.
- Practice mindfulness: Learn to live in the moment without constantly needing the "rush" that comes from addictive behaviors.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Breaking addiction is tough, but you're not alone. Share your story using #BreakFreeFromAddiction. Encourage others by showing how you're replacing bad habits with positive ones.

CONNECT GROUPS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What are some habits you feel might be taking over your life? How can you begin to set boundaries?
- How can you support a friend who might be struggling with addiction? Discuss ways to approach conversations and offer encouragement.

LIFE-CHANGING HABITS:

4 HABITS TO REDEFINE YOURSELF

01.

Practice Mindfulness

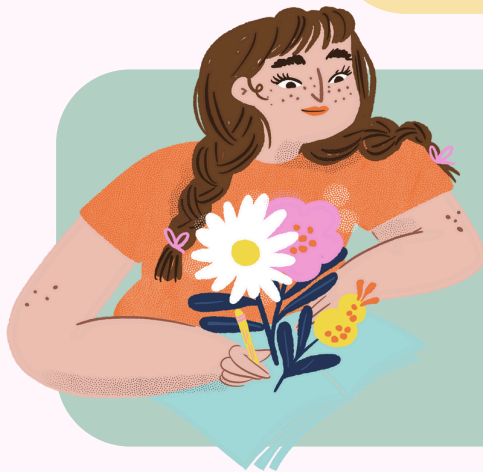
Slow down and tune in. Take a few quiet moments each day to center your thoughts, breathe deeply, and become aware of God's presence around you. Mindfulness helps you release stress, refocus on what truly matters, and see your life through the lens of gratitude and possibility



Daily Journaling

Writing down your thoughts, prayers, and reflections isn't just a habit, it's a powerful way to track your growth and hear God's whisper in your heart. As you journal, you'll discover patterns, dreams, and revelations you might have overlooked. Over time, those pages will remind you of how far you've come.

02.



Regular Exercise

Your body is a gift, and keeping it active is a way of honoring that gift. Whether it's a walk, a run, or a simple stretch routine, regular exercise renews your energy, lifts your mood, and strengthens your resilience to face whatever comes your way.



03.

Healthy Eating

Fuel your body with foods that nourish and sustain you. Eating well isn't about strict rules, it's about choosing what helps you feel your best, think clearly, and live fully. When you care for your health, you position yourself to serve, create, and dream bigger.

04.





WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL CHALLENGE

Friend, God has incredible things in store for you. Each day of this challenge is a step toward discovering His purpose, living out His love, overflowing with hope, and walking by faith. Open your heart, believe big, and get ready to see God move in amazing ways!

Day 1: Discover Your God-Given Purpose

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord... — Jeremiah 29:11

Today, take a moment to get quiet before God. Ask Him, "Lord, why did You create me? What gifts have You placed inside me?"

Challenge: Write down what stirs your heart and where you feel most alive. Remember, you're not here by accident. You have a divine assignment!

Day 2: Shine His Love Everywhere You Go

"Love one another... By this everyone will know that you are my disciples..." — John 13:34–35

Love isn't just something we feel, it's something we show.

Challenge: Find one person today to encourage, bless, or help in some way. It could be a kind word, a smile, or a simple prayer. When you show love, you're showing God to the world.

Day 3: Choose Hope Over Fear

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him..." — Romans 15:13

Life tries to weigh us down, but hope lifts us up.

Challenge: Write down one promise from God that gives you hope. All through the day, keep it close to your heart and let it guide your thoughts and choices.

Day 4: Walk by Faith, Not by Sight

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." — 2 Corinthians 5:7

You don't have to see the whole picture to trust God with the next step.

Challenge: Identify an area where you've been leaning on your own understanding. Today, surrender it to God and take one faith step forward, even if it's small.

Day 5: Speak Life Over Your Future

Your words have creative power!

Challenge: Write and declare three faith-filled statements about your life. For example: "I am blessed and highly favored. My best days are still ahead. God is working all things for my good." Say them out loud and let your faith rise.

Day 6: Be a Hope Giver

Hope multiplies when you share it.

Challenge: Find someone who's discouraged and share an encouraging word, a scripture, or your testimony. You never know how your words might turn someone's day or life around.

Day 7: Thank God in Advance

Thanksgiving is faith in action.

Challenge: Spend a few minutes today thanking God not just for what He's done, but for what He's about to do. Thank Him for open doors, healing, breakthrough, and new opportunities that are coming your way!

Friend, as you finish this challenge, remember: you are chosen, loved, and destined for greatness. God has planted seeds of purpose, love, hope, and faith inside you and He is faithful to bring them to life! Keep believing, keep declaring, and keep moving forward into God's best!



BEYOND BANKS

7 UNCONVENTIONAL SOURCES OF CAPITAL EVERY ENTREPRENEUR SHOULD HARNESS

When we think of raising capital, traditional options like bank loans, angel investors, or venture capital often come to mind. But true entrepreneurial success isn't built on funding alone, it grows from a deeper foundation of personal growth, strategic thinking, and authentic relationships. Here are seven often-overlooked yet powerful sources of capital that can help you build, sustain, and scale your venture far beyond financial support:

BUILD AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS

Success is rarely a solo journey. Forge genuine connections with mentors, strategic partners, and your professional network. Trust and collaboration often unlock unexpected opportunities, partnerships, and yes, even funding. The right relationship can open doors no loan ever could.

EMBRACE CHALLENGES

Challenges aren't just roadblocks, they're hidden opportunities. Facing obstacles head-on builds resilience and sparks creative solutions, both of which investors find attractive. Sometimes, the lessons learned from overcoming hurdles lead directly to breakthroughs that draw in funding.

BE PURPOSE-DRIVEN

A clear and compelling mission does more than guide your business; it attracts like-minded investors, loyal customers, and dedicated team members. When people see your passion and vision, they're far more likely to invest in your journey.

LEVERAGE INNOVATIVE IDEAS

Investors are drawn to creativity and originality. Focus on solving real problems in new ways, and your ideas can become magnets for financial backing. Remember, it's often the fresh perspective that disrupts markets and garners attention.

ANCHOR DECISIONS ON WISDOM

Sound decision-making comes from a blend of experience, mentorship, and learned knowledge. Wise choices build credibility, and credibility, in turn, draws support from both formal investors and informal networks.

INVEST IN TALENT

Your skills and those of your team are among your most valuable assets. Continuous learning and investing in talent improve execution, spark innovation, and help maintain a competitive edge that investors look for.

BUILD A STRONG REPUTATION

A solid reputation is a form of capital that compounds over time. Cultivate authority and integrity in your industry. A respected brand and personal credibility attract not only financial capital but also opportunities, partnerships, and influence.

In the end, capital isn't just about money. Relationships, resilience, purpose, creativity, wisdom, talent, and reputation form a powerful ecosystem that sustains and propels entrepreneurial growth. When these unconventional sources are nurtured, they become catalysts for funding and long-term success, helping you build something truly lasting.



GRADE BOOSTING HACKS:

SIMPLE TIPS FOR STUDENTS!

Here are some simple steps you can take to improve your grades at school:

1. Stay Organized

- Keep a planner or calendar to track assignments, tests, and important dates. This will help you manage your time and stay on top of your workload.

2. Attend Classes Regularly

- Make it a priority to attend all your classes. Being present helps you understand the material better and shows your teachers you're committed.

3. Take Good Notes

- During lectures, take clear and organized notes. This will help you remember key concepts and make studying easier later.

4. Ask Questions

- Don't hesitate to ask your teachers questions if you don't understand something. Seeking help shows you're engaged and willing to learn.

5. Set Specific Goals

- Set achievable goals for each subject, such as improving your test scores or completing all assignments on time. This will give you a clear direction.

6. Create a Study Schedule

- Allocate specific times for studying each day. Consistent study habits can help reinforce what you've learned and improve retention.

7. Use Effective Study Techniques

- Try different study methods, such as summarizing notes, using flashcards, or teaching the material to someone else. Find what works best for you.

8. Limit Distractions

- Create a quiet and focused study environment. Turn off your phone or any distractions that may disrupt your concentration.

9. Join Study Groups

- Collaborating with classmates can enhance your understanding of the material. You can learn from each other and clarify difficult concepts together.

10. Stay Healthy

- Take care of your physical and mental health. Get enough sleep, eat nutritious foods, and exercise regularly. A healthy body helps improve focus and performance.

11. Review Regularly

- Regularly review your notes and study materials to reinforce what you've learned. This helps with long-term retention of information.

12. Seek Help When Needed

- If you're struggling in a subject, consider seeking extra help from a teacher, tutor, or online resources. Don't be afraid to ask for support.

By following these steps, you can create a solid foundation for improving your grades and achieving academic success!



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A LOVE LETTER TO MY DAUGHTERS



To My Precious Girls,

I want you to hold this close to your heart: You can do it. No matter how big the dream seems, how tough the challenge feels, or how far away your goal appears, you have everything inside you to make it happen. God didn't put that dream in your heart for nothing, you are capable beyond measure, and the world is waiting for your light to shine.

Along the way, you'll face disappointments and that's perfectly okay. Disappointments don't define who you are; they prepare you for what's next. Each setback isn't there to stop you; it's a setup for something greater. When life doesn't go as planned, don't lose hope. Instead, lift your eyes, trust God's timing, and keep moving forward.

I know there will be moments when you feel hurt, when people's words cut deep, or when you wrestle with self-doubt and pain. You might face body shaming, bullying, or limits that others and sometimes even you place on yourself. But hear my heart today: God can take every broken piece of your story and turn it into a masterpiece. Your scars don't disqualify you, they're part of the testimony that makes you stronger, wiser, and more beautiful.

Rise out of the ashes, my dear daughters. Stand tall, even when it feels easier to shrink back. Embrace the beauty, strength, and worth that God has placed inside you from the very beginning. Remember: it's often the cracks and broken places that let His light shine through the brightest.

Don't ever let anyone or anything dim your light. You are strong, you are chosen, and you are unstoppable. Keep believing in yourself and keep pressing forward even when it feels hard. Your best days are still ahead, and your story is still being written.

Always know this: I'm right here, cheering you on every step of the way, believing that God is turning every broken piece of your life into something breathtaking.

With all my love,
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