

Introduction: Stop Defining Yourself by Your Career or the Things You Own and the Money You Have

A Special Message from the Author

A billion things had to have happened in the spiritual world in order for YOU to have specifically been born. Just think, it could have easily been another combination of DNA. In fact, the tens of trillions of people that could have been conceived will never exist. But God selected YOU as the one! Life is truly a stupendous gift and privilege. You are a one-of-a-kind human being uniquely talented enough to leave your positive mark on this Earth. Because you were chosen, you already have the power and gifts to create a life full of health, purpose, and wealth. This is who you are: a creator. However, you'll never see or understand these gifts unless you get out of your own way and remove the distractions that are preventing you from growing into the best version of yourself.

This growth has nothing to do with money or your job title and the things you possess. Having material

success doesn't mean that you are operating from the best version of yourself, so don't get it confused! Those physical accomplishments are the results of your hard work. In fact, those material things can distract you even more by inflating your ego, if your mindset is off. You can become delusional in thinking that you're better than someone else with minimal resources, forgetting that you once had minimal resources.

“A better life requires better thinking.” This is a universal principle that all purposeful and successful people have used to their advantage. When you're aware that you already have the power to elevate your thinking, you truly change the energy in which you're working. You will know that you are bigger than all of your accomplishments. This is when you are aware that you can duplicate success in everything you passionately pursue. This is unleashing the best version of yourself. This inner drive is part of who you are, and I'm speaking from experience based on my life-changing accomplishments.

Have you ever felt that what you do and what you have in your life is who you are? If so, this is not true! You are far more valuable than the things you pursue. If you're only focused on becoming financially rich, you are missing out on experiencing all the joy and precious moments life has to offer you. Remember,

your soul always retains a piece of each memorable experience you have in your life. You don't know this because you're distracted by all the material trappings targeting you on TV, social media, and the radio. So after years of focusing on just your career and chasing money, you then realize that you truly feel empty and unfulfilled because you missed out on sharing memorable experiences with your family and friends. This is invaluable time that you will never get back. Just think, the most influential, impactful leader of the twentieth century was never a multimillionaire, living in a mansion and chasing money. His name was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In recent times, we have been hearing that a successful life was predicated on how much money you earn, how big your house is, or how many expensive things you've acquired. We have not been hearing the objective truth, because the road map to happiness does not start with money. First of all, success is developed over a period of time. A successful life should not be defined by another person's perception of you, who has no clue of what you deem to be a successful accomplishment in your life. Stop letting others define your life as being successful or not. You are the only one who determines what plans you will enact to accomplish small, medium, or large goals to make your life

successful. The truth is, when you only live in pursuit of material things to make you feel special or accepted by your peers, you have lost your true identity. Remember, your real value in life is how you positively affect others. It is more consequential than your job title, the money you earn, or the things you possess. In the end, you are far more valuable than the narrow-minded labels you use to define yourself. So don't spend your whole life trying to win the wrong game.

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