

BREAKING CYCLES OF FAILURE

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Cycles are attached to habits. Winners have winning habits and losers have losing habits. If we change the habits we change the cycles.

MPACT POINT!

A Habit Is An Internal Self Enforced Restriction or Advantage Based On a Particular Mindset.

Acts 3:2-8.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; 3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. 4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. 5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. 6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. 7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

CAUSES OF STAGNATION:

1. THERE ARE SOME WEAKNESSES THAT YOU INHERITED

The Bible says that he was lame from his mother's womb. This means that he inherited certain deficiencies from the previous generation.

IMPACT POINT!

The Bible Talks About Generational Curses. Some Of The Generational Curse Is Social Conditioning. The Children Mimic The Characteristics Of The Parents

1 Kings 15:2-3

Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father.

There has to be a generation that rises up to break the trend.

IMPACT POINT!

You May Not Be Responsible For Where You Start; But, You're Completely Responsible For Where You Go

2. YOUR PRESENT COMPANY ENABLES YOUR STAGNATION

This man had Friends that carried him to the same place everyday. He and his friends traveled the same circles and were limited to the same parameters. They could bring him everyday because they were obviously going everyday. You will never transcend your circle.

QUOTE: "Show me your closest friends and I will tell you your future."

The people that he surrounded himself with did not advance him; rather, they enabled him. They kept bringing him back to the same place of dependency and begging.

IMPACT POINT!

His Company Kept Him In A Cycle Of Failure

Proverbs 13:20

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

3. YOU WON'T CHANGE

They laid him religiously at the gate called beautiful. He had an ongoing system that got him to a certain point but never finished the process. They kept bringing him to the gate but they never brought him in. And though he was stuck in a rut he didn't seem to ever make a move towards changing.

IMPACT POINT!

Many People That Constantly Complain About Their Condition Make No Moves To Change Their Approach

Haggai 1:5-7

5 Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. 6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. 7 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways.

KEYS TO HIS BREAKTHROUGH:

1. MAKE NEW CONNECTIONS

While he's going through his normal routine of begging he strikes upon a conversation with some different people.

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A Shift In Life Always Starts With A Shift In Conversation.

Even faith is the consequence of having had a different conversation.

Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

He had to talk with someone outside of his circle to get a higher perspective.

IMPACT POINT!

You Can't Shift Your Thinking With People Who Are Locked Into The Same Mindset You Need To Change

2. OPEN UP TO A NEW WAY OF THINKING

They refused to accommodate his co-dependency and challenged him to take charge of his own life by his own actions. They showed him a different possible reality.

Luke 5:4-6

Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

3. DO SOMETHING YOU'VE NEVER DONE

His previous associates only laid him in the same place. These guys challenged him to stand up on his own two feet.

James 2:18-20

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?