



10 STEPS TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM

STEP 1: IDENTITY

1.1) WHERE IS THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM?

Based on my own life story, I am absolutely convinced that everyone on earth can live financially free. It is not only an option, but a birth right as human beings to be fully provided for in everything we need. The catch is that the provision is IN you and no other person or government is under any obligation to provide for your personal expenses. If you are not absolutely convinced that you can live better financially, you will never achieve it. The biggest problem about money is how you think about yourself and your finances. The second biggest problem with money is not how much you get, but what you do with what you get.

The root of the financial problem is not in money, but in you! The financial problem is not a money problem, but a personal problem. The problem, first and foremost, is on the inside and not the outside. Your outer world will always follow what is going on in your inner world of thoughts, emotions and decisions. Everything in your life starts with you! Your life is the product of what you believe you are! A financial problem does not originate as a money problem, but as a personal lack of identity. Identity is who you are in yourself. It is about having clarity about the world inside of you. The question you have to ask to find what your identity is, is focused inwardly. The world outside of you is only a manifestation of the world inside of you! If you do not know what is inside you, you will be confused by what happens outside of yourself. You must have absolute clarity about who you are, what your talents and gifts are and what you are capable of reaching in life. You also need to discover the purpose for your creation and mission in life. Your identity will define what kind of person you are, and from that you will be able to determine your values in life.



1.2) THE PROBLEM IS INTERNAL!

The problem as it manifests is only a symptom. The origin of all problems lies internally, not externally. The lack of money is the result of a poverty mentality rather than finance.

- The fall of man in the Garden of Eden was not because of sin, but because of the mismanagement of the garden. Sin is always an outflow or by-product of the wrong process in our lives. Do not try to fight sin, but rather change the process by which it was produced. The process is a lifestyle of obedience to your Creator's voice and principles.
- Financial freedom is a product harvested from a lifestyle built on principles, conviction, decisions and relationship.
- Finances flow from personal development and creativity. Finances show the level of responsibility in your life. You must outgrow the desire for finances in yourself before finances will come to you! You need knowledge, skill and responsibility built upon character to make and keep money. Your knowledge, skill and responsibility levels are what determine the level of finances and wealth in your life!
- How safe is money with you? Money will come and stay with you according to the knowledge, skill and responsibility levels in your life. If you have the ability to handle R1 million, you will have the R1 million! Money is never the problem, because there is plenty of money in the world. It seems that money just does not come to you for some reason in you. Therefore, the reason money does not come to you must be internal.
- There is a psychology around money. Your current financial state reflects your thoughts and feelings about money. If you think money is unimportant or bad, you will never have money!



1.2) IDENTITY

- Man was created with identity in all levels of his existence. We have identity in our spirit, soul, body, will, mind, emotions, talents, gifts, career and many other areas.
- “We were created a living being and not a living doing! The essence of who we are is determined by our being and not by our actions. What we do is a manifestation of what we are. What you live and experience is an outflow of your opinion concerning yourself!
- You cannot live above what you think and see! That will always be the starting point for the solution to all your problems!
- All prosperous people have one characteristic in common: they believe in themselves and that they are here to make the world a better place!
- Your identity resides in your inner being and not in your career, house, car or salary.
- My success primarily resides in my identity from where it flows into my work. You are already a success because of Creation, so just be that success in real life! Success in practice means to daily do something out of love that makes the world a better place for other people! It is also important to realize that the essence of success does not lie in a destination, but in being occupied with the plan set out for your life. As creations of God we are already a successful product, but we do not necessarily manifest that success.
- The greatest curse on earth is not poverty, but a poverty mentality! (orphan/slave mentality). It is more than a lack of knowledge and originates from an imperfect revelation of your own identity. A poverty mentality is a negative image of yourself that, after a long time, becomes the spirit of your mind.



- Your identity is important, because it describes the mandate of your life and is actually the calling upon your life. It is important to know your mandate, because your mandate is already financed! Identity = mandate/calling = finance. Every child comes with their own calling and provision to live their mandate. You simply need to find it and draw the provision out of it.
- If you are more impressed with money than with your own identity, you really have a problem! If your own identity is not settled and clear to you, you will always add things to the outside to support your lack of understanding concerning your identity. That is called inferiority.
- You do not need to have everything on the table about your identity before you start to make a move. The moment you have one thing on the table, you can start to plan and move according to it. Finding your full identity is a long process that will take many years, but as you implement what you have it becomes easier to find the rest. Be faithful with what you have and more will be given unto you. Open a file on your computer with your name and start to write down everything you know about yourself and what you heard from other people about yourself.

1.4) MAN IS A BLESSED BEING!

Our Creator has blessed us in every respect and wants to provide in all our needs! As human beings we are the most blessed beings in the universe. The question is not how to get blessed, but how to live in the experience of the blessing. There are more than enough money and blessings on earth. The problem is not provision. There is more than enough for every person on earth. Everyone must simply obtain order in their inner life and the blessing will flow through them to the outside world. Blessing will only flow where there is order in people's lives. Also, the blessing does not flow in from the outside, but outwards from the inside.



Man is the most blessed being on earth, and the one that was given the crown to rule on earth. This is our starting point or point of reference, which means that we do not strive to become rich, because we are all already rich in ourselves! We need to be very clear about the fact that our starting point in life is not to become blessed, rich or someone important, because we are already as blessed and rich in ourselves as can be from birth. The flow of blessing is from the inside out and not from the outside in. Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flows the springs of life. Our responsibility is to daily discover all the riches with which we were created. Our responsibility is to activate everything with which we were born.

1.5) MONEYWISE IS AN INVESTMENT IN YOU!

If the financial problem is not a money problem but a personal problem, we need to start with you and first invest in you. There is more than enough money and reserves for everyone on earth, and no riches ever created have disappeared from the earth. It merely moves around amongst people. Our focus and starting point in Moneywise is not to make you rich, because you are already as rich as you could ever dream to be. The riches are already in you, but they need an opportunity to manifest! Man is the most blessed being in the entire universe, and yet more than half of the world lives in total poverty!

All poverty begins with a lack of knowledge concerning the truth about yourself, life and finances, and an unwillingness to invest significantly in yourself in order to extract the riches inside of you. If you find it difficult to spend money in order to get yourself informed and developed, you should start educating yourself to kill the poverty mentality in your life. Everything in your life starts inside of you! You cannot invest on the outside if you cannot invest on the inside! You can never live a greater life on the outside than what you live on the inside!

The solution to everything in your life starts with the development and growth of yourself. The moment you stop investing in yourself, you will stop growing and everything around you will start to stagnate. There is no price too high when it comes to investing in yourself. Your whole life, family, future and financial freedom depends on it. Research has shown that the most crucial factor in achieving success is continuous self-development. Every person is born a success, but you need to experience continuous self-development in order to achieve knowledge and skills to live the success that is in you!



1.6) THE LIFE PROCESS!

Why is it important that we understand the matter regarding identity? Everything in life begins with and is determined by identity. People live according to their thoughts concerning themselves and who they think they are. You can never live outside your thoughts! Poverty is not so much a money problem, as it is in essence a problem of identity. We have already said that a financial problem is not a money problem, but a personal problem, because people do not know who they are or how to express their identity! People cannot live financially in a way have never thought about or developed. Some life processes simply have to be obeyed, for they will never change. Everything out there comes from within man and is managed from within. That is why statistics say that if you give someone who has never produced R1 million that same amount, he will no longer have it after three years, at most! If you had the discipline and skill to handle and maintain a million rand, you would already have a million rand!

The basic life process works as follows:

IDENTITY = VALUES = PRINCIPLES +

ACTIVATION = CHARACTER = LIFESTYLE

Identity is the beginning of everything. Your belief about yourself determines how you consider everything in the world! Identity determines your values, which are derived from your thoughts concerning what you regard as valuable in life and what not. People live according to values and not principles in the first place. Many people believe certain principles and theology, but fail to live accordingly. People only obey principles that originate from their values! When you obey principles that flow from values, it builds character in you, and from the character flows a lifestyle that reflects your own identity. This explains why people may believe the same principles, yet their lifestyles are different because their values differ! Relationships, on the other hand, are built on values and not in the first place on principles, therefore people with the same values easily develop relationships.



1.7) THE PROBLEM ON EARTH

The world does not have a poverty problem, for there is sufficient provision for everyone.

There is no place richer than the earth or the people on the earth! There is more than enough for everyone to live in abundance. The combined military budget of the world is enough to feed everyone on earth free of charge on a daily basis! The world's problem is on a level other than money. It lies within the people and not outside the people. The problem on earth is:

- Lack of knowledge of the truth (ignorance and lies)
- Spiritual oppression (poverty mentality)
- Lack of responsibility for your life (blame shifting)
- Lack of management because of irresponsibility (mismanagement)
- Lack of discipline (walk according to the flesh)
- Lack of skill (education / training)

Man's problem is not an external shortage of money, but an inner being that is undeveloped and enslaved. The problem, as it manifests outside of man, is only the symptom! The origin and root always lies inside of man! The problem never exists in the manifestation of the negative, but in the absence of the positive or inner development that never took place! Everything on the outside flows from within and should you apply it to the outside, it will not last without an inner being that can hold or manage it. The Creator has no problem giving and providing richly for any man. However, money will come to you according to the maturity of your character, the level of skills in your life, the plans you have implemented, and the measure of responsibility, management and self-discipline in your life.

