

**The Power of Potential**  
Answer Key

**To Dream the Impossible Dream Lesson 1**

- A. 1. The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco  
2. New York City  
3. Modern Romania  
4. The Declaration of Independence
- B. reality  
1. pattern                      principle  
2. acting on faith upon one of the Biblical principles  
3. False
- C. 1. authors                      finish                      authored  
2. hope                      hope
- D. negative, embittered, critical, fault finders
- E. *Read about Joseph in Genesis 37.*
- F. leadership  
1. price to pay                      intense confrontation  
2. resistance                      submission  
3. *In your own words:*
- G. Write out Proverbs 8:17. *"I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me."*  
morning                      ability                      afternoon
- H. foundation  
1. time  
2. a. Moses                      c. David  
    b. Adam                      d. Samson  
*Circle the ones that achieved their dreams or purpose in life.*  
3. *In your own words:*
- I. their personal desires  
1. hostility  
2. Perseverance
- J. Write out Romans 2:11. *"For there is no respect of persons with God."*
- K. God-blest

## Self Test *Lesson 1*

1. Dreams
2. a. Truth and reality  
b. pattern      principle  
c. character    personality
3. False
4. False
5. b. resistance
6. False
7. persecution

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### **Marching to a Different Drummer Lesson 2**

- A. determine
1. True
  2. b. wisdom      e. favor      h. courage
  3. wisdom, favor with God and man
  4. unmerited favor
- B. prosper
1. Write out Psalms 1:1-3. *“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”*
  2. poverty
- C. *Read about Joseph in Genesis 39–40.*
- D. leadership
1. faith
  2. b. friendships
  3. a. intimate friends
  4. philosophies      rationalizations      failures      failures
  5. leaders
- E. enter and leave  
enter
- F. Wisdom wisdom
- G. Look up meanings if necessary and rewrite this statement in your own words.  
“Meditation in God’s Word is the matrix of creativity.”
1. *Read out loud Joshua 1:8.*
  2. time that has been lost
- H. themselves
1. a. to face reality    b. to admit need      c. to make decisions  
    d. to change      e. to hold convictions
  2. True
- I. your time

**Practical:**

2. *Read Psalms 5:12.*
  - a. the righteous

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### **Self Test Lesson 2**

1. Followers happen to influence.  
Leaders determine to influence.
2. a. wisdom                      b. favor                      c. courage
3. unmerited favor
4. False
5. faith
6. friendships
7. a. enter                      b. leave
8. admit they're wrong
9. one who acts from a need greater than himself

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### **Your Life Has Potential & Convert Your Negatives to Positives Lesson 3**

#### **I. Your Life Has Potential (Chapter 3)**

A. process

1. False

2. Write out Hebrews 11:3.

*“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”*

3. True

4. internal not external

5. Heaven or Hell

6. our sins

7. Jesus came in His righteousness and became identified with our sins so that we, through repentance and faith, could become identified with His righteousness.

8. Write out James 1:22. *“But be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”*

B. where they are

what they have

C. Read about Joseph in Genesis 41-42.

D. Faith and fear both attract. Faith and fear is believing that what you cannot see will come to pass. Faith attracts the positive; fear attracts the negative.

a. how others saw or regarded him

b. allowing someone else to create his world for him

#### **II. Convert Your Negatives to Positives (Chapter 4)**

A. positive

B. umpire

C. positive to negative

1. negative to positive

2. negative

D. character of the king

1. negative
2. attitudes, habits, thought patterns, emotions, relationships, appetites

E. expectancy

F. Fill in the blank:

1. c
2. e
3. d
4. b
5. a

G. *Read Luke 15:11-24.*

1. rebellion, ruin, repentance, reconciliation, restoration
2. c. abnormal
3. a. repented

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### **Self Test Lesson 3**

1. exchange
2. communication
3. a. unseen substances
4. True
  - a. positive
  - b. negative
5. positive
6. c. peace
7. ***In your own words***, what changed in human nature when Adam sinned?
8. Disobedience
9. character of the king
10. b. expectancy
11. b. repentance

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### Character Building Blocks & Image, Image on My Mind Lesson 4

#### I. Character Building Blocks (Chapter 5)

- A. Write out 2 Timothy 2:2. *“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”*
1. ability
  2. *In your own words:*
  3. True
  4. c. talent
- B. b. relationship
- C. It's not how much you get; it's how much you assimilate.
- D. c. crisis
1. Crisis
  2. transient                      permanent
  3. Sorrow
  4. glory
  5. internal                      external
  6. authority                      accountability
- E. the character of the man/men running the company  
character

#### II. Image, Image on My Mind (Chapter 6)

- A. image                      destroy
1. what we imagine ourselves to be
  - 2.
- For as \_\_\_\_\_ (insert your name) thinketh in his heart, so is he.
- B. 7 years
1. childhood
  2. True
  3. True
- C. temptation              accusation
1. images
  2. *In your own words:*
  3. by using parables

D. F  
T  
F  
T  
F  
F

E. It is when one tries to rationalize his feelings of inadequacy by passing his failure on to other young men. It is a feeling of jealousy when someone younger is outdoing you.

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### **Self Test Lesson 4**

1. c. faithful men
2. character
3. False
4. crisis
5. sorrow
6. accountability
7. a. internal
8. c. an image
9. a. temptation      b. accusation
10. It creates images.
11. Destroy the negative image and reconstruct a positive one.

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### **The Way Up Is Down Lesson 5**

- A. to the degree we are willing to serve
1. servant  
Joseph, Jesus, Solomon
  2. greater
  3. care for them
- B. Definitions:
1. Bondage
  2. voluntary subscription of love
  3. the desire to benefit others at the expense of self
  4. the desire to benefit self at the expense of others
- C. Write out 1 John 2:16. Circle the three main life motivations.  
*“For all that is in the world, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”*
- D. *Read about Joseph in Genesis 45-46.*
- E. preaching what you practice
- F.
1. Assumption: Life's lowest level of knowledge.
  2. Knowledge: Comes from the accumulation of facts.
  3. Skill: The ability to put knowledge into action.
  4. Practice: The highest learning level
- G.
1. knowledge
  2. worth
  3. principles
- H. False

1. b. character      e. knowledge      h. principles

2. 2 Timothy 2:6 says, "*the husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.*"  
This illustrates what leadership principle?

Practice: the highest learning level. One must practice what he wants others to do before they will follow him.

3. denunciation                      renunciation

I. Give ***your own example*** of "transposition."

Matching:

1. b

2. e

3. g

4. d

5. f

6. c

7. a

3. What does it mean to you to "preach the Word, and practice your consecration"?

**PREACH**

**PRACTICE**

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### **Self Test Lesson 5**

1. serve
2. care
3. a. Servitude is bondage.  
b. Serving is seeking to please or benefit from a position of love.
4. a. Lust seeks to please at the expense of others.  
b. Love seeks to please others at the expense of self.
5. Satan
6. assumption
7. a. knowledge of mind  
b. worth of character  
c. principles on which he is building his life
8. private renunciation
9. Word                      consecration
10. power

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### **Confession Is Good for You & It's in Your Mouth Lesson 6**

#### **I. Confession Is Good for You (Chapter 8)**

- A. confess
  - 1. confession
  - 2. faith confession
- B. God's God
  - 1. faith
  - 2. receiving
  - 3. toughness
  - 4. key
  - 5. sin righteousness
- C. *Read Hebrews 1:3.*
  - 1. Word
  - 2. choices words
  - 3. spoken word
  - 4. False
  - 5. *In your own words:*
- D. *Read about Joseph in Genesis 47-48.*
- E. produce
  - to accomplish what God commands
  - Yes

#### **II. It's in Your Mouth (Chapter 9)**

- A. Part actor – one who plays the part
  - The person who says one thing with his mouth, then lives in another manner entirely—one who believes one thing in his heart, but says another with his mouth.
  - 1. a. peer pressure
  - b. fear of man
  - c. moral cowardice
  - 2. confess
  - 3. He doesn't want to make a commitment.
- B. No

1. harm
2. Jephthah made a rash vow concerning his daughter and rather than recant, repent or admit it was a hasty vow, he kept it, causing her pain and him sorrow.

King Herod made a confession that he would give up half his kingdom, which caused him to behead John the Baptist even though he was sorry later.

- C. a. unworthiness      b. inferiority

1. believing
2. Write out Psalms 84:11. *“For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.”*
3. No

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### **Self Test Lesson 6**

1. True
2. out our in our
3. d  
c  
b  
a
4. choices words
5. True
6. Part actor – one who plays the part  
The person who says one thing with his mouth, then lives in another manner entirely—one who believes one thing in his heart, but says another with his mouth.
7. My life, because life is composed of my choices and constructed by my words. We are the sum total of all the words spoken to us which we have received into our lives.

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### **Master Your Passion Lesson 7**

- A. Master      passion      passion      master
1. power, sex, money, pleasure
  2. In the aloneness that he had with God as a shepherd boy during the days and nights that he tended his father's flocks
- B. False
1. You let the Holy Spirit quicken God's Word to you that you have learned prior to that time.
  3. honor of God
  4. omission
  4. energy
  5. what you think about when you are alone
- C. spoil      God
1. *Read James 1:14-15 KJV.*      lusts      death
  2. turn and run
- D. *Read about Joseph in Genesis 49–50.*
- E. option      absolute      win
1. rose on the third day
  2. people are negative by nature
  3. race
  4. omission
- F. what he did when he was all alone with his master passion
1. d
  2. e
  3. b
  4. a
  5. c
- G. tempted

1. should pray immediately and confess your righteousness in Christ.
2. Wrong
3. b. a half-truth
4. meditate on it, fantasize over it, desire it, have an affection for it, have an affinity for it, dwell on it
5. a. sin
6. deed

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### **Self Test Lesson 7**

1. c. when he was all alone
2. what one thinks when alone with God, allowing the Holy Spirit to quicken His Word to one's heart
3. honor of God
4. energy
5. a. when you're drawn away by your lusts
6. False
7. False
8. b. all alone
9. omission
10. False
11. True
12. immediately pray and confess your righteousness in Christ

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### **Is God Mad at You? & When the Innocent Suffer Lesson 8**

#### **I. Is God Mad at You? (Chapter 11)**

- A. a. resentment            b. a sense of loss
  - 1. justifier    accuser
  - 2. a.    that God favored another
    - b.    that God took a loved one from them
    - c.    that God is punishing them
  - 3. Satan
  - 4. produce a distance between them
  - 5. truth
- B. for    against
  - 1. a.    God is for me.
    - b.    God is with me.
    - c.    God is in me.
  - 2. That which knows and understands that by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, God is at work at all times in us to produce our highest good which is His perfect will.
  - 3. False
- C. God
  - 1. True
  - 2. He forgives us and reveals Himself in a greater intimacy.

#### **II. When the Innocent Suffer (Chapter 12)**

- A. a. rejection    b. being treated as guilty when they are innocent
  - 1. a. is a principle of the Cross
  - 2. c.    anytime—He understands
  - 3. True
  - 4. *“But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.”*
- B. good news  
good advice
- C. Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men’s sins; keep thyself pure.
  - 1. True
- D.    good            harm

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### **Self Test Lesson 8**

1. accuser
2. *Answer in your own words*
  - a. that God favored another
  - b. that God took a loved one from them
  - c. that God is punishing them
3.
  - a. God is for me.
  - b. God is with me.
  - c. God is in me.
4. False
5. True
6. False
7. False
8. True
9. partakers of other men's sins
10.
  - a. good news

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### **Set a Priority or Two Lesson 9**

- A. magnifies
1. succeed                      fail                      pressure
  2. False
  3. a. faced it                      c. overcame it                      e. rose triumphant over it
- B. value system
- C. more important than life itself
1. Write out Acts 20:24. *“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.”*
  2. John the Baptist, James, Stephen, Jesus
  3. Esau, Eli
- D. The act is more important than life itself.
- E. He spoiled his children at the expense of God.
- F. position, power, prestige and pride
- G. 1. the Will of God                      4. your personal faith in God                      6. your daughter's healing

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### **Self Test Lesson 9**

1. magnifies
2. pressure
3.
  - a. faced it
  - b. overcame it
  - c. rose triumphantly over it
4. a value system in which their priorities are set right
5. more important than life itself
6. birthright
7. He chose to please his children at the expense of God's will.
8. position, power, prestige and pride

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### **Are You Ready to Prosper? Lesson 10**

- A. Yes
- B. 1. money      2. sex      3. communication
- C. visible expression
  - 1. money      value
  - 2. omnipotence
  - 3. a. love
    - b. loyalty
    - c. happiness
- D. 1. e
  - 2. i
  - 3. f
  - 4. b
  - 5. h
  - 6. j
  - 7. d
  - 8. c
  - 9. g
  - 10. a
- E. giving

1. preacher congregation

2. Write out Deuteronomy 8:18.

*"But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He sware unto thy fathers as it is this day."*

3. so they can give more and more to the work of the Lord

4. giving getting

F. Write out 1 Timothy 6:10.

*"For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many arrows."*

1. False

2. Love

3. produce what an ounce of obedience will

4. to obey is better than sacrifice

5. sacrifice disobedience

G. You give of your life in each.

1. False

2. They trust in their riches.

3. bondage

4. c. gain

5. b. potential

H. loving for hire

1. spiritual prostitution

2. give

3. God's right of Lordship to your life

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### **Self Test Lesson 10**

1. faith
2. True
3. True
4. a. money  
b. time  
c. talent
5. a. unbelief  
b. fear  
c. covetousness
6. False
7. False
8. The love of money is the root of all evil.
9. love
10. compensate      disobedience
11. because you give your life in each
12. loving God only for material prosperity

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### **Guilt? Who Needs It! Lesson 11**

- A. 1. guilt            2. fear            3. hiding  
fear            hiding
- B. ask God to forgive you
1. forgive yourself
  2. forget
  3. pain, sorrow, hurt, regret, desire for vengeance or vindication
  4. He forgave them and wanted to benefit, bless and take care of them.
  5. True
  6. deadly            relationships
- C. *Read Romans 7:24-25.*
1. A murderer would be handcuffed with iron bands to the body of the person he murdered. Wherever the murderer went, he would then have to carry around the dead body of the person he killed. Eventually he would die.
  2. guilt
  3. I thank God through Jesus Christ ...
  4. severed            remembered
  5. *Read Isaiah 43:25 KJV.*
  6. *Read Psalms 103:12 TLB*
  7. False
- D. greater than God
1. FREE FROM  
Hatred  
Past  
Guilt  
Hurts  
Unbelief
  - FREE TO  
Love  
Serve  
Live the full life  
Work for the good of the one loved  
Believe God for all things
2. freedom

Practical:

3. Write out Ephesians 4:32.

*“Be ye kind, one to another, tenderhearted and forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”*

4. Write out John 8:36.

*“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”*

Write **in your own words** what that verse means to you.

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### **Self Test Lesson 11**

1. a. fear  
b. guilt  
c. hiding
2. c. forgiveness
3. yourself
4. False
5. kills it
6. burden of guilt
7. False
8. made ourselves greater than Him

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### The Price of Peace & Epilogue Lesson 12

#### I. The Price of Peace (Chapter 16)

- A. work for their highest good
1. salvation
  2. True
  3. loving
- B. Write out Matthew 5:13.  
*"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out, and trampled by men."*
- C. 1. issue
2. guilt
  3. Admit
  4. Confess
  5. forgiveness
  6. forgive yourself
  7. Jesus
  8. Word
- D. Remorse      regret
1. Write out 1 Corinthians 7:10.  
*"And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband."*
  2. True
  3. sorrow                  repentance  
    repentance              reconciliation  
    reconciliation        fellowship
  4. because He loves us
  5. displeasure          love
- E. passivity
1. False
  2. love

- F. 1. f  
2. c  
3. a  
4. b  
5. d  
6. g  
7. e

G. Write out Luke 9:24.

*“For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.”*

## II. Epilogue: Principles for Success

A. prejudice, rejection, hostility, anxiety, despair, depression, persecution

1. submit
2. His ability to take what was meant for evil, hurt or harm, and turn it to our good when we commit it to Him.

B. F  
T  
T  
F  
T  
T  
F  
T  
T  
F

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### **Self Test Lesson 12**

1. highest good
2. False
3. False
4. False
5. because He loves them
6. False
7. True
8. intimacy in a relationship
9.
  - a. building barriers
  - b. constructing defenses
  - c. closing our hearts, minds and spirits
10. save it
11. submit
12. His ability to take that which was meant for evil or harm and turn it around for our good when we commit it to Him.

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### **Final Exam**

1. Dreams
2. a. Truth            reality  
   b. patternprinciple  
   c. character        personality
3. False
4. b. resistance
5. persecution
6. tendency    intimidated    philosophies    rationalizations    accept    philosophies    failures
7. False
8. faith
9. a. enter  
   b. leave
10. admit they're wrong
11. exchange
12. communication
13. True  
   a. positive  
   b. negative
14. positive
15. character of the king
16. b. repentance
17. c. faithful men
18. sorrow
19. accountability
20. a. internal
21. c. an image
22. serve
23. care
24. a. knowledge of mind  
   b. worth of character  
   c. principles on which he is building his life

25. private renunciation
26. Word                    consecration
27. power
28. True
29. out our                    in our
30.    d    Repentance must be balanced by  
      c    Believing must be balanced by  
      b    Tenderness must be balanced by  
      a    Balance is
31. choices                    words
32. True
33. honor of God
34. energy
35. False
36. False
37. True
38. False
39. True
40. magnifies
41. pressure
42. more important than life itself
43. faith
44. a. money  
      b. time  
      c. talent
45. The love of money is the root of all evil.
46. love
47. compensate                    disobedience
48. c. forgiveness
49. yourself
50. False
51. False
52. made ourselves greater than Him
53. highest good
54. True
55. save it

56. Short Essay: "Everything in life holds potential."

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CHOOSE ONE:

1. From the Book of Genesis, write your personal opinion on why Joseph is a good role model for modern men who are trying to achieve a dream. Include patterns and principles Joseph encountered or learned while waiting for his dream, and include Scripture references. Include, where applicable, modern quotes from men today who achieved their dreams.
2. Write a personal testimony of where you have seen the Holy Spirit work in your life through the supernatural or spectacular or both. Contrast the two. Give instances from Scripture of both. Draw parallels, where possible, between your experiences and those of Joseph.
3. Prepare a one-hour teaching on "Lessons from the Life of Joseph." Write an outline for it. Include Scripture references.