

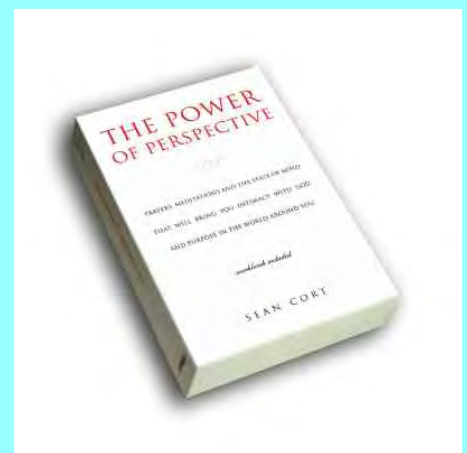
# *SNACK FOOD FOR THE SOUL*

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Feast on this...

## WHO'S HOLDING YOU BACK?

If I had a dollar for each time I posed a threat to someone because of how I carried myself, I would retire wealthy right now. That statement can be construed as confidently factual or arrogant. In either case there is a glimmer of truth. In almost every job that I've held since the age of 16, I've encountered someone who is referred to colloquially as a "Hater". **Haters are people who**



**despise you for the greatness you NATURALLY posses or the image or status you have achieved.** I used caps for the word naturally because like etiquette training, some people can be molded to impersonate greatness but only the God given trait of greatness becomes your nature.

When the individual who is impersonating greatness becomes desperate they will logically resort to their nature; and if their nature is not of the caliber of Godly greatness then they will subvert their own elevation. Take for instance the names of some of the celebrities our western culture exalt to the status of greatness. From the very start as we raise them higher we begin to see the cracks in their character. As soon as they are faced with the same adversity you and I have to contend with on almost a regular basis, they completely fracture and create a mess around them. The fact is they didn't belong up there to begin with.

**People who have the innate spark of greatness that was spoken into existence by God seem to instinctively know it.** Even when everyone seems to get their blessing you remain at peace, because there is a validation that is yours, that didn't come from man. It's almost as if the Holy Spirit told you a secret that only the two of you share.

So, "Who's holding you back?" Is there still some obstacle that systematically blocks your success or your ability to get to that level you know God called you to? Is it that you secretly feel that you're not good enough, or that you don't fit the profile of true success? Giving credit to whom credit is due, I recently had the pleasure of meeting Bishop George Bloomer. Besides being a gifted preacher and teacher, Bishop Bloomer is a highly acclaimed author and is world renowned for being transparent and candid; two essential character traits for winning souls to Christ.

Bishop Bloomer taught on God's selection process for His chosen King of Israel, David. This topic would not be properly justified without including Bishop Bloomer's perspective. Bishop Bloomer's testimony told of being raised in a rough section of Brooklyn, New York and he eventually succumb to the hustle of the streets. The soon to be preacher became a drug dealer and perhaps a party to other crimes.

Bishop Bloomer didn't complete high school but his tenacity for straight A's at **Sidewalk University** became a foundational pillar for creating a flourishing soul saving campaign for Christ. To date he has been asked by the Kellogg's company and other fortune 500 companies to teach their leaders. Today Bishop Bloomer is a best selling author and shepherd's a multi-million dollar ministry that is taking back real estate from the enemy. This success story is one we should all applaud.

I referenced Bishop Bloomer's story to illustrate the point that at face value Bishop Bloomer's background doesn't match his corporate success and acceptance, but when God chooses a vessel, His only qualification for them is that they are available. God chose King David who happened to be the least likely candidate for the position. He was not the stature, nor the aesthetics of a King. But David did stand head and shoulders above his brothers in one characteristic and that was the only one God cared for and that was a shepherd's heart.

By being covered with the stench of dirt, sweat and dung; David's outward appearance offended man but impressed God; 1 Samuel 16:7, "But the Lord said to Samuel, Look not on his appearance or at the height of his stature, for I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Many of the people who now hold the status and prestige you feel you will never achieve may appear clean on the outside but their hearts are offensive to the Spirit of God. God said in His word that **"The wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just"**

The Spirit of God is about to orchestrate the greatest transfer of wealth and power ever known to man. God is resetting all the rules and the game pieces on the board because of those who have failed and disobeyed Him. The things that you feel disqualify you are no concern to God. He is looking for available vessels to pour His anointing into and He'll handle the rest; whom He called He also predestined. Even though the people around you don't have the wisdom to see the riches within you don't stop being and doing what the Holy Spirit tells you to be. Do you fit man's profile for success?

The next time you send out invitations to your pity party, here's another perspective; ask the Lord to show you the heart He sees in you. **"If God be for us WHO can be against us?"** So, Who's Holding You Back?

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