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**MASTER KEY TO A WORLD
OF EXPLOITS:**
A Biblical Perspective

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PREAMBLE:

The Story of a Boat Boy and an Old-timer

- An old-timer was out sailing on the sea towards the sunset.

- The old-timer picked up a floating leaf and asked if the boat boy knew anything about Botany. The boy replied, “No sir”, and the old-timer said, “Young man, you just lost 25% of your life!”

- The old-timer again picked up a rock, from the bottom of the boat, and with a punctilious look at the rock, he again asked the boy, if he knew anything about geology. The boy replied, “No sir.” Again, the old-timer replied, “You have lost another 25% of your life.”

- The old-timer gazed at the sky, night fall was closing in, and stars were already dotting the sky. He turned to the boy and asked, “Do you know anything about astronomy?” “No sir”, the boy replied and the old-timer said, “That makes 75% of your life that you have lost.”

- As the old-timer was delivering his verdict on the young man's life, a great storm arose. The boat started drifting out of control. The young man turned to the old-timer and asked, do you know anything about swimming? The old-timer said, "No". The young man said to him, "Sir, you have just lost your entire life!" And immediately, the young man dived into the sea and swam to the shore, leaving the old-timer to his fate.

- Learning about life is vital, in fact, much more vital than learning about things – *Acts 5:20*

WHAT IS EXPLOIT?

Dictionary defines exploits as:

- Striking or notable deeds; feats; spirited or heroic acts:
- Bold or daring feat.
- An act or deed, especially a brilliant or heroic one.

Therefore, exploit implies:

- Setting the pace and blazing the trail
- Extraordinary accomplishments
- Outstanding feats
- Breaking new grounds

- Out of this world order of impact
- Generating global relevance in one's pursuit
- Exploit is all about accomplishing things eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, nor entered the hearts of men – ***1Cor. 2:9***

WHAT IS SPIRITUALITY?

- Spirituality,
simply put, is
godliness

– *1Tim. 4:7-8*

■ A commitment to
living a life that
pleases God

– *Lk. 6:46*

- Being in love with God as a way of life
– *Jn. 14:21*

■ A delightful
pursuit of the heart
of God as a lifestyle

– *Ps. 112:1-3*

■ Following scriptural
instructions with
excitement

– *Deut. 28:1*

■ Spirituality is
engaging a
spiritually robust
and healthy spirit in
our walk with God.

■ This is because the healthier our spirit, the closer our intimacy with God and the higher our level of command of the Supernatural

– *Amos 3:3*

■ Spirituality is key to
fulfilment of our
glorious destiny in
Christ – *2Pet. 1:3*

• **Spirituality is indeed profitable unto ALL things both in the present time and in the great beyond –**

1Tim. 4:8

**BUT WE MUST TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY TO
BUILD A ROBUST
SPIRIT**

- A robust spirit in this context means a healthy, buoyant and spiritually alive spirit.

- A robust spirit is
the seat of man's
dominion
(Gen. 1:26)

- The more robust a man's spirit, the greater command he gains
- When Adam's 'spirit' died, he practically lost dominion.

- He became subject to situations and circumstances, which he earlier had control over.

- Such situations include: sickness & diseases, anxiety, fear, failure, defeat, lack & want, nakedness, shame and reproach, *etc.*

- The first Adam, before the fall was the envy creation but after the fall, he became an entity of pity.

- But Christ, the second Adam possessed a super healthy spirit that made men to exclaim “*what manner of man is this?*”

A DRAMA OF REDEMPTION

MAN: A THREE-IN-ONE CREATURE

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”.

(1Thess. 5:23)

- Man is essentially a Spirit, he has a Soul and he lives in a Body.

- Man lives within a particular structure called the body
 - *1Cor. 15:38-39/44*
- His Soul comprises of his Will, his Intellect and his Emotions.

- His Spirit is the '**God-being**' on the inside of his human-being
- It is that 'God being' that died in man in the first Adam.

- But the second Adam (Jesus Christ) came to restore that ***'dead man'*** back to life.
- And this is what we call being ***'Born Again'***
– ***Jn. 3:1-5***

- When that '*God being*' was in the first Adam he had Dominion
 - *Gen. 1:26*
- He was in charge, he was king of the earth
 - *Gen. 2:8*

- Remember also that by wisdom kings reign –
Gen. 2:19
- The first Adam possessed an Excellent spirit – *Gen. 2:19*

• **Supernatural
Intelligence
dwells in the
realm of the
spirit – *1Cor. 2:9-10***

How do we know this?

- We understand that the Bible is the custodian of the wisdom of God

– Lk. 11:49/ Job 28:7-25

Yet, the Bible is a
product of Holy men
speaking as they were
moved by the Holy
Ghost – ***2Pet. 1:21/
2Tim. 3:16***

This is why every
encounter with the
Word makes wise –

Ps. 19:7-8/

Ps. 119:97-100/

2Tim. 3:15

- **Of Daniel, it was said,**
“There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him;...” – **Dan. 5:11a**

- **The Bible says, “*But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*”**
– ***1Cor. 2:10***

- We note from the above, that the Spirit of God searches **ALL THINGS** and not only spiritual things

– *1Cor. 2:9-10*

All things here include:

- **Intellectual Things**
– *Dan. 1:17/21*
- **Technological Things –**
Heb. 11:7/ 2Chr. 26:14
- **Scientific Things**
– *Gen. 41:38-44/ Gen. 30:37-43*

- **Economic Things –**
Gen. 13:2/ Gen. 26:12-14

- **Political Things**
– Dan. 6:1-3/28

etc., etc.

EXAMPLES OF SOME MEN OF EXPLOITS IN SCRIPTURES:

❖ **Joseph** - *The Ruler of Egypt*

- Described by Pharaoh as
“A man in whom the Spirit of God is.”

- Joseph operated at an unusual level of intelligence, which was associated with the Spirit of God at work in him.

- Gen. 41:38-44

❖ Daniel – Preferred among Presidents

- Described as ***“A man in whom dwells the spirit of the holy gods.” Dan. 5:11***
- He could access the inaccessible. ***Dan. 2:16-19***

- He could read the unreadable. *Dan. 5:16-28*
- He could unravel the unsearchable – *Dan. 5:11*

❖ Paul – An Apostle of Renown

- Demons Screamed;

“Jesus I know and Paul I know” (Acts 19:15)

- Paul was an outstanding man of wisdom even among the apostles

– 2Pet. 3:15-16

- Paul alone wrote two-thirds of the New Testament!

We understand that:

- A natural man cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God because they can only be spiritually accessed –

1Cor. 2:14

- This is because the Spirit of God can only communicate with our spirit

– ***Rom. 8:16***

- Also that at new birth, a spiritual 'mind transplant' takes place
– *1Cor. 2:16*

- This qualifies every true believer to be an intellectual wonder

– Matt. 11:19

Two ways to Building A Robust Spirit:

**1. Be committed to
Healthy Spiritual**

Nutrition – *Is. 55:1-10/*

Jn. 4:14-25/ Heb. 5:13-14

2. Exercise yourself spiritually through Prayers

***– Matt. 6:6-11/
1Thess. 5:17/
Lk. 18:1***

It takes spiritual
maturity to take full
delivery of our
inheritance

– ***Gal. 4:1-2***

■ But our level of spirituality is what determines our level of access

– *2Tim. 2:19-20*

- The more godly we are, the greater our access to the blessings reserved for us

– *Is. 59:1-2/ Ps. 66:18*

- When we keep his commandment, we commit God to manifest Himself to us.

– Jn. 14:21

- If we truly love Him, we will obey Him and that will commit Him to ensure that all things continue to work together for our good

– 1Jn. 5:3/ Rom. 8:28

We cannot wish to possess a robust spirit, we must build one. This is because the more robust a man's spirit, the greater exploit he commands.

- **We must all expect supernatural advancement in our intellectual engagement this session.**

**EXAMPLES OF
SPIRITUALLY-
ROOTED
INTELLECTUAL
GIANTS**

MICHAEL FARADAY

- Michael Faraday was as good as an illiterate, as he had only three years of formal education.
- But he was a devoted Christian and becoming an elder in his Church and a **very celebrated preacher in his congregation.**

- Whenever he traveled out for scientific lectures, the first thing he would ask in any city where he arrived was, “Where is the church?”
- Faraday had found an understanding of life’s purpose by studying and believing the teachings of the Bible.

- He sharpened his spiritual mind on the supernatural rock of wisdom – Jesus, the rock of our salvation, Who is the wisdom and the power of God.
- In his book, *Men of Purpose*, Peter Masters records that Michael Faraday extended his own scientific education by the most **formidable programme of reading.**

- He was a vast reader of spiritual materials and yet a great scientist.
- Michael Faraday was the inventor of electricity.

- Not surprisingly, Faraday, at forty-four, was recognized by all as the leading man of science!

***Truly, wisdom dwells
with prudence, and
find out knowledge
of witty inventions.***

– Pro. 8:12

R. G. Le TOURNEAU

- A Frenchman who was a mechanic and had only primary school education.
- At the age of 30, his workshop came to a close. He kept struggling till finally, he became bankrupt at the age of 44. So he had to start all over again!

- In his book, ***Mover of Men and Mountains*** he said, “*I am just a mechanic whom the Lord has blessed, but I am in active relationship with God. I am a ‘searcher-out’ of things that I know not. I am a seeker of light from heaven, therefore, there was no limit to what could be achieved in my life.*”

- In the days when people were using mules and colts to move earth to construction sites, he sat down and convinced himself that there must be a better way of doing this.

- He developed a digger that could carry 200 tonnes of earth, which combined two huge mobile diesel engines, that could supply electricity to a small town.

- He said “there may not be logical explanation to the invention of the digger, but there is a spiritual one to it!”

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

- Benjamin Franklin knew the Lord early in life.
- From a background of just three years of formal education
- He literarily taught himself to read and write

- Was an addicted reader, who would rather go without food for books.
- This man rose to become one of the greatest philosophers.

- It was said that He single-handedly negotiated the French government's support for the American Revolution, which enabled them to win the war.
- Today, **Benjamin Franklin Day** is observed in America.

JAMES CLERK MAXWELL

- Was a fantastic scientist, of the 19th century.
- This great scientist read volumes of spiritual books. Every time he was studying, his Bible was by his side, and everywhere he went, he had a Bible in his hand

- He read books written by the likes of James Owen and Jonathan Edwards. This imparted massively on his life!
- It was said that he led his family, servants and guest in fervent praises every morning!

- James Clerk Maxwell never missed Sunday worship and spent hours in the enjoyment of his Bible.
- His commitment to spiritual development, like Faraday's, had a very important relation to the course of his intellectual

- One of his biographers noted, “There is no doubting the fact that James Clerk Maxwell’s spiritual involvement was responsible for his fertile mind.”
- James Clerk Maxwell was universally regarded as the greatest physicist of the 19th century.

**NOTABLE
INVENTIONS BY
BIBLE BELIEVING
SCIENTISTS IN
CENTIURIES PAST**

Lord Kelvin (1824-1907)

- **Absolute Temperature**
- **Trans-Atlantic Cable**

Charles Babbage (1792-1871)

- **Actuarial Tables**
- **Calculating Machine**

Louis Pasteur (1822- 1895)

- ❑ **Biogenesis law**
- ❑ **Fermentation Control**
- ❑ **Pasteurization**
- ❑ **Vaccination & Immunization**

Isaac Newton

(1642-1727)

□ **Law of Gravity**

□ **Reflecting Telescope**

John Henry (1797 -1878)

Electric Motor

Galvanometer

Self Induction

Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)

□ Barometer

James Simpson (1811-1870)

□ Chloroform

Carolus Linnaeus - (1707-1778)

□ Classification of Systems

Williams Herschel (1738-1822)

□ Double Stars

Michael Faraday (1791-1867)

□ Electric Generator

Johann Kepler (1571-1630)

□ Ephemeris tables

John Herschel (1792-1871)

□ Global Star Catalog

William Ramsay (1852-1916)

□ Inert Gases

David Brewster (1781-1868)

□ Kaleidoscope

Humphrey Davy (1778-1829)

□ Mine Safety Lamp

Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

□ Scientific Method

Samuel F. B. Morse (1791-1872)

□ Telegraph

Ambrose Fleming (1849-1945)

□ Thermionic Valve

**SCIENTIFIC
DISCIPLINES
ESTABLISHED BY
BIBLE BELIEVING
SCIENTISTS**

Lois Pasteur (1822-1895)

- **Antiseptic Surgery**
- **Bacteriology**

Isaac Newton (1642-1727)

- **Calculus**
- **Dynamics**

Michael Faraday (1791-1867)

- **Field Theory**
- **Electromagnetic**

Louis Agassiz (1807- 1873)

- **Glacial Geology**
- **Ichthyology**

Lord Rayleigh (1842- 1919)

- **Dimensional Analysis**

- **Model Analysis**

Johann Kepler (1571-1630)

- **Celestial Mechanics**

Robert Boyle (1627- 1691)

- **Chemistry**

Georges Cuvier (1769-1832)

- **Comparative Anatomy**

Charles Babbage (1792-1871)

- **Computer Science**

Johann Kepler (1571-1630)

- **Celestial Mechanics**

James Clerk Maxwell (1831 -1879)

- **Electrodynamics**

Ambrose Fleming (1849-1907)

- **Electronics**

Lord Kelvin(1824-1907)

- **Energetics**

Henri Fabre (1823-1915)

- **Entomology of Living Insects**

George Stokes (1819-1903)

- **Fluid Mechanics**

William Herschel (1738-1822)

- **Galactic Astronomy**

Robert Boyle (1627-1691)

- **Gas Dynamics**

Gregor Mendel (1822- 1884)

- **Genetics**

James Simpson (1811-1870)

- **Gynecology**

Leonardo da Vinci - (1452-1519)

- **Hydraulics**

Matthew Maury (1806-1873)

- **Hydrography**

Blaise Pascal (1623- 1662)

- **Hydrostatics**

William Ramsay (1852 - 1916)

- **Isotopic Chemistry**

John Ray (1627- 1705)

- **Natural History**

Nicholas Steno (1631-1686)

- **Stratigraphy**

Carolus Linnaeus (1707- 1778)

- **Systematic Biology**

Bernhard Riemann (1826-1866)

- **Non-Euclidean Geometry**

Matthew Maury (1806-1873)

- **Oceanography**

David Brewster (1781-1868)

- **Optical Mineralogy**

John Woodward (1665-1728)

- **Paleontology**

Rudolph Virchow (1821-1902)

- **Pathology**

Johann Kepler (1571-1630)

- **Physical Astronomy**

James Joule (1818- 1889)

- **Reversible Thermodynamics**

James Clerk Maxwell (1831-1879)

- **Statistical Thermodynamics**

Lord Kelvin (1824-1907)

- **Thermodynamics**

Humphrey Davy (1778-1829)

- **Thermokinetics**

Georges Cuvier (1769- 1832)

- **Vertebrate Paleontology**

**As the Lord lives, a new
army of intellectual giants
shall surely rise from the
Covenant University
platform that will take the
world by storms!**

*Thank you
and
Be Blessed.*