

JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE GOING UP IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU ARE GROWING UP

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(Proverbs 16:18)

You will discover that many people have a passion to accelerate and excel in life. This is a healthy passion. Unfortunately, many people utilize this passion in the wrong way. They want to go up **WITHOUT** growing up.

Going up without growing up **PREVENTS** you from developing your character. Going up **WITHOUT** growing up hinders you from learning important lessons. Going up **WITHOUT** growing up will cause you to make costly mistakes.

People who go up without growing up **RELY** on their talent and God given ability. They become obsessed with the **RESULTS** of success instead of falling in-love with the

process of success. These people want to sit in the seat of authority while ignoring the principles of management.

Wisdom Note:

What you learn in your journey are the nutrients that will sustain you at the top.

IT'S AN ILLUSION

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Your talents and gifts can take you to places you are **NOT** mature enough to handle. It is your responsibility to **MANAGE THE PACE** in how you get to your destination. If you allow your gifts and talents to take you to heights that is beyond your level of maturity you will go through extreme disappointment. Removing yourself from the process of progress is dangerous.

Proverbs 16:18 says, "*Pride comes before a fall.*" When you go up **WITHOUT** growing up you will be filled with

pride. Being exalted in pride will cause you to be a victim of **PREMATURE SUCCESS**. Premature success will allow you to accomplish a goal without understanding the purpose of that goal.

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES:

- Attaining a college degree does not mean you understand how to be wise.
- Possessing money does not mean you understand the importance of responsibility and honesty.
- Having the ability to preach a sermon does not mean you understand the significance of integrity.
- Being saved by the blood of Jesus does not mean you understand the importance of the Kingdom of God.
- Owning a business does not mean you understand how to treat people fairly.

WHEN YOU LACK UNDERSTANDING YOU WILL LACK
LONGEVITY!

GOING UP INCREASES YOUR OPPORTUNITIES.
GROWING UP INCREASES YOUR
UNDERSTANDING!

When you make the mistake of going up **WITHOUT** growing up your heart will be filled with pride. You will believe you are entitled. You will not **UNDERSTAND** how to be humble. The reason why people fall from grace is because pride took them there. Not character.

**IN ALL THY GETTING, GET AN
UNDERSTANDING**

Your character will improve as your understanding increases. **GROWING UP** will enable you to understand what is around you. When your understanding increases your decision making ability will get better. Making great decisions along with having a solid character will keep you at the pinnacle of success.

Many people rely on their talents to make them great. Unfortunately, they do not understand the purpose of their talents. These people will be deceived by the rewards of premature success. The spirit of pride will lift these people to heights that their character is **NOT** built for.

PRIDE ENTERS YOUR HEART WHEN YOU
ARE VOID OF CHARACTER!

As you are accelerating in purpose make sure you move to the pace of your character, **NOT** to the pace of your talent. Doing this will prevent you from falling from grace. Pride will take you to the mountain top but it **WILL NOT KEEP** you there. Character will take you to the mountain top and **SUSTAIN YOU**.

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