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Day 1 – Consider

Today's Scripture: Luke 14:28-30 (NIV)

²⁸ *“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.’*

Today's Thought:

One of the lessons I've learned in life is that we start things off with great zeal, strength, energy and enthusiasm. Halfway through the project or through whatever we chose to do, we lost the enthusiasm because it either took longer than we expected, cost more than we projected, or other things popped up along the way.

One of the things that the Bible calls us to do is to sit back before we start anything, and actually consider the cost and the time that a project is going to take. This means that we should consider the sacrifice that something we desire to do is going to actually take. As an example, think about a person that was watching the cooking channel one day and saw a chef make an incredible homemade apple pie. After seeing how easy it

looked, they went to the supermarket and bought all the things the recipe required. When they got home and into the kitchen, they read through the recipe that once looked simple to make, and now are having trouble making the apple pie-making process look as easy as it looked on television. Halfway through the baking process, they throw all the ingredients down at the failed attempt to make an apple pie, and go down to the local bakery and just buy an apple pie to cure their appetite for it. This example shows us the reality that as human beings, we get very enthusiastic and lose that same enthusiasm very quickly because things didn't go as quickly as we thought they would.

If you look at your life today, you can probably see where you didn't finish something that you started. Even this devotional is something that you have to consider before you fully submerge yourself into it. In order for this entire devotional to make sense, you have to read the entire thing from beginning to end. God will give you the strength to do start and to finish it, but you have to commit to it. If you are going to do this, do it! If you're going to go back to school, do it! If you are going to embark upon a new career, do it! Do it with all your strength and ask God to give you the endurance to complete it.

Today's Declaration:

Lord, today I need your help. I am embarking on a journey to find the blueprint to my life. I need your

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strength and your direction to help me finish the race I've started. Today, I declare wisdom, direction and focus to lead my life. I will not be distracted by how long it might take or the things that might come along the way. I have considered the sacrifice required for this, and today I stand on the truth that I will run and finish what you've called for me to do.

In Jesus name, Amen!

Day 2 – The Will to Work

Today's Scripture: Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV)

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Today's Thought:

For some, the first day is always the easiest. Just like when you're at a new job on the first day, they might let you go earlier than usual, or they might take it easy on you and not work you too hard. Reality sets in when job duties have been given, expectations have been set, and your job is really on the line. This usually happens within a month or so, but it feels like the second day on the job and you're already moving mountains.

The text today reminds us about the will to do things. We have to learn to ask God for the will to work to fulfill His purpose for our lives. You can have the greatest plans in mind and say to yourself that you're going back to school, but unless you actually register for the classes, that goal is going to stay a goal. I recently went back to

school to pursue a degree, but no one filled out the application for me. I had to do it myself and then follow through when classes began. Your will becomes the vehicle by which your purpose is taken to fulfillment. I've seen that this is the place where God's grace works the best. Because when we cannot find it within ourselves to fulfill His will and can't seem to get the motor running, His grace, if asked for, will give you the will to do what you wouldn't have done on your own.

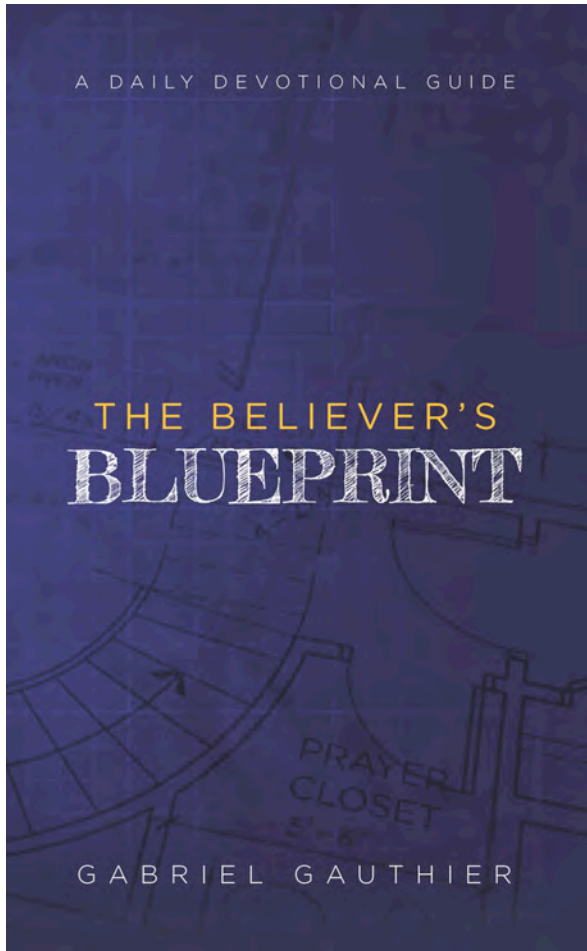
Now, I do say this with a disclosure: God will do what you're unable to do. God will not do what you're unwilling to do. This is a heavy responsibility because now I have to look at my heart and keep my priorities in order. Some people want to do God's will because they feel that's the only way they are going to get known. Some people are doing God's will to make Jesus known. Which are you? What are your motives? This is such a huge prerequisite to building.

Ask yourself, "Why am I building this? What are the reasons I'm building this?" You can apply this to any part of your life, not just ministry. I guarantee if you ask yourself this before making any important decision and committing, you will either start it and finish it, or you will reconsider and go back to the drawing board. This will save you time and save you plenty of money.

Today's Declaration:

Lord, today I pray for the grace to will my way through what I am currently embarking upon. If you don't give me the will to do it, it cannot be done. Today, I place all pride and selfishness to the side and focus on the goal, which is your purpose for my life. I ask because you said it was for your good purpose and pleasure. Although I might not have all the details right now, I thank you because in due time, it will all make sense and have great reason and purpose for me, my family and all that surround me.

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