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DAY 2

SUBJECT: **THE BURDEN OF SUCCESS**

I've had the pleasure of achieving success. God has blessed me to be a very successful person in spite of opposition. However, one thing I did not account for is the burden that comes with it. **SUCCESS ATTRACTS ENEMIES.**

These types of enemies are attracted to your success. **NOT** you. They don't care about you. They care about your position, status, influence, possessions, favor and blessings. The more success you attain, the more enemies you will attract.

I know this is not appealing to hear. I'm not trying to damper your success. I'm informing you of what to expect. I didn't understand why many people were jealous of me. I didn't understand why people rejected

me for no reason. It wasn't until I read 1st Samuel 18:6-9 years ago that I discovered why I had many enemies.

I was asking myself was it me? Did I say something wrong? Do something offensive? None of that was the case. God made me successful in everything I did and that mantle on my life drew **UNSOLICITED** enemies.

Remember David? His success attracted a dangerous enemy. King Saul. A dangerous enemy is someone who has the authority, resources and intention to hurt you. David was victorious in battle. He never lost. The people praised David for his victories.

However, king Saul became jealous over David's successes. David was a poor, unpolished, skinny boy who was successful, anointed and loved by people. King Saul was a man who had influence and power. However, he was feared by people and rejected by God.

1st Samuel 18: 6-9 says, *"After David had killed the Philistine, he and the men returned home. Women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul. They sang songs of joy, danced, and played tambourines and stringed instruments.*

As they played, they sang, "Saul has killed thousands of his enemies, but David has killed tens of thousands." The women's song upset Saul, and he became very angry.

He thought, "The women say David has killed tens of thousands, but they say I have killed only thousands. The only thing left for him to have is the kingdom!" So Saul watched David closely from then on, because he was jealous."

TAKEAWAY: Success attracts enemies because it reminds them of what they could of had. As you become more successful at what you do you will attract more enemies. Don't think you did something wrong. You didn't! In actuality, you did something right. As you keep doing the

right thing success will follow you and your enemies will follow your success.

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