

## **PERSONAL APPLICATION**

1. How do you see yourself right now? Are you struggling and failing, barely getting by, or are you prospering and achieving your goals?

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2. What is your dream, vision or ambition in life? Would you consider that big enough or still has the potential to enlarge?

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3. What are some of the goals that you are still working to be fulfilled?

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## **PRAYER**

Take time to pray for each one's goal, vision or ambition in life.

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## **ZERO LIMITS** **Enlarging Your Vision**

### **WARM-UP**

1. If you were offered the chance to race through your favorite supermarket and keep everything you could collect in 5 minutes, what kind of container would you bring?

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2. What is one word that would best describe your way of thinking? Why?

Dreamer	Pioneer
Innovator	Leader
Imitator	Risk-taker
Follower	Others _____

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3. If money is not an issue, what would you do with your life?

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## WORD

For decades, people thought it was impossible to break the sound barrier. People speculated that there actually was a physical barrier, like a wall, that aircrafts would hit once when they reach the sound barrier. Dozens of test pilots have tried and have died in pursuit of this achievement. There came a point in time that nobody wanted to even try to break the sound barrier. technology was not the obstacle; the real barrier was a mental one.

Then on October 14, 1947, Air force test pilot Chuck Yeager, on board the Bell X-1 experimental plane achieved what most people thought was impossible. He broke the sound barrier. Since then breaking the sound barrier became more and more common that there was even a commercial aircraft – the Concorde which would fly people beyond the speed of sound on a regular basis.

A lot of times, what keeps us from achieving full potential is not physical but mental. We have a small way of thinking or a small way of viewing life. When we live under this cloud of smallness, we are marginalized not maximized.

### 1. Having a Big Vision

The first principle in maximizing your potential is having a big vision for your life. According to George Barna, vision is a clear mental portrait of a preferable future. It is the insight God provides to instruct you and direct your path. Once you have this clear picture of Him – of where you are headed, your chances of successful journey are increased a hundredfold. Burt Nanus, a management consultant and author, defines vision as **“a mental model of a future state of a process, a group, or an organization.”**

**Isaiah 54:2-3** says,

*Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.*

God's unlimited blessings and small-minded thinking do not go together. God wants to bless us, so we should not limit Him with small thinking. Let us enlarge our vision and release Him to bless us with a God-sized blessing that brings Him glory! **Our vision is like the container that will hold the blessings of God.**

In Genesis 15, the Lord took Abram outside to look up at the heavens and count the stars so that he can receive a big vision of his destiny. We may come from a culture of small minded-ness.

Here's an excerpt from Nick Joaquin's article on A Heritage of Smallness. “What most astonishes foreigners in the Philippines is that this is a country, perhaps the only one in the world, where people buy and sell one stick of cigarette, half a head of garlic, a dab of pomade, part of the contents of a can or bottle, one single egg, one single banana.

### 2. Aligning our vision with God's vision

In order for us to live to our fullest potential we need to align our vision with God's vision.

In the book of Numbers chapter 13, we can read about the bad report of the ten spies who were sent to scout the Promised Land. They saw the great size and strength of the people in the land they had explored. They said, “We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.” Their small thinking mentality prevented them from entering the Promised Land.

Psalm 18:35 says that God's right hand sustains us and He stoops down to make us great. His help and support will enable us to be maximized in our thinking that will result to living to our full potential.

How are you thinking right now? What are some attitudes you could change that would enlarge your vision?

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