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## REINVENT YOU: PREPARATION

### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Proverbs 6:6-8

### ADDITIONAL STUDY

Proverbs 24:27 (NLT),  
Proverbs 30:25, & Hebrews 11:7

### TO DO

- + Define or describe what your improved self will look like in different aspects of your life.
- + Write out what will aid your preparation to get there; and pray for the commitment to do all it takes to get there.

I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. I Corinthians 2:3

No matter where you are in life, remember, you can still reinvent yourself to produce a better and an improved version of you. To reinvent yourself, PREPARATION is a must, because nothing just happens. To prepare is simply to get something ready for use, or to become ready for something. Therefore, you have to prepare or get ready for the improved version of yourself that you will like to see this year.

What will the new and improved YOU look like? Define it, and prepare for it. To prepare, continually envision the new you, invest time, gather information, rehearse, learn and sharpen your skills. The famed 'Britain's Got Talent' star, Susan Boyle, must have invested a lot of time preparing for the opportunity of a life time when she saw the advert for 'Britain Got Talent.' She didn't just appear on the scene and wow the judges; in fact, her preparation started a long time ago through years of singing in her local Catholic church, in local choirs, and in karaoke performances at pubs in and around her village.

Abraham Lincoln said, "Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening my axe." He said again, "I will prepare, and someday my chance will come." The secret to the ants' continued survival for centuries is their ability to understand the season of preparation. Many people spend too much time dreaming about their goal/destination, that they fail to recognize and use their season of preparation. Every time you are not training or preparing, someone is getting better than you. If for example, you want to see an improved you in your career, six months from now, indeed, you are RIGHT NOW in your season of preparation!

Preparation is what shows God (and life generally) that you are ready to be where you say you want to be. It is what bridges the gap between where you are and where you want to be, and it is your great announcement that I AM QUALIFIED! You can't be asleep at 10:00am and hope to do better than someone who started their day at 7:00am, all things being equal. No one ever made progress lying down in bed. Sleep should refresh you for more work, not keep you away from work.

Are you prepared to receive or become the improved YOU that you are praying for?

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