

The spirit of distinctions ★★

**Cultivating the attitude and mindset of being
the top learner.**

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This book will provoke you to fulfill your role of effective and successful genius. If ever you desire to be an effective genius, this book is for you. If ever you want to influence your classmates by always doing excellent in your class, you need this book my dear. In this book, Gift Mamphekgo Nkogatse has identified the soft underbelly of the religious, social, economic and academic conditioning of today's world. He has punctured the myths surrounding the distinctions and geniuses and exposed the elusive link for all to see. " True genius is the attitude of the heart or a learner's mind ", said Gift Mamphekgo Nkogatse. Gift Mamphekgo Nkogatse is a young romantic poet, the author of millennium generation and the philosopher. He has obtain a degree of psychology (cognitive psychology). He has received several awards in diverse linguistics competitions in reciting of his poetry.

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Dedication

To all my contemporary students who dreamt of being great in their studies but couldn't develop the mindset and attitude of distinctions. I have desired to assist with discovering your true distinctions attitude and mindset.

To all individuals who have ever quietly dreamt of becoming geniuses in their fields of education. And again to silent dreamer with passion for excellence but suffer from imitation and intimidations of their culture and social context.

To the millions of Fourth Industrial Revolution people psychologically trapped under misconceptions of many misguided of peer pressure and other social pressure.

To the aspiring and developing geniuses amongst each of us. May we all discover our geniusness within us.

To my two niece, Diamond and Happiness Nkogatse. By this book you will discover your inherent intellectual intelligence. This book is for you and your children 's children.

And lastly to the next generation who will ever dream and desire to be geniuses. This book is your best friend to befriend.

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Preface

Distinctions are the exceptional marks or percentages that a learner can obtain in the assignments or examinations. They are the highest levels which can be obtainable by any learner.

Leave me alone, I know I will get distinctions this year my dear. I wrote this book in a dark place of silent. This is because I was too long in shiftlessness in the light of my bad cultural psychology. And that light of my culture was hindering my growth as a genius just like it does to you. Personally, I decided to set myself free from the depressing light of culture and society. That's why I wrote this book in my darkest place of new effective world. Let me ask you my dear, are you not tired of getting lower marks or failing in your studies? I actually wrote this book because of the fact that I was tired of being the victim of failure and lower marks. I also want to set you free by this book to no longer be the victims of failure in your studies. I therefore regard this book as your secret and my secret to become the agents of change In getting distinctions. In this book, you will not only get information of getting distinctions but also the transformation.

Isn't amazing to always get distinctions when writing examinations, tests or assignments? The desire to accumulate distinctions is in the heart and mentality of

every learner. And that means when a learner lack that desire is appropriate to be considered lackadaisical candidate. You really don't have to be a victim of failure or lower marks anymore as a learner. Your future needs distinctions to become bright with no insurmountable odds. To be qualified to study your career dream in University, you don't necessary need lower marks but you need distinctions.

It was when I was in the corner of my chamber where I had a thought that hit my mind like the boat of light. The thought that I had was of no extremity but of intellectual intelligence about you as a learner. As a matter of fact, I thought that you are supposed to be at the top in the class. You are supposed to be a genius and of course you are one. That is why is extremely momentous for you to become one. You are already a genius but you must become one. Is like for example, an apple seed is already an apple tree but it must become an apple tree.

You can only become the genius that you are only if you can capture these two massive components of distinctions. First of all, the spirit of distinctions and the second one is the distinctions spirit. Who we are is the distinctions spirit and how we think is the spirit of distinctions. Most of us if not all, we already have the first one which is the distinctions spirit(ability). But then our problematic is that we lack **the spirit of distinctions(Mentality)**. This is the most exhausting issue that got me tired for about six years. The challenge that I came across was to understand how can we capture the spirit of distinctions as learners? This is

because I discovered that no learner will ever get distinctions without and at the same time manifesting the spirit of distinctions. The manifestation of the spirit of distinctions guarantee exceptional marks. It was when I began to understand the spirit of distinctions when I was pursuing my course of psychology at University. This book is the results of my discovery. You shall capture your spirit of distinctions and realize your distinctions spirit at the end of this book. What I like about this book is that, it contains principles that work for any learner or student. This book does not respect your family backgrounds, your teachers or lecturers, it has no respect to your tutors or your classmates. As long as you can read this book, exceptional marks will be your friends to befriend. This book also does not care what they think or they thought about you. It will take you to the higher levels. This initiative is documented to give you distinctions that you really want and of course, you will get them. Let's now go and study our inherent **spirit of distinctions**.

Introduction

The spirit of distinctions is the mentality of a learner that will make her or him be able to get distinctions always they write tests or examinations or assignments.

The greatest pursuit of every learner is the competence of distinctions. Who we are as learners is the ability to get distinctions. How we think as learners is the mentality to get distinctions. We are the products of our abilities and mentalities. Whether we get distinctions or not depends on how we use our mentalities and abilities as learners. In fact, who we are is the **distinctions spirit** and how we think is the **spirit of distinctions**. What actually forced me to write this book is the second one which is the spirit of distinctions. Why not distinctions spirit? Because we all have it as learners. Every learner has in them the ability to get distinctions. And this ability is called distinctions potential. What is distinctions potential? Distinctions potential is the highest marks that you can get but you haven't yet got. It is the exceptional marks that you can still work for them but you haven't yet worked for them. Distinctions potential is never what you have obtained. Therefore, if distinctions potential is not the marks that you have already obtained, then whatever marks you have got is no longer your distinctions potential. That's why you must strive to obtain more marks. Focus on

getting distinctions in the coming tests and examinations. The ability to do that is already in you, use it. Every learner has that ability to get distinctions including you reading this book now. That is why am not concern about your distinctions spirit because is already within you.

I wrote this book as your psychologist. I wrote it because I am after your mentality which is the spirit of distinctions. I was working at campus(University of Pretoria) counselling students when I was doing my practical of psychology. I have also went to more than twenty school where I found that most students if not all are struggling with the spirit of distinctions. They are suffering from mental illness of getting distinctions. They really don't know how to get distinctions and they even don't know where to start in getting distinctions. That's why most learners dropout, and throw themselves into drugs, gangs and alcohol abuse. This reality is because they are tired of trying to get distinctions but with no luck. What a tragedy! Stress comes when not knowing what to do. Its amazing to realize that all students have been trying to get distinctions almost 10 years but with no luck of getting them. Why? Because they lack, first of all, the mentalities of getting distinctions, the skills of getting distinctions, the strategy of getting distinctions and most of all the attitude of getting distinctions. Why reading this book? To get all these attributes of getting distinctions. Not because you spent many years trying to get distinctions and not getting them doesn't mean that distinctions are impossible to be obtained. It also doesn't mean that distinctions are difficult to be obtained. Distinctions are easily obtainable when you have captured

the **spirit of distinctions**. Hopefully, by this book you will capture your unique spirit of distinctions. And please, after accumulating this spirit, don't forget to thank me later on because you would be unstoppable in getting the distinctions that are loaded within you. Someone once said," a best friend is one who takes you to the highest level of success". Perhaps, this book is your best friend that will take you to the highest levels in your studies.

Study, understand and start practicing the principles you will learn in this book.

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Think like a genius

The distinctions are not between you and your teacher but are between your ears, in your head.

Two young men grew up together in a same poor village. They grew up having no shoes to wear. Walking down the street with bare feet with no shoes on. Sometimes the broken bottles would scratch their feet. They were suffering a lot. The sad part is that their parents could not afford to buy them clothes and shoes to wear. Their families were poor just like the village that grew up in. These two men grew up in this village and this poor village is known as Setlaboswane. The first village of poverty that does not even promise to improve or develop. There are no resorts, low class schools with old buildings, no parks, no malls, no shopping centres and poor streets with stones. These two men were the residents of this place. Same place, same situation and same experience of life. One day they decided to walk around the street of the small city called Lebowakgomo. This place is where everyone would go to shop goods and services there. It is a small town.

As they were roaming the streets, they saw a big building. And in this building there were library, laboratory and classroom. This big massive building is filled with treasure. And this building was perhaps loaded with knowledge that scream for learners to attain. That's what you should do as

a University students or high school learner. **Develop the love of gaining knowledge so that knowledge can stop shouting at you for not gaining it.** What is this building that have a massive treasure in it? It is called a school. Some call it an institution. But at least you know where you are, either at high school or tertiary levels. These two young men saw a school.

As they look consciously in this building they saw perhaps thousands of young people at their synonymous age. Surprisingly, these young people were wearing the same clothes. The two young men, Peggy and Penny, were so overwhelmed by these millennials generation in this school. They were perhaps impressed by these great learners in this school being busy learning. **If you want to be a great student or learner, you must always keep yourself busy by learning.** Nevertheless these great learners were going up and down, some doing science experiments, some reciting poetry and some presenting some speeches while other were busy reading their books. However Peggy and Penny saw this building differently. Peggy said, “wow! What an opportunity to improve my life in this building!”. And Penny said,” look at these people inside this building are trying to kill themselves by working hard. Trust me Peggy, these guys will be crazy because of reading too much”. Peggy and Penny saw the school differently. Peggy saw the opportunity to improve his life and Penny saw a place that will make him suffer even more.

Your academic life is how you thought is.

The fact that you are physically present at school does not necessarily mean that you are present mentally. There are some learners and perhaps most of your classmates that are always coming to school physically but not mentally. That means they are not aware of their distinctions spirit and even worse they have lost their **spirit of distinctions**. A student lost his sense of living for a reason when he lost his or her spirit of distinctions. Why? Because their future will be dilapidated. Their dreams will not come true and they will never reach their dream careers. The spirit of distinctions determines whether you succeed or fail in your education. What does one mean when he talks about the spirit of distinctions. The spirit of distinctions is your mentality of distinctions. It is how you think exceptionally about rising to the highest level. Therefore, your academic results are your thoughts about those subjects that you are currently busy with contemplating. When you think you will pass your subjects or models exceptionally, you will. And of course that is the mentality that we are talking about of getting distinctions when we say, the spirit of distinctions. **Develop the mindset of achieving the highest marks as you can.** Therefore, your thoughts must be pure about education. Think positively about the subjects that you are doing. And perhaps this kind of thinking will help you to start taking advantage of your studies. It will automatically cause you to start studying all your subjects or modules. Great thoughts and positive minds gives one the courage and confidence to start working for distinctions.

Always think purity about education.

As Peggy and Penny went back home in their underprivileged situations. Peggy asked his mother to go with him and register for him in that school that he saw young people learning. His mother told him that how will I register you because I don't have money to buy you a school uniform? Peggy answered, "mommy, I don't care about the school uniform. Lets please go to the school and register me. The reason why I want to get education is because I want to improve our situation mommy." Peggy was tired of his situation of being poor. He was willing to do anything and he was ready to deal with any peer pressure that will come on his way. The spirit of distinctions is developed when you are willing to do anything to achieve what you want to achieve. You develop your spirit of distinctions when you are ready to deal with any situation that come along the way in your studies. Either good or in your opinion bad. Have the will and courage of dealing with it. Until you do that you only have the distinctions spirit not the spirit of distinctions. My simple question is, why would Peggy had such a courage and passion to convince his mother about education? Because of the positive mind that he has about the education. Because of the life improving thought that he had about education. Here we learn some few fascinating lessons about Peggy's mind. **First of all, we must stop thinking low about ourselves because of our family backgrounds. Never again believe that you will not get distinctions because you came from underprivileged family. The third thing is that you**

must have passion and courage in your studies and you will succeed, no matter how they can treat you at school. Peggy was a positively minded kind of a guy and he knew what he want. That's why he didn't care what will other learners say about him when he is not having uniform or he is not having pocket money. **Never again allow other people to stop you from focusing on getting your distinctions.** In other words, don't be controlled by peer pressure, control peer pressure. That's why you must always think purity about education because education is light.

Until you are willing to do anything, you will never develop the spirit of distinctions.

Peggy's mother went with him and register him and after few days Peggy started learning without having any school uniform. The clothes that you wear are not important than the knowledge that you can get everyday. That's why you must not be too concern about the clothes that you wear but rather be concern about the knowledge that you have to gain everyday. That means you must change the way you used to see education. The spirit of distinctions is born when you finally come to understand and appreciate that education is more about learning than wearing. The thing I like about Peggy is that he was already in the class before he was accepted in the school. His friend Penny did not want to attend that school. Can I tell why? Because he thought gaining the knowledge (learning) was suffering. That is why he did not have any passion and courage to

study. **The formula for failure is negative mind plus laziness.** Penny was not willing to study at all. His spirit was different from his friend Peggy. Peggy had developed the mentality of learning and his friend Penny developed the mentality of relaxing. The spirit of distinctions is born when you start conditioning your mind to always learn. This is the stage where you are willing to do anything. Willing to do anything means that you accept to learn everything that comes in your way to learn. For example, you accept to write the homework's and assignments that will be given to you. And you accept to do them precisely. Willing to do anything means you are ready to change from your old attitude to the new one. You were not used to study before you sleep, you are now going to study every night before you sleep. If ever you are willing to capture and develop the spirit of distinctions, change is inevitable. Be willing to do anything to get your distinctions.

Change is inevitable in capturing the spirit of distinctions

Distinctions are not easily obtained by learners who don't want to change. In fact, a student or learner who is against change will never capture and develop the spirit of distinctions. In other words, he or she disadvantage his future by denying change. I remember when I was fresh at University that I attended in my first year. I was not used to study at library. And this was because I grew up in rural areas where there were no libraries or any advanced

educational facilities. I used to study at home. But I changed in my first year and I started reading in library.

Don't take too long to change because time is our enemy if you want to get distinctions. When I was in high school I didn't thought I was a genius. I was not believing that I could get 90% or 99%. I have changed when I arrived to University. Can I tell my secret of changing. I started to believe that nothing is impossible if I want it. **Believe that nothing is impossible and you shall remain at the top only by the believe.** You become dangerous when you start believing that. And that is because you automatically change your mind to excellence. You must also change your beliefs about you to excellence. You capture and develop the spirit of distinctions when you change your mentality and beliefs for the betterment. Never again think of yourself as the lowest because your thinking would be wrong. You are a top learner. You are a genuine genius. That's why you should start thinking like geniuses. To think like a genius you have to change, first of all, your thinking, your thought about yourself and your attitude towards your studies. You used to get bored or tired every time you think about Science subjects, now you have to change and start enjoying those sciences. You used to think that Mathematics is a difficult subject, now you have to change and see Mathematics as simple like eating pap and meat. I didn't said easy, I said, see Mathematics as simple. Notice that **nothing is easy in education but everything is simple.** That's why you have to change to experience all

your subjects or modules in simplistic state. Until you change, all subjects that you do will be difficult.

Change as soon as possible.

After I have realized that to get distinctions change is inevitable, I didn't hesitate. I didn't doubt myself. I decided to change as soon as possible. **Geniuses don't wait.** They start doing what is right for the sake of getting distinctions. What I really like about geniuses is that they are independent from their teachers or lecturers. Let me say it again. Geniuses depend on themselves. They have no problem when the teacher is teaching but then they are fancy to learn things by themselves. That's why they are always three steps or four steps behind a teacher. That's how you should start thinking to think like a genius. To easily capture the spirit of distinctions, **be your own teacher or lecturer.** I have a degree in psychology. To get the degree of this course you have to study forty modules for four years. That is where you are certified after you have passed 40 modules. I have 37 distinctions in this course and other 3 modules I just passed with 60%. The University that I pursued this course offers only distance learning. By distance learning, no teacher teaches you and no lecturer lectures you. Here is how they operate at University of South African (UNISA). They precisely give you the study materials at the beginning of the year. They also bombard you with the assignments and their due dates. And the last thing that they give you is the time table of examinations. Most courses there are semester course. I

have never met any student doing a year course. The university did the same to me like they do to other students about their operations. There are no classes attending. You study at home or in library. No teacher and no lecturer be with a learner the whole day teaching. That means all Unisa students are their own teachers and their own learners. They teach themselves and they learn as learners. I also had the same experience. I encountered the same situation. Remember I used to be taught everything for me to be able to write examinations. That's how I was conditioned by my high school teachers just like you now. To tell you nothing but the truth, **education is more than what you think is.** It surprised me at first when I encounter this reality that I have to teach myself without a teacher, but I didn't panic too much. I figured it out later on. In Life Sciences there is this thing called, adaptation. I adapted the situation and new conditioning. **In education you become a slow learner and failure when you can't adapt to new situations.** For example, it is lockdown time now where you are not in the class the whole week, you have to adapt and start being your own teacher because teacher no longer have enough time to spent with you. Failure to do that, forget about distinctions during this lockdown time. I just analysed the situation and start adapting the situation. You no longer need a teacher to learn my dear. Start now to adapt and accept the situation and change. Be willing to teach yourself and enjoy doing that. **The secret to become a genius is to appreciate learning by yourself.** Don't find it difficult to change. Change! Notice, sooner is better than later my dear. I have obtain my degree in Psychology(cognitive psychology) being my own teacher

and lecturer. You used to believe that you are not a genius, change and believe that you are a genius and of course you are one. You were not used to teach yourself, change and start teaching yourself. That means you can and you must start not tomorrow but today. And this is true because your distinctions are not found in your teachers or lecturers yet within you. Your distinctions are found in your spirit of distinctions (mentality). Then why wasting time waiting for your teachers? Be the changing of the changing changer. That literary means that never again deny change for you to always get distinctions.

Education is more than what you think is.

Let me repeat myself: I have obtained 37 distinctions without any teacher or lecturer. And I am still a learner who was conditioned to depend on teachers just like you now. I used to depend too much on teachers just like you. Do you know how my geniusness born? By defying the conditioning of depending on teachers. I trust myself and I believed that nothing is impossible. That is why even now am currently busy with another course but still getting distinctions. My secret is simple. I discovered that education is more than what I thought it was. I thought education is about being taught everything. I no longer believe that. I thought education is about waiting for a teacher to tell me that read your books. I no longer believe that. Reading is my daily meal. Make reading your everyday meal to eat as to start thinking like geniuses. I now know that I am a genius because I know that I know nothing.

That's why I read hard every day. Let me say it again. I make sure that I read as hard as I can everyday so that I can get distinctions when I write. And of course I survived because I break the record when I was doing psychology and I am still surviving in my current course. This is because I have accepted that education is more than what I think is. You are not supposed to read when examinations are just around the corner. **Study every single day. Prevent a problem of failure by reading every day.** Albert Einstein mentioned that, intellectual solve problems but geniuses prevent them. Capture the spirit of distinctions by making yourself a conscious reader. The distinctions spirit (ability) to do that is already in you. You just need to think differently than others. When are you starting to think just like the geniuses? Do you understand what it entails to think like a genius?

Apply your wisdom

It is interesting to realize that all learners including you reading this book possess the spirit of distinctions in them but only few will ever capture that spirit. It is your choice to develop the spirit of distinctions (mentality). That is why not all learners get distinctions. I was reading a newspaper and I heard that class 2020 of matric had copied the question paper. They saw a question paper before writing the examination and it was suggested that they must write again. This is a clear evidence of the lack of the spirit of distinctions among learners. Whether you have failed, copied or dropout, we all possess the spirit of

distinctions. That is why we have to go through the process of capturing that spirit. And hopefully this book will take you to that point. Choose to develop your spirit of distinctions to avoid insurmountable odds in examinations. Do you know why I wrote this book? This book is not invented to connect you with your distinctions spirit, no. You already have that. No question about that because your distinctions spirit is your ability and potential to get distinctions. That everyone has it including you reading this book now. But the challenge is the spirit of distinctions. The battle that we have to face is the one of the spirit of distinctions. However, the spirit of distinctions has to do with the transformation of your mind. It also had to do with the conversion of your belief system. This book is to transform and convert your mentality into genius. We call that transformation and conversion, **the spirit of distinctions**. My hope is that you could start believing that you can get distinctions. Knowledge is the key to begin capturing the spirit of distinctions. You have to strive to know all the topics that you are going to write about. We call that, gaining of knowledge. **Gain the knowledge of the content as much as you can**. And the second thing to do to capture the spirit of distinctions is, you must write that knowledge you have accumulated on the answer sheet in the examinations. Linguistically we call it applying of wisdom. Applying of wisdom is when you practically do or present the knowledge that you have gained. Apply your wisdom. Notice that you cannot apply what you don't understand and you cannot understand what you don't know. That's why you must not confuse the two, gaining

of knowledge and applying of wisdom. Here are the differences.

Gaining of knowledge has to do with getting information that you are going to write about. For example, when you practice solve for x in Mathematics, you are gaining knowledge. When you master the content and terminologies that you are going to write about in your subjects, you are gaining knowledge. Gaining of knowledge implies that you give your studies attention as to understand the topics that you are going to write about. You have to gain knowledge. Start today to gain knowledge and never stop until you write your final examination.

Applying of wisdom refers to putting what you have learnt on the answer sheet. It has to do with answering the questions in examination in a correct way. Gaining of knowledge alone is not enough. You have to move to the second stage of wisdom application. It is better to not gain knowledge than to gain knowledge and not apply it. Why? Because it does not make sense and is just a waste of time. Why? Because you will fail. Gain knowledge of all the topics or chapters and write the correct answers in examinations that you are to write about. Let me say it one more time. Gain knowledge of all the necessary topics or chapters and then answer the questions correctly in examinations.

Focus and concentrate to a purpose

The reason why we are not connected to our spirit of distinctions is because we use our minds to think of

something else instead of the purpose. What is the purpose? Purpose is the original intent. It is the motivation that cause a learner to go to school. Purpose is the reason why we go to our academic fields everyday. That is the purpose of a learner. What is this purpose all about? The purpose of a learner is all about getting distinctions. That is what you should start focusing on as a high school learner or University student. **Disconnection from this purpose is impossible to capture the spirit of distinctions.** Most of learners are geniuses but they will never get distinctions. We will never see their geniusness. Why? Because they fix their minds to other purposes except the academic one. Instead of focusing on get distinctions they focus on stealing other learners properties. Instead of thinking of studying. They are always thinking of watching television or getting to Facebook or WhatsApp. Instead of thinking of studying, they think of smoking. That's why when the examinations comes, people think of plagiarizing. With the spirit of distinctions you will probably have no reason to copy or to bully other learners. Your purpose is more important than anything you could think of. Focus and concentrate on it. Can I remind you? Focus and concentrate on getting distinctions.

Chapter principles

- The spirit of distinctions requires mental changes of a learner
- Change is inevitable in capturing the spirit of distinctions
- To think like a genius you should focus and concentrate on a purpose
- Strong believe in yourself is a necessary to capture your spirit of distinctions
- Think positively about yourself daily and your endeavours
- Intelligent mentality is essential to the spirit of distinctions

What is the container of your distinctions?

Nothing will ever make a learner to be a genius than his or her mind.

I would like to re-emphasize that **the spirit of distinctions** is your mentality of getting distinctions and **the distinctions spirit** is your ability and power of getting distinctions. You should not confuse the two if you want to get it right. Or simply put, the spirit of distinctions is the memory card and your distinctions spirit is the cellphone. Here is our problematic, the memory card has an erroneous information but the cellphone can still present right information. Because you have wrong information and beliefs about yourself, you still don't believe that you can't get distinctions in all your subjects or modules. My job is simple yet challenging, it is to reset all the erroneous information that you have stored about you and upload the right information that will help you get distinctions. I am reminded of my favourite mentor of geniuses, Jesus Christ. He said these words that are worth to be taken into consideration," knowledge of the truth shall set you free". Nothing will ever set you free from failing and getting lower marks than the truth that you can get about yourself. They told you that, you don't understand Mathematics. They have told you that you are bad in Science, Consumer

studies or Commercial stream. They told you that you will never get distinctions even if you can try your best. They have told you that your family was not born to be geniuses. They told you, that the course that you are doing you will never complete it. I mean all lies and wrong information that they gave you about you. Let me get them corrected, **you are a genuine genius and you will make it this year.** You are now conscious about fallacious philosophy that you have been given either by your parents, siblings, friends or even worse some of your teachers. Today you don't believe that you are a genius because of the big mistake that you did. You trusted all the lies and false information that they have given you about you. They have taken you out of good product. And you allowed them unconsciously. When I grew up my mother used to tell me when she was shouting at me, "who do you think you are? Whom do you think you are better than? Boy, you are not as smart as you think you are. Education does not begin with you". These are some examples from our culture that have destroyed our spirit of distinctions. In fact, negative words that are uttered to a child by an elder to me shows a mental illness. In essence, it has been proven psychologically that a child's brain is constructed depending on the information that he or she receives daily. But to our culture more especially us black, those negative thoughts and wishes are normal. They are good. By mental illness I do not necessarily referring to the medical field of psychological unstableness that we consider as abnormal, no. I mean in terms of God's plan to humanity. This is because God didn't created you to be oppressed either physically or psychologically but yet our culture emphasis

that you were created to be oppressed. And I think that will never stop now. Do you know why? Because they say, you are a child and you deserve to be treated that way. Its normal to mentally oppress a child in our black race. And the shocking reality is that if a child is against that mental oppression, he or she is considered disrespectful child. Is this not mental illness? What a tragedy! In the language of Ubuntu they promote humanity not humility. They promote self- acceptance not self- cancellation. That's why they even invent this life giving thought, umunto umuntu ngabantu. In Pedi culture they say, motho ke motho ka batho. The reason why you are shy of presenting some speeches and poems in front of people is not that you were born with that shyness but is because your culture has oppressed and depressed you for a long time. You no longer feel confident about yourself. You no longer believe that you can do better. In other words you lost your spirit of excellence. And you think is normal to always devalue yourself. Big NO. That's not true. They have killed your self- esteem, self- worth, self- value and self- confidence. Now you think that you are shy. But the truth is that you are not shy but you are mentally oppressed, suppressed and depressed. That's why you must stop saying that, Nelson Mandela had set you free. You are not free yet. Until you introduce yourself to yourself, you are not yet free. Until you defy the cultural psychological depressing norms, you are not yet free my dear.

Until you introduce yourself to yourself, you are not free yet.

I have come to appreciate that our culture as black race does not produce geniuses but it produces slow learners. Our culture produce young people who will be strangers to academic success. When I grew up I had encountered a shocking experience that is still continue in our contemporary learners. And this experience it leads most of our learners into hell. And I think these gangs we have over the country is because of it, these teenage pregnancy is because of it and this drugs abuse among young people is because of it. This is because it distract young people 's lives but this is done to them unconsciously. Nevertheless, it is done mostly to learners who are staying in rural area. I have discovered that most of our black people more especially in rural areas like that their children can succeed in life but they don't know how to make them successful. Why am I saying this? Because you find them forcing children to go and spent the whole day in the bush looking after the cattle and that prevent a learner from studying. Is easy for most of our beloved parents to spent R200.00 to go and find cows that are lost but is difficult to spent only R50.00 to buy a book. You find the situation where when the cows are lost they spent almost R500.00 trying to find them but when a child does not have a study Guide is difficult for them to spent R150.00 for buying that study Guide. In the other hand, some of our beloved teachers assess us as learners because of how familiar or relationship they have with our families or siblings. I became so mystified when I was doing my practical in

some of the schools and I discovered that some learners in those schools have already being given reports of December before they can even write their final examinations. That was a shock to me. By just looking at the child some teachers asses a learner. I cried alone in my chamber after a teacher had told me that, don't worry about that child, she will never go into grade 11. A learner hasn't yet wrote her final year examinations but yet they already had her final year report. All these are the evidence of our cultural mental illness.

Though the million dollar question is, when will one introduce himself to himself? When are you going to introduce yourself to yourself? Because all these oppressions from our cultures can be easily fought when introspection has taken place. Introspection is when you get to know more about yourself. Is when you know your strengths and weaknesses. When you can achieve that is easy for you to do what we psychologically called self-construction. Self- construction is the process of starting to improve yourself with knowledge. That means you focus on working on your weaknesses. For example, you were not using your power and ability of reading. You now start to use them. You were not using your potential and ability to get distinctions. You now start using it. You used to be bored by reading. You should now enjoy reading. You used to depend too much on teachers. You should depend on yourself now. That is self- construction. You have to construct yourself so that you can be intelligent enough to deal with our cultural mental oppression. And one must not think that these psychological culture of us is right or

normal. It is definitely wrong. Lao Tzu mentioned that, Knowing other is wisdom and knowing yourself is enlightenment. And he was right because you cannot properly deal with others while you can't deal with yourself. Knowledge of oneself is the only great key to the spirit of distinctions.

Get your distinctions revelation

We have seen how dangerous our culture is with regard to our education. Which means you are no longer in a dark but you are in light because you now know that truth. When I research the word knowledge in Hebrew it means light. That means ignorance is dark. You are now conscious about our culture which means you now have light which will make you set yourself free from cultural oppression. But then there is one thing I like about your distinctions. They never leave you. Even if they have tried to distract them for almost 15 or 25 years. The distinctions are still in within you and they will never leave you or taken by someone else. I therefore, consider your distinctions as a diamond. When you can take a diamond and contaminate it with dust. Is it still a diamond? Yes. That is you. The culture had poured lot of dust on you but your distinctions are still like diamonds. Therefore, this book is there to brush and remove every dust that is on you so that you can shine again with flying colours. The reason why you are getting 40% and 50% is because you are not shinning with flying colours. After you have read this book you will be shinning as bright as the manufacturer created you. That's

why I want to take you further by the shocking statements that will unveil your spirit of distinctions regardless of the atrocity of your mediocre culture. To unveil means nothing is new. It simply means you will see what was already there but it was hidden. So here are the statements:

Your distinctions are not found in your teachers, surprise!

Your distinctions are not found in your lecturers, surprise!

You really don't need a teacher or lecturer to get distinctions

The only perfect and precise person you need is you, surprise!

There is no need to be taught by a teacher, again surprise.

To get distinctions depends on yourself.

All these statements summarizes the capturing of the spirit of distinctions. Many students are capable of driving 350kM but the sad reality is that they haven't yet drove it. Many are driving 35kM and that may also include you. The above statements destroys all the boundaries and road signs that where put to limit your speed. In essence, they are to tell you that, hey baby, increase your speed because you are driving too slow. That mean if you can understand these statements you can start getting 80% and 90%. I captured the spirit of distinctions because of these statements. I encourage you to understand and accept starting to live with these statements because with them distinctions are inevitable. Let's now go to discuss each an

every statement so that you can have a deeper understanding of them.

Your distinctions are not found in your teachers, surprise!

This statement means that you don't have to wait for your teacher to come and teach you anymore. Initiate teaching yourself.

Your distinctions are not found in your lecturers, surprise!

As a University student, you no longer need to wait for the lecturers to teach you everything, start becoming your own. And this of course will help you cope exceptionally during this lockdown time.

You really don't need teachers or lecturers to get distinctions

The only perfect and precise person you need is you, surprise!

I have mentioned earlier on that I obtained my degree without any teacher or lecturer to teach me. When I want to was my body, I use water just like you do. When I am thirsty, I drink water just like you. That means you and I

have no difference. We are unique but we are all human beings. That's why is my firm believe that if I made it alone, you can also. Do you believe you can? Do you trust yourself?

There is no need to be taught by a teacher again, surprise!

I believe lockdown can to remind us of this fact. You know my teachers and parents were so nice to me when I grew up. They said to me, “ experience is a best teacher”. I know longer believe that. Experience could be an enemy of your progress. It could disturb you from succeeding in life. For example, you have an experience of baking and they need someone with experience of driving. Do you now see that your experience is your enemy now because it is useless. It is lockdown now where a teacher no longer have enough time to be with a learner teaching him/her everything. You have an experience if being taught everything but now your experience is useless. Defy your experience and catch up with the new effective one. The truth still stands, there is no need to be taught by a teacher again because most of the time you spend them alone.

To get distinctions depend on you.

We should also understand that to get distinctions is a choice that one make. Start teaching yourself and get

distinctions or relax too much and fail. You have one to choose. Remember that, failure to choose, choose to fail.

Diligence is the mother of good luck.

If you are a high school learner or University student and you are not diligent and you don't want to be diligent, get out of the school. Let me say it again, dropout. Why? Because you will never have any good luck in education. In fact, you will be a stranger to academic success. Why is this an issue? The answer is in the statements above. The first and second statements make it clear that no teacher will ever bring distinctions to you. And of course this is true because your teachers or lecturers has spent almost 15 years teaching you but you haven't yet got distinctions. You still find it difficult to get distinctions. Do you know why matriculates' 2020 copied the question paper? Because they wanted to get distinctions and their teachers didn't gave them those distinctions. They copied not because they didn't have teachers but because they didn't know that they need themselves to get distinctions. The reason why we find it difficult to get distinctions is because we think we need teachers to get distinctions. And in true sense, that's not true. That's why it is easy for you to copy because you don't trust your thinking but you trust only a teacher's thinking. And of course that is the conditioning we have been conditioned for over twenty years, to trust and depend too much on a teacher. To be taught everything that we want to know. That is a good conditioning we have conditioned but is no longer helping us. It is no longer

surviving us. **Whatever does not help you, change it.** Again dear, change whatever that no longer serves you. Let me remind you about Bill Gates 's words in case if you have forgotten, change is necessary for progress in life. I then put it to you that change anything that no longer survive you. It might be a belief, an idea, a strategy of learning, a conditioning or a philosophy from culture. If is no longer surviving you academically, change it. The facts still remain, the distinctions that you want are found in your head not in your teachers. That means you need yourself to get all the distinctions that you want. Respect your teachers and lecturers but don't ever again depend on them too much for knowledge. I have got 37 distinctions without any teacher or lecturer. And I made it. That's why it is my firm believe that if I made it alone, you can too my dear. Believe in yourself and work hard. In essence, this will also work for you because your geniusness is inherent. You have born with it. Inside you there is a power and ability to get distinctions by yourself. Start now to use that ability. **Therefore, develop the capability.** Fish did not need a teacher to excell in swimming, why depending on teachers to excell in your studies? A bird release its potential and ability to fly without a teacher or lecturer. Why are you still waiting for a teacher or lecturer to release your distinctions? The principle here is: **whatever potential you were born with you don't need a teacher to learn it.** Therefore, it is true the only perfect and precise person you need to get distinctions is normally yourself not your teachers. To me teachers and lecturers are there to clarify what you already know. They verify your knowledge. You are not yet connected to your spirit of

distinctions if a teacher is teaching and everything to you is new. I call those learners who depend on teachers too much, lackadaisical candidates. Why? Because they have no diligence at all. If you are not willing to go by yourself especially in recent times, you are not in touch with reality. But you are in touch with failure. Start depending on yourself. Trust and believe in yourself my dear. I rest my case here by this punching line, **study everyday, study hard and be lucky**. Why? Because Benjamin Franklin said, diligence is the mother of good luck.

The formula of capturing the spirit of distinctions is positive mind and hard work.

It's amazing to realize that negative thoughts and ideas makes a mind to get tired easily. I discovered this truth when I was contemplating a course of psychology. It was said if your thoughts and ideas are always negative you are hurting yourself. You are abusing your mind. That is why most of the negatively minded people are at high risk of getting diseases like stress, heart attack etc. For example, when you think of stealing instead of studying, you are abusing your mind. Let me clarify this word, "**abuse**" before we proceed any further. The word abuse is not a word. It is a grammatical construction which has got two words in it. The first one is 'ab' which is stand for abnormal and use which is to make something effective efficaciously. The word is ab-use. Simply put abuse is the abnormal use of a thing. That is why when you think negativity you are abnormally using your mind which is

abuse. Stop abusing your mind and start thinking positively. The way you think about yourself and your studies contribute a lot on your passion and courage to start being effective or ineffective learner in your studies. For example, when you think you will never get distinctions, you are unlikely to start studying. You will find it difficult if not impossible to work hard. But then when you can think that you are going to get distinctions, you will start taking advantage of your studies and you will get distinctions. When you think the subjects or modules that you have registered are simple, they will be simple but if you think oppositely which is abusing of your mind they will be difficult. But I, as your brother in education, I encourage you to follow the formula of distinctions mentality. Think positively and start working hard.

Release all your distinctions in your head.

Imagine you have R200.00 in your pocket. There is no food that you can eat around and you are hungry and angry because of that hunger. You went to the supermarket and you don't want to use that money to buy some food. Will that R200.00 survive you if you don't use it? Will that R200.00 make you fulfilled if you don't use it to buy some food? The analogy applies the same to your distinctions. Your distinctions are countless in your head but they won't help you succeed if you don't release them. And to release them you have to use your ability and power to not bully other learners or steal other learners properties but to study. One of my book entitled, releasing your distinctions

within you, deal with this subject precisely. In this book I also explained how I released my distinctions while dating the most beautiful girl in the world. I encourage you to get a copy of the book if you haven't yet read. You should start releasing your distinctions. To think positively means to think that you can make it and start working on making it. It imply that you dedicate and focus on being a top learner. Focus and dedicate on being a top learner. Again, your focus and dedication should make you a top learner. A teacher will disturb you to do that. Depend on yourself and trust yourself. The sky will be the limit.

Your greatest treasure is simplicity, patience and commitment.

I believe if you are able to be patient to wait for R350,00 of SASSA on a long chain of line. You can also be patient when studying. You can spent 3 hours studying. Before you sleep you can spent another 3 hours studying. When you wake up in the morning you can spent 3 hours studying. Why three hours not six? So that you can understand a content and not cram it. Cram work is the primary killer of distinctions. The graveyard of distinctions is cram work. Study to understand and not to cram. That's why you have to start studying as early as possible so that you can complete studying the chapters so early and repeat studying them again. I know you can, no question about that but what am concern about is will you ever give yourself a time and chance to do that? Most students and learners in particular will never get distinctions and they

will end up dropping out school. Why? Because they don't give themselves time and chance to study. We call it attention. Give your books attention. Start giving your books attention alone not with your teacher but alone with yourself. And this should not sound as the spirit of provado because it is not. It is the spirit of distinctions. The reason why your classmates or contemporary students don't take you serious every time you speak is because you are not worth to be taken serious. To qualify to be taken serious, you have to take your studies serious. Give your studies attention and dedication. You will influence your classmates and the whole school if you can start getting distinctions. And perhaps to get distinctions you must give your studies attention. Summarize every chapter the way to can understand. That is the simplicity we are talking about. Take time to read and understand those chapters. It is called being patient. Study everyday and night before you sleep. You are committed to your studies that way. Guess what the results will be, **distinctions**. Therefore, distinctions is not a pursued but the result of simplicity, patience and commitment.

Your heart contains your distinctions

The reason why your heart contain distinctions is because it the one which give you the love of studying. The medical doctors call it cardiovascular. Your heart is the engine of a learner that can course him or her get distinctions or fail. That means you must control your heart where you want it to lead you. Personally, I directed my heart to distinctions.

That's why I don't mind studying the whole day or night. That is why I don't mind spending countless hours in books. I read every day and not only academic books but also educational ones. Develop the love of reading. In fact, **the greatest secret to get distinctions is the love of reading.** Never forget this principle. Your heart determine whether you get distinctions or not because it can make you love reading or hate reading. That is why the real fight is against you and your heart(cardiovascular). You have to force and direct your heart to where you want it to take you. I have a cousin who live in developed areas. I grew up in poor rural areas. And I used to visit them during the holidays when the schools were closed. I would find my cousin who was doing grade 9 at that time and I was doing grade 8. And that time I was not used to live urban lifestyle. My cousin would spend most of the time on street and going to parties. The girls that he was dating, wow! First class and top ones. And my charming cousin was killing with fashion. That's why most of girls liked him so much. I remember one day I told him that, cuzi, a good learner study too much and date less. And he said to me, those are the rural areas lifestyle mentality. Here is urban areas not poor areas like your place. We are eating joy here cuzi. I was sad and I said to myself, we will see dear. When I read the bible told me that, those who are behind will be backwards and those who are backwards will be behind. The year passed and he failed and I was in the same class with him. The other year passed and I went to grade 10 and he remain it grade 9. The guy focused on enjoying than studying. What lead him to consider enjoyment more than studying? His heart, cardiovascular. Remember I was still

in rural area and he was failing in urban area. I spent two year not visiting him and when I completed my matric I visited him. And I found that he dropped out by grade 10. On that time I was holding my matric certificate when they were telling me that my cousin has dropped out. You should not be interested in socializing too much instead be interested in studying too much. Studying should come before socializing or let me use my cousin term, studying should come before eating joy. Abraham Lincoln said, the things that I want to know most are books and he went further by saying a friend if is a good friend is the one who gives me a good book to read. We all know the message our greatest late Nelson Mandela had left us with, “education is light”. My cousin considered joy as light that’s why he punished himself. Dropping out is the punishment that a learner give himself and it comes from ignorance. He never reach his career and dream because of being ignorant. The word ignorant in Hebrew term means darkness. So when you ignore your studies, you are basically in darkness. My cousin proved this fact to me. In fact, learners who are more interested in social life than educational life, we call them **marginalized learners**. Who knows better than you high school learner? The school uniform is black and white. But you wear Polo T-shirt and jean when coming to school. You come wearing all these massive labels. You wear Carvela when coming to school. And you think you are deep. Instead of doing hairstyle of a school learner. You come to school with Nicky Minaj hair style. And you call yourself ‘ a slay queen’. You are marginalized my dear. Marginalized learners end up nowhere in life. I admire my cousin, he is my role model.

Do you? If not control your heart. Discipline yourself. Though my simple question is how can you study with hairstyles that disturb you? It's so interesting to know that you don't realize that you are beautiful with your natural hair baby. I rest my case by saying, never again let your heart makes you a failure in life just like my cousin. **The love of studying and education should come first than anything.**

A fallen great student resulted in the ignorance of right knowledge.

I believe what makes a learner to fail or be a dom is not lack of knowledge but is the ignorance of knowledge. I mean knowledge and the right knowledge necessary for distinctions is available but the passion, power and strength to gain that knowledge is not available among students. We have the desire to know but the passion and courage to know is lacking in most of us as students. And to me that's a "happenstance". This is because is a planning of fail or lower consciously. It's very sad to attend school knowing that you have failed at the end of the year. But most students do unconsciously. In fact they are experimenting with their academic life. Experiment happens when you are not sure of the outcome. That's what most students do with their academic lives because they go to school but they are not sure of the results at the end of the year. That's experimentation. Happenstance should not be applicable in your academic life. You should know the results before getting them. You suppose to see your final

report before writing final examination. And this can only happen if you can somehow start to be meticulously conscientious and conscious about your studies. Notice ignorance means darkness and knowledge means light. When you ignore your studies you entertain darkness of distinctions. In other words you will hardly ever get distinctions. Therefore, when you always gain knowledge, it might be studying two chapters everyday or practicing mathematics, you are gaining light which will brighten your future with distinctions. Here is my simple words, never again ignore the right knowledge that will help you get distinctions. **Dedicate, focus and concentrate on your studies.**

Believe you can and you can, you will.

Where do our beliefs come from? The word belief comes from the Greek word pistis. The word pistis means faith. We all have faith as students. You have it and I have it. And of course that's a good news we owe to thank God for that. However, the problematic initiate when we have the wrong and fallacious beliefs about ourselves. Normally, our beliefs comes from our sources. A source is wherever or whoever you get information from. The books that you read are your source. The newspapers that you read are also your source. The movies that you watch, the TV shows that you keep on watching. Wherever you get information from, either on social media or a person you listen to. Those are your sources that gives you information that you will conceive and start believing it. My question is

simple and straight forward, are your sources giving you right information about you? Are your sources Improving your life or destroying your life? I ask these questions because I have realized that many learners if not all are living a lie because of their sources. They are living with the wrong beliefs about themselves because of receiving wrong information from their sources which then believe that is true while is erroneous. For example, if you believe that you cannot get distinctions, your belief is killing you. I encourage you to consciously check your sources and reconsider changing it if is no longer improving your life. Let me tell you nothing but the truth my friend, you no longer need a source that will destroy your future. But you need the right sources that will give you hope and faith of success. You need someone or books that will inspire and motivate you. Consider changing your source if you are always feeling low about yourself. If you don't learn anything that improve your life, please change that source. You owed to start reading books that will inspire you. Stories that will improve your life for the betterment. You also owed to listen to interesting people that will empower you. Start associating yourself with the right sources that will give you right knowledge about you. Why? So that you can start having the right believe about yourself. Its amazing to realize that you have spent almost 15, 18 or 25 years believing the wrong things about yourself. You believed that you are not a genius. You, yes you reading this book now, you believed that you are not a good material of distinctions. Do you know why I wrote this book? To correct you with your wrong beliefs about yourself. That's why I tell you that stop wasting time living

by the wrong beliefs. You can get distinctions and you will get them starting from now. Believe you can and you can, you will. When I carefully read my bible it tells me good news about you and me that you need to know. It says, **nothing is impossible if you believe.** And that's a pure truth, **nothing is impossible if you believe.** Forget about your cultural psychology and start being effective by your belief. **Believe! Believe! Believe that you can and you can my dear.**

Restructuring your distinctions mentality.

Most of learners are timid. My girlfriend call them passive. To be passive means to not be active or effective. It implies that you stay away from responsibilities and you avoid engaging yourself in the studies. Think about your classmates a little bit. Are they not passive? Are you getting distinctions? That is to be passive? And trust me dear, passivity is the results of training. Is no natural to be ignorant. Is not natural to be passive. You have been trained to not exercise your spirit of distinctions. You were trained to be irresponsible. You have been trained to be ineffective in your studies. Whoever they are, your bad friends, some of your teachers and some of you is even your own parents. "Why are you always reading my child. You want books to make you crazy. You should not read too much or otherwise you are going to be insane", your parents or siblings say to you. "You are crazy friend, why not buying some clothes instead of buying a book. Why not buying beer instead of a book", your beloved best

friends said. “ You know that you will never get 90% in Mathematics or in science”, some of your teachers said to you. All these things are the spirit of distinctions aborting from our culture and society. That is the training of passiveness I am talking about. You now believe that you are a dom or slow learner because of these trainings. Is now hard for you to believe that you can get 100% in all your examinations. Over my lifelong learning I have come to realize that if you want to become a genius that you were meant to be, disbelieve all the beliefs you have got from your culture. Find the new philosophies, ideologies and views of approaching life. Find a new ways of going to your destiny. Because if you can stuck with your old mentalities and beliefs from your culture, no luck will ever come in your life. Find new sources to be a genius. For example, reading all the books of getting distinctions is one of the best way to get into the new world. Let me give you few of them which I wrote, becoming a genius, The art of getting distinctions, The Architects of true love, Realising your distinctions ability within you, releasing your distinctions and maximizing your distinctions. Get motivated by all means. That is to restructure your mentality into the world of distinctions. Watch inspiring movies. Listen to positively minded people. The reason why a seed on a tile floor cannot bring fourth a tree is because is not connected to the right source. That’s why you find it difficult to get distinctions because the people you keep company with are like tile floor and you are a seed. **Reconnect yourself to the right source to have the spirit of distinctions.**

Chapter principles

- Your mentality determines your distinctions
- Be careful what you feed your mind
- Positive mind is essential in getting distinctions
- Trust and believe in yourself
- You need no teacher or lecturer to be a genius
- The potential that you are wasting will cost you in getting distinctions

Understand your distinctions spirit

You cannot change what you avoid and you cannot improve your marks when you don't want to start working.

The big mistake that we make as learners is the need of distinctions for nothing. We want to excell in our studies without work. We really want the wealth of distinctions with plenty of work. That's destroying us as contemporary students. The graveyard of distinctions spirit is the thinking of getting distinctions for nothing. Attainment of distinctions without effort is really leading us in darkness.

Attainment of distinctions without effort is leading us in darkness.

We are having the youth that are living in the world of senselessness. This is because most of the youth's lives today are not making sense when you can think for yourself. As millennium generation we have normalized the attitude and mentality of gaining something for nothing. For example, most of our present generations want to have lot of money without work. That is why the crime rate is so high in our country. This is because of the attitude that is

deeply rooted in our youth of wanting things for nothing. In today's world when you are working for anything that you really want to get it, you are considered as stupid or an idiot according to present generation. Most of my contemporary youth would say, you are suffering. I can't stop the tears that fall down from my eyes as I think about this. I keep asking myself, where are we going as millennium? Is our country going to have true future leaders? If the answer to this question is yes, then is obvious that our future leaders will be irresponsible. Nevertheless, what makes me to become even more sick is because of the fact that this irresponsibleness attitude among our youths has become normal even in their studies. We all can get distinctions as students and this includes you reading this book now but we have a little problem. Most of us will never get them and they will even decide to dropout because of having no luck of distinctions. Do you know why? Because of expecting to get distinctions without work. If ever you think you will ever get distinctions without exerting no effort, you are not in touch with reality. That's why I wrote this book to you. To tell you that get it right baby. Never again expect any distinctions without any work.

Where do our problem lay.

First of all I think this lackadaisical attitude amongst our youth derive from our society and culture. Mostly, it comes from most of our parents. Parents condition the youth to expect things for nothing. For example, they buy a child a

luxury car without requiring him or her to work first. They always give our youth money without demanding them to work for that money. That's the killing of our young people yet they call it "love". Like really "love", wow! I like the way they even pronounce it. But the truth is that it is not love as they say, that's hatred. Why? Because they train us to be irresponsible lately. They condition us to not work for anything but to expect something. And that condition is still real in our academic field. The reason why matric 2020 class had decided to plagiarize is because of this laziness attitude which came from our parents. Because they didn't work hard(study hard) before writing examination, they decided to copy. Now the government was suggesting to make them rewrite that examination. What a tragedy! Laziness does not have any good luck. In fact, poverty of distinction is the result of laziness.

Our state in other hand somehow perpetuate this laziness attitude among our young generation. They promise us to get wealth without work. On televisions, radios and newspapers they advertise the games that convince us that we will get rich without any work. For example, lottery is a game promising wealth without work. No one will ever be successful with gambling even if they win once. They will always be poor. Permanent laziness guarantee permanent poverty. This attitude of laziness is normalized in every sphere of our lives as you would recall. And we think is normal. That's why we don't see any mistake or problem when fighting for what we have not worked for. That's why many of our youth are stealing. Crime is caused by one's attitude of expecting things without work. And

because most of us in our country are so religious, we think is a satanic or devil spirit. We think Satan has arrived in our country. That's not true. That's a proof that we avoid the real truth by being too spooky and spiritual unnecessary. And perhaps the sad part about it is that we are not doing anything about it. As nation I think we are reaping what we saw. That's why we don't need more prayers to stop this but we need to start to be effective and take charge of the problem. Let me put it then that there is no demon that cause crime in our country. It is the wrong conditioning that our youth has been conditioned. That's why we have to change this conditioning as nation if we don't like it. Until we do something about it, no prayers will ever end crime in our country. As a school learner you will never reach your dream if you can continue with the attitude of laziness. There is no luck in education. Luck is the product of work. Donald Trump has said something which we need to understand and start living with as millennium learners. He mentioned that, the harder I work, the luckier I get. **Work prioritize and maximize your distinctions.** I pray that you can understand and capture this spirit of distinctions as a high school learner or University student. Without work there will be no luck of distinctions.

Work prioritize and maximize your distinctions

I used to have a thought. What I really mean is that I always thought about the thoughts. I thought of many

distinctions that you can get if you can stop expecting things for nothing. If you can stop expecting distinctions without work. I can't wait to see your face when you receive your results of examinations. The ability and the capacity to start working is already there within you. You already possess it, but the problem is you haven't yet exercised it. You haven't yet used it. You can start that book from chapter one to the last chapter without any teacher. You can read those notes and understand them. You can study those numbers and get 95% in examinations. All those structures in Life Sciences and Geography you can memorize them and get distinctions in life sciences or Geography. So my simple question is, why don't you start now to exercise that ability and capacity within you and get distinctions? Notice that your future is more important than your friends or teachers. Be in charge of your studies. Let me say it again, **be in charge of your life**. Take charge of your life. And this can only be possible if you can believe that you can and you can. Your belief system determines your life. We have already discussed the belief in the previous chapter. Start now to prioritize and maximize your distinctions. Until you start working, distinctions will just be a dream. Don't forget, dreams without plans is just a waste of time.

Distinctions without work are impossible

We have to understand that distinctions spirit is inherent within you. It is what you were born with it. No question about that. It is your ability to understand the content. It is

your capacity to study as hard as you can. **To become the best, try all your best.** Be careful not to forget this principle. We all have this distinctions spirit. Our manufacture actually injected that distinctions spirit within every 1, 2 billion student. The power and intelligence to get distinctions in all your subjects is already there within you. The strength and stability to start preparing for your distinctions is already there within you and it will always be there. I was not born getting distinctions. I was just like you. I used to get 30% and 50% and be excited that I have passed. And at that time I didn't realized that I was stupid. Imagine being extremely excited for getting 50%. What a shame! In fact, I thought I was smart because I was above most learners in my class. **Success in education is not measured by what you have got compared to what others have got but is measured by what you have got compared to what you should and could have got in examination.** I was an idiot because I compared myself with others and not with my ability. It was when I met a best friend of mine which is myself. That's where I have started to compared myself with the examiner. To easily get distinctions, work hard to know everything that the examiner might asses you with. I met myself and myself told me that, no Gift, you are competing with the wrong people. These people you are competing with are not worth to be competed with. And I asked myself why? And he said, because you have already bitten them before entering the examinations room. Myself said, Gift, the only person that you should compete with is the one who set the examination or test. You will become dangerous if you can also discover this fact. **Compete with the examiner**

not your classmates. They are not worthy to be competed with. They will limit your potential and ability to get distinctions. They will make you a mediocre student. They will make you lackadaisical. And you are not that. You don't have to be that. You should not be that. Start working hard and you shall rejoice your distinctions. Distinctions are easily obtainable with hard work. Abraham Lincoln mentioned that, if I had eight hours to chop down the tree I'd spend six hours sharpening my axe. I didn't understand him before but I stuck to this thought because it sound nice. I later on got his point. He was telling us as learners that we must spend most of our time studying so that when we get into examination we will find it simple to get distinctions. Study hard you will spend less time putting distinctions on an answer sheet in examination.

Where the problematic initiate about ineffective students.

We have already learned some of the societal and economic causes of our ineffectiveness as students. Now there are still more sources that perpetuate and eradicate the initial of the development of our lackadaisical attitude. First of all we have to understand that our society and cultural psychology will never produce genius. It will never connect us from our real selves of being intelligent, wise and effective. In fact, it depress us from not being who we are. What they do is they take us out of good products, first of all by their shallow ideas, contaminated

philosophies, by giving us erroneous information about humanity which they believe is right, by their teachings and conditioning as well as their training. For example, when I grew up, I was never told that a real man read. A real man study. A real man must be educated. But instead I was told the opposite to education. Yet I was told, trained and conditioned that real man look after the cattle's. I was told a real man must have children. These are common erroneous philosophies from most of our cultures as blacks. And these philosophies were taught every black young man just like me. Now most of us we are afraid to study. That's why most of us youth find it better to buy a beer and drugs than to buy a book. Because we have not conditioned and mentally trained to study. We enjoy looking after our parent's goats, cattle's and sheep's but we don't enjoy studying. And of course our erroneous cultural psychology has took over our lives for atrociousness. And this is true because now teenage pregnancy is skyrocketing. Most black youth are dropping out from school and that cause high rate of unemployment. The more youth become illiterate, the more unemployment rate will increase. The economy and societies in general are now in serious and shocking crisis because of the psychological training and conditioning from our culture. The reason why you don't like to study your academic studies but you enjoy studying texts on social media is because of the training that you were given from your culture. The reason why you can't buy a book but you can buy some beers and drugs is because of the training and conditioning that you were given. Some of us students like praying too much than studying too much yet they expect to get distinctions.

That's impossible my dear. My question to you which was also a question to me years ago was, are you still going to continue living with your cultural psychology? **Whatever you allow you cannot criticize. And whatever you tolerate you will never change.** Do you know how I decided to be a genius? I defied every philosophy, idea and training that I was given from my culture. I have renewed my mind. I have learnt some new concepts, philosophies and beliefs about me. I have mentally trained to become educated educationally. That's why I have 37 distinctions at University because that's what my new culture allows me to do. My new culture allows me to always be the best I can. That's why I wrote almost 10 books and my message and advice to write this books to you is simple. To invite you to come into my new world of getting distinctions. Check the people you live with. Is the information that they filled you with right? Why do you believe what you believe? Are your beliefs true? If yes, why not getting distinctions? Our problem is that we listen to people who are not worthy to be listened and trusted. We seek advices and guidance from failures in life. You can never get the right information which will produce your beliefs from a failure. Don't forget, your belief is the source of your life. Therefore, whatever belief or mentality that does not help you in life, change it. Forget about it. Start living with the new ones that will take you towards your destiny. The ones that will make you effective not passive. And this message goes to every learner and student who want to start getting distinctions. Notice, life is about making great decisions. That's why T.D Jack's even wrote a book entitled, *before you do*. I salute him for solving this problem of not making

great decisions In life as human. Please I encourage you to read the book if you have not yet read. I now challenge you to question all the beliefs and thoughts and ideas that you have about yourself. Question all the perspectives and views that you have about life. Are they making you to become a genius or are they making you to become a dom? Are they taking you to prosperity or poverty? Are those beliefs, thoughts and ideas that you have going to make you successful or suffering in future? No one can think for yourself except you. Let me say it in simple and clear term: **Think for yourself. Be strong and capture the spirit of distinctions. And lastly, renew your mind for the betterment.**

Never again entertain the training of passivity because...

Let me set up this clear so that you could understand. **Deeply rooted in the heart and mind of every learner, there is countless distinctions.** But the sad part is that most of our contemporary students will never obtain them. Why? Because they still living in the old days. They are new generation with old mentalities. And that fact is what automatically limit their capacity and ability to get distinctions. Yes, education is free but not exactly. I went to University and studied psychology for four years. I did not had the courage and passion to study my academic books. I didn't had the love and confidence of studying at first. When I thought about studying, I was bored and I rather go to WhatsApp or Facebook to chats. Book! They

were boring me just like they do to you. One day when I was listening to the radio. I heard them talking about the book of Donald Trump's, Think like a champion. I became fascinated in it and I went looking for it. I found it in a bookshop and the prize was R200.00. I didn't had anything on that time and in my pocket I was having only R20 to buy a spatlo. The day was dry. I went back home and I started hustling for it and I got that two hundred rand within two weeks. If you seriously want anything, work for it and then you will get it. I went back to the bookstore and buy that book. Remember I had all my academic books but I couldn't study them because of lack of motivation, inspiration and courage to study them. There comes an educational book of Mr Trump. It filled me with the love and courage and passion of being effective in life. It pushed me to get many distinctions. I therefore, take educational books like a petrol in a car. A car cannot function properly without petrol so as a learner cannot get distinctions without educational books. This book is your petrol which will make you get distinctions. That's why I also recommend you other educational books that can help you excell. The list is below:

Becoming a genius

Know and understand your distinctions leadership

The Architects of true love

Realizing the distinctions ability within you

Releasing the distinctions within you

Maximizing your distinctions

Dedication to distinctions

Lockdown is nothing, get distinctions and progress

The art of getting distinctions in your examination

Get all your distinctions and get out of the school

All these sources are capable of reconnecting a learner to the distinctions spirit. It is my firm believe that as learners we lost our distinctions spirit and the spirit of distinctions because we separated ourselves to the right sources. The above books we mentioned are great sources that will definitely and surely brings you back into the world of distinctions. I told you my story for a reason. I didn't had the love and boldness of studying academic books but educational books transformed me to have the love and passion of studying academic book. And I survived because I am now a genius and I love studying everyday because of educational books that you are afraid to buy. I repeat, education is free but not exactly. You have to invest in your ability and potential of greatness. The reason why most of us students we fail to get distinctions is because we are ineffective. We are passive. And our passivity is actually caused by our ignorance of not getting the right information that will connect us to ourselves. Again, we entertain the training of passivity because we allow negative information into our head. You can no longer afford to get lower marks in examinations or tests. That's why you have to restore your broken distinctions spirit.

Restore your broken distinctions spirit

Is extremely fascinating to realize that we are all living below our potentials as learners. We are living less than what we could live. In other words we haven't yet saw yourself. We saw the fake one. The self you displayed for the past years is not the real you. It's a copy or an imitation one. Why am I saying this? Because your real self get 80% every time he writes examinations. Your true self get 90% when she write examinations. Your real self love books. Is a conscious reader. Is a meticulous versatile learner of striving to be versed. Your real self is a genius, a wise and intelligent learner. But that contradict to who you have become so far. I repeat. Your culture and society will never make you who you really are. Because your culture and society does not produce genius but it produces slow learners. That's why everytime your parents go to shopping they ask you which clothes or cellphone can I buy for you but not which books can we buy for you. They are sponsoring you to be academically ignorant. And you are. Which means they have won you. " yes! She will never get distinctions. We finally successfully convince her to be a dom", your culture said. That's why you need new lifestyle, attitude, mindset, beliefs, ideas and philosophies to introduce yourself to yourself. To restore the broken distinctions spirit. My geniusness became unveiled when I rejected all the information my culture and society have told me about me. Personally, am free. I am now free to spend my money on books instead of alcohol. I buy some books for myself so that I can empower myself. I keep company with people who really take me to my destiny. I

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watch movies that take me to my destiny. To restore your broken distinctions spirit sponsor your potential, ability or power to read books. Abraham Lincoln mentioned that, the things I want to know are books. And I understand him. He was telling us let us invest on educational books for meditation of knowledge which will always give us distinctions. Let no society or culture again psychologically oppress or suppress you. Be an open book to always welcome new productive ideas and philosophies. Can in please repeat myself? **Always be open to receive new information that will take you to the highest positions.** That is called restoration of broken distinctions spirit.

You are a genius, no question about that.

Whatever is inherent in you will never be taken or destroyed by any human. What God has injected, no human can take it out. When God has said, no human can reverse those words. Tiger Woods is a genius in playing golf . The culture had disconnected him to his inherent geniusness. He lost self-discipline, self- motivation and actualization. And he became ineffective in his genuine geniusness of playing golf. Stay focus to your studies if you don't want your culture to disconnect you from your distinctions. Dedicate to your studies. Let me repeat please, **dedicate to your studies.** The sponsors abandoned him and has obviously disconnected to his true self of being a genius in playing golf. In other words he lost his distinctions spirit. Last time I heard him saying he was back to his real self. That's why the coaches and sponsors

want him back. No matter what your culture had told you that disconnected you to your distinctions. You still have the distinctions spirit inside of you. Your distinctions will never die or destroyed by anyone. Just like Tiger Woods, get back to your real self and start getting distinctions.

Let me also explain this to you by taking a mango seed again. A mango seed has in it, a mango tree that has mangos in it right? When you can put a mango seed on a tile floor, will mango tree no longer existing inside of the seed? The answer: No. Did the tile floor destroyed a tree in a mango seed? Big No. That's why your distinctions will never be destroyed by your erroneous cultural psychology. You still can get distinctions starting from today. You still can study hard and understand the content. You still have that power and intelligence of striving to your distinctions. Solemnly, I am not questioning whether the geniusness is existing within you. I am sure of that. Inside of you is a DNA of geniusness and intelligence. What am question is, will we ever see that genius in you? That's why to exercise your distinctions spirit, get back to the right source.

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Get back to the right source

When you can take that mango seed on a tile floor and connect it to a fertile soil. The mango seed will definitely and excellently bring forth the mango tree. Why? Because it is related to the right sources. To become a genius relate yourself to the right sources. Start reading books that will take you to your dream. Associate yourself with the right

people. Listen the right radio programs. Watch movies that will inspire you towards your dream. Those are the right sources that you can relate to. We are also familiar with other books that we can relate to as to regain our geniusness back. In other word, start to be in charge of your life. **Be in charge of your life.** No marks will ever rise in your examinations until you get back to the right source. Just like a mango seed which can spend 15 years on a tile floor and never bring forth the mango tree with mangos. You will never get distinctions until you reconnect yourself to the right sources.

It was created to be used

As I consciously read my bible it amazes me that most of us attend churches every Saturday and Sunday but then we don't really understand God's word. We go to the so called assembly everyday before we get into our perspective classes in our schools saying we pray God to be with us in our studies, but then it seems like God is not with us even though we pray him at assembly. Why am I saying this? Because as learners from our black race we like to pray, we love to attend churches but the sad truth which is in reality is that we don't do what God request us to do. In fact, we love to pray God but we are against God's words. We misunderstood God's idea for creating us. And our misunderstanding was by the misconception. Yes, we missed the concept when God was speaking to us in the constitution of distinctions (bible). That's why most of us youth and most of our elders our lives do not improve

even though we are church goers. That's why most of us find it difficult to get distinctions in examination. Why? Because we listen God's words every day from different teachers and preachers but we really don't understand it. We don't hear God's words yet we listen to them. Two different things. Hearing is more important than listening because hearing has to do with understanding the concept. That's why even though we have God's words but God's words do not transform us. In other words, we have God's information but not God's intention. In fact, God's words are not only for information but also for transformation. And for one to have transformation he or she must first understand the intention. The bible was documented to improve our lives. It was designed to make us progress in our lives. It was created to help us succeed in our daily endeavours. I am a genius. And my geniusness came from the laws of God. The laws of God is what we normally call it a bible. The bible is called the laws of God because it contains the laws from God which can help you to become a genius. These laws can make you regain and start exercising your distinctions spirit. I want to share with you the chapter that God initiated the bible with and that have changed my life for the betterment. Let's go and learn about this chapter which made me a genius. What I like about this chapter is that it is universal which means it can work for anyone at anytime everywhere. Your geniusness is hidden inside this verse.

*And God said, Let us make man in our own likeness and image and let them have **dominion** over the earth(Genesis 1: 26)*

This is the only perfect chapter in the bible that tells us the intention why God created us. I love this chapter because ever since It gave me God's intention about my life, I was relieved from doing unnecessary things. It has set me free from getting lower Mark's In examination. That's why I always get distinctions every time I write test or examinations. Why? My answer is in the verse above. That's why we must review the verse so that you can also discover your geniusness inside you. **Your brain was created to be used properly, don't forget that fact.**

First of all, God said let us make **man....** When I research the word man in this verse it does not refers to manhood, it does not refer to male or a boy. No, that's not what the word refers to. The word man in this chapter is from a Hebrew word, ish. The word ish refers to male and female. It also refers to species which came into two models, male and female or boy and girl. God called us all man. Is like for example, we call all cats, cats. We call all dogs, dogs God call all of us man(boys and girls). We are all man in the face of our creator. Here is the original statement of God, " let us make boys and girls..." understand?

He also said,.. in our own **likeness and image.** The word "likeness" refers to the characteristic. God wanted us to have the **same characteristics** that he has. Therefore God want us to function just like him. God is not a failure. He created the earth and heaven and he did not fail in creating them. He created plants, animals and mountains and he did not failed in creating them. That means you must also not be a failure. God worked six days and relaxed in the

seventh day. That means God Is a hard worker. You must also be a hard worker. Have God's characteristics. **Function like God.** Until you do that you don't believe in God. To believe simply means to have faith. So when you say you believe in God, it simply means you have the faith to be a genius according to God's words. In other words, you cannot say you believe in God and deny to do what God require you to do. You cannot reject God's commandment and say you believe in God. Likewise, you truly believe in God when you start functioning like him. God made sure that he excell in everything he did. **Make sure you excell in every subject or module you write in examination.** Do you know why God made sure that he is excellent in his work? Because he knows that excellent is always better than good. To properly and clearly apprehend the chapter chunk by chunk. Let's write the original meaning of the chapter from the begging.

And God said, let us make students(boys and girls) in my own characteristics and personality....”

God created us as students to work hard, to excell and to be top learners. That's why he is staying in heaven. And this is true because when you pray you say, our father who is where? In heaven. And you went further by saying, thy kingdom come where? On earth. The implications here is that you should take God's characteristics who is in heaven and live with them on earth. God is a hard worker. **Work hard.** God is always striving for excellent. **Do all your best and be the best.** That is your intention why God created you as a high school learner or University student.

Stop thinking that God want you to fail or be slow learner. He want us to get 90% and 100% in our subjects and modules. God cannot demand what he didn't inject. He already knows that those percentages are there in you. Did he tell us how to get those distinctions? Yes! He told us. Let's go and find out.

God's commission of how to get distinctions.

It's amazing to realize that most of learners and students don't want to work hard in their studies but they say they believe in God. They say, they have accepted Jesus Christ as their lord but they fail to function like him. I was amazed just like you by what Jesus did. He raised the dead, healed the diseases, walk on water, turned water into win, help the blind man to see and help those with demons by casting them out(see Luke chapter 11). Even Jesus Christ was a hard worker. To survive with distinctions in the kingdom of God, hard work is inevitable. Let's please check Genesis again. There are no teachers, no lecturers, no principals, no circuit manager, no president, no classprefect and there is no tutor. And God said, this is good. He is telling us that we can get distinctions without teachers, principals, lecturers and tutors. And of course we can. I saw this truth practically because I have a degree in psychology and I obtained it without a teacher. I was my own teacher, lecturer and principal. **Start now to follow God's request and get distinctions without a teacher.** In the verse that started our discussion. God ended by saying, .. and let them have **dominion**. He is telling us how

to get distinctions. The word, dominion, is from a Hebrew word called raddah. The word raddah means to manage, to master, to control, to memorize, to practice, to work hard and to lead. It is a powerful word indeed. That is what God says we must do to get distinctions. How to get distinctions? By managing your studies, by mastering the content, by memorizing the structures, by practicing those numbers and by leading the class with highest marks. God says, if any learner do that, he or she will be what we normally call a genius. All geniuses follow God's strategy of getting distinctions. My girlfriend is one of the geniuses studying science courses. She follows the same strategy of God. I asked one of my professors one day, how did you become successful. He told me the same strategy of God. You become genius when you start applying God's strategy of how to get distinctions. It is now perfect time to paraphrase the whole chapter ever since we have unpack each word.

Paraphrasing God's instructions of how to get distinctions.

You attend church every Sunday or even Saturday. Most of your posters does not give you God's intention for creating you. What they always bombard you with is God's information. For example, " we should pray God. Jesus Christ will show you the miracles if you don't quit praying him. God all mighty, the father of heaven and earth is powerful. We must look up to him, halleluiah!", your posters said. I really love this gospel but I don't prefer it

because I am no longer a religious member but a citizenship. Can these kind of preaching true about God? That's why they have trained you to pray too much and not study too much. The greatest activist and American philosopher, Martin Luther king Jr. Said these words and I like what he said. He said, "Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and **what I can do** and use it for a purpose greater than myself ". He was asking God to give him his intention why he created him not information. That's what you should pray for as a learner. But anyhow there is no need to pray for that anymore because I have found one for you. He tell us our intention as learners in our academic fields. He say:

And God said, let us make students in our own characteristics and personality and let them master, control and manage their studies on earth(Genius 1: 26).

This is your purpose (original intent) why God created you.

Can I then proclaim some shocking statements to you dear? Let's go through them.

Proclamation of some shocking statements.

Its amazing to know that out of 100% of human on earth attending churches and praying God only 5% understand God's words. Amongst all our contemporary students or learners that we have in the world more especially in South Africa, only 5% understand God's words. The fact that our

parents are religious members does not mean that we really understood God's words. The fact that we grew up going to churches does not necessarily mean that we understand God's words. And of course this is truth because we are not getting distinctions in our studies even though we attend churches and our parents are members of religious organizations. We are lazy. We are not effective. We don't want to learn new things. In fact, we don't want to change for the betterment. Why? Because we are religious members who don't understand God's word. We are religious members who have God's information but not transformation. God's words contradict with any of our attitude towards education. For example, we know that God is love. That's information that we have about God. But we don't have the **love** for studying. That's the transformation that we lack most of us religious members especially in South Africa. The fallen nation has resulted from misunderstanding of God's words. The failure of a learner has resulted from the misunderstanding of God's words by the learner. That's why to never again be a victim of failure and distracted future, we have to understand the following statements: Even though they might be shocking but read them consciously and understand them.

1. God did not created a learner to attend church, surprise!
2. He did not created you to pray, surprise!
3. He did not created you to sing worship songs, surprise!
4. He did not created you to entertain demons, surprise!
5. God did not created you to be lazy, surprise!

Why did God created a learner? The answers are found in Genesis 1:26. He created us to become geniuses. He created us to get the highest Mark's. He created us to excell in our studies. And the most important thing that God created us is to have **dominion**. Its amazing to realize that most of us religious members have turned God's words ups and down. Instead of studying too much, we pray too much. Instead of working hard, we are lazy. In other words, we call ourselves the sons of God but we are working for Satan. That's why we get lower Marks and we end up dropping out from school. The devil is impressed because we were working for him unconsciously while attending churches. And sad part is that we end up indulging ourselves in drugs and alcohol abuse, no more church again. What a tragedy! Let me say it again, a failure of a learner is resulted from a misunderstanding of God's words. However, nothing can set you free than the truth. You now know the truth my dear, start living by it and be a top learner. **Have dominion on your studies. Failure to do that, failure to understand your distinctions spirit and the results will always be fail or lower marks but not distinctions.**

Exercise your distinctions spirit

We are now conscious about how our manufacturer want us to live. We all know the requirements that mandatory by our father who is in heaven from us. We also know the reason(intention) why we were created as learners. Therefore, there is no reason for waiting anymore. We

should start doing what is right for our future. The old adage says, sooner is better than later. And I agree with it. In essence, we are also familiar with the what distinctions spirit is. And don't forget that we have mentioned that the distinctions spirit is your strength, ability, power and your hidden potential to get exceptional marks. I am therefore recommending you to start exercising it. The fallen student has resulted in not exercising your distinctions spirit. If you solemnly want to be a genius, don't hesitate anymore, don't murmur anymore and don't complain anymore. Start exercising your distinctions spirit to get all the distinctions you want. Let's go now go to explore our **spirit of distinctions** in further details in the next chapter. The mindset of who we really are.

Chapter principles

- Exercise your distinctions ability which is your potential to get distinctions.
- Your distinctions spirit was given to you to be exercised.
- Your purpose as a learner is to have dominion in your studies
- Whatever God request you to do something, he knows you can
- Spend much of your energy dominating your studies.
- Whatever you enjoy doing and yet not dominating your studies, you are wasting your time.
- Your job is to study too much not to pray too much

Discovering your spirit of distinctions

Nothing will ever change until your mind changes.

In this chapter I want us to consciously and conscientiously explore our spirit of distinctions so that we can discover it. I have already mentioned to you that, you are born as a genius and you are a genius. But then you have to become one through a process. And the process of becoming a genius that you are is to capture the spirit of distinctions. The mentality of how to get distinctions. Your mind has to be transformed into the world of distinctions so that you could become a genius that you are already. Is like for example, an apple seed is already an apple tree but it must go through the process to actually become a tree. First of all, you must plant it, give it moisture, water, sunlight and fertilizer. The process that the seed has to go through to become a tree which is already is, we call it germination. In this chapter you will be germinated to become a genius that you are already. However, we have to understand that the fallen student has resulted in lacking of the spirit of distinctions. That's why you have to be familiar with the tragedy of your disconnection from your spirit of distinctions.

The tragedy of losing your spirit of distinctions.

Why do you fail your examinations? Because you lost your spirit of distinctions. When students lost their Spirit of distinctions, the results was spiritual, physical and most of all psychological decline. That is why you find it hard to get distinctions. That is why you think is impossible to get hundreds percents in all subjects or modules. Learners were disconnected from their spirit of distinctions which will enable them to get distinctions. How? By wrong conditioning, training and teaching. Our culture and society more especially black race have been conditioned and trained us to not studies. We have been trained by most of our parents to not even think about reading except when we are at school. That's why we are more interested in feeding our stomach but not our minds. That is why we are more interested in investing for our bodies not our minds. Whatever you invest physically will not last but what you invest psychologically last forever. I have talked to so many parents of us learners as blacks. When I talk to them about buying a book to their children, the mood become tense, irritating and frustrating. They are not excited about wanting to buy a book for their children but then when you start talking about buying fashions clothes or food like big mag, KFC or chicken liken they are totally on heat by the topic and they love it. They even ask about the shops that you can buy those clothes or food. What a tragedy! The atrocious conditioning and training of not studying is killing us as future generation. I have three big brothers. I one day asked my second brother to buy me

some books and I gave him the list of the books that he should buy and the name of stores to get the books. He didn't want to buy them for me. I remember it was my second semester and I even failed the module because of not having any textbook to read. Be careful even the people you trust can destroy your future unconsciously. I like farming and I used to practice subsistence farming in the back yard of my home. I then asked the very same brother to buy me some seeds and I told him I want to start farming. He bought those seed within two day and he never forgot buying them. And the only seeds I asked for was of cabbage. But to my surprise he bought the ones for cabbage, beetroot, spinach and carrots within two day. The brother care a lot about my academic life right? That is the biggest challenge that we are facing as black race. As blacks we are more about survival than we are about becoming geniuses. We are hardly and forcefully pressed to not study but to be slaves. We are sponsored to be idiots not intelligent. You go to shopping centre or to mall with your parents and they ask you which clothes can we purchase for you? Which restaurant can we buy food for you? But they never ask you which book can we buy for you? That's why even today we are not in love with studying. We think studying occurs only when we are going to write examinations or tests. That is disconnection from your spirit of distinctions. You find studying hard but smoking easy. You find reading hard but dating easy. Why? Because you have been disconnected from your spirit of distinctions. And because you have been disconnected from your spirit of distinctions, you obtain 10% in examinations but not 100%. You are satisfied when you

get 40% but not 80%. Our academic performance is drastically poor because of our disconnection from our spirit of distinctions. We end up dropping out from school because we are always failing. That's why illiterate youth are countless in our country. Dropout from school are also countless. Unemployment rate among youth is skyrocketing. Lack of **knowledge**, skills and experience is present to our young people. All these are the result of a learner losing the spirit of distinctions. The fallen student has resulted in the loss of the spirit of distinctions. Let me repeat it, your failure initiated when you were disconnected from your spirit of distinctions. Whatever you don't like as a learner you have to change it. And you cannot change what you ignore. Remember, ignorance is the father of failure. Renew your thinking to easily capture your spirit of distinctions which will always give you distinctions in examination.

Your mentality determines your distinctions destiny.

It is a refreshing reminder that when we talk about **the spirit of distinctions**, we are talking about your mentality. Your mentality controls the way you respond to your studies. Therefore, the marks that you obtain in tests and examinations are the product of your mentality. And that means if you are not satisfied with your marks, then two things have to be done. First of all, your mind has to be changed and the second thing is that your source needs to be changed also. Your source is where you get information

from. This need to be changed as soon as possible because sooner is better than later. There is nothing in your life that can bless your life or curse your life like a source. Your source is the foundation of your life because it creates your mentality which determines your future. Whether you pass or fail in life is because of the source. Why is the source a vivid, vivacious and vigorous thing that you have ever experienced in life? Because it gives you information that you conceive and turn into ideas. All the ideas that you possess initially comes from your source and the minute you conceive those ideas they turn into thoughts. Your thoughts derived from your ideas. And therefore, when you conceive those thoughts they produces your belief system. That means all the things that you believe are the conceived thoughts which comes from your ideas. In essence, your life is your philosophy and your philosophy is your belief system. Failure in life begin when one include the negative source in his life. And this is because he or she start to live with erroneous philosophy and he thinks is right while is wrong. For example, you believe that you are not a genius because someone has told you that you are a dom. Some of your teachers, friends or even worse your parents have told you that you are not good enough to get distinctions. You are still living with that wrong believe about you and the worse part is that you think that, that wrong believe is right. That's why you don't trust yourself that you can get 95% in examinations. You think you are not good students to study maths and science. You think accounting is difficult. Your wrong philosophy about academic is not only making you lazy but also killing you. Whatever you believe in and is drastically destroying your

future, you have to reject it and insert a new one. Which means you have to reconsider changing your sources for the betterment. The spirit of distinctions has more to do with a positive mind than a negative mind. Let me say it again, **you have to start thinking positive about education and yourself.** Until you condition and train your mentality for betterment, your distinctions destination will hardly ever be achieved. That's why you must reject all the negative opinions your teachers have told you about you. You can get distinctions. You are intelligent. You are smart and you are a genius. Not because you have failed last year or last term does it mean that you are a slow learner. Not because you have failed a test or examinations doesn't mean that you are a slow learner. You just had a bad day, that's all. Martin Luther once said," it is not what is happening around you that matters but what matters most is what is happening inside of you". Don't ever again, let anyone make you feel low about yourself and give up on education. I therefore, consider a genius as a learner who see his or her distinctions that nobody else see. That is why geniuses normally decide to reject anyone's opinions about them. Be that way in the school that you attend. The spirit of distinctions is born when you believe in the unknown and strive to make them into reality. That leads us to the qualities of a genius.

Qualities of a genius.

In remembrance of my lifelong learning of psychology, I have discovered that nothing can make a person

successfully except, a passion. I therefore, regard a passion as an incubator of energy to success. Without a passion distinctions will just be a dream. That's why you should possess or develop the following qualities to become a genius. You have to be passionate about your studies. No subject or module should be approached without a passion. What is a passion? Let's take a more holistic and ballistic definitions of passion in more details.

Passion is a driving force of geniuses that constantly energize distinctions motivation.

Passion is the force that you put on your studies to understand the content.

Passion is a discipline that goes together with conviction about the studies.

Passion is an intensive consideration of one's academic studies to obtain distinctions.

Passion therefore has to do with internal motivation that one give himself/herself about his studies.

It has more to do with psychological fight that one has to fight from criticism, oppression and disappointment.

Passion is the perseverance that one maintain even if things don't seem to get into place.

Most learners are just living and studying yet there is no passion in them. But geniuses have passion. They do not make a mistake of spending the whole day without

studying anything. They do not sleep without studying. My girlfriend one day asked me,” baby! How do you manage passing with distinctions and writing books at the same time? Are you not getting tired? I said, “ look my love, I will only get tired the day a bird can get tired of flying”. In other words, when you have a passion for your studies, you gain authentic power. Passion force you to study even if you don’t want. It give you the love of studying. It makes you enjoy studying. Your passion is the container of your distinctions. Is the energy drink that comes naturally. The key to your distinctions is maintaining of your passion. The implications here is that, always strive to be at the top and **never, never give up** until what is right is done.

The second quality that geniuses possess is the, **conviction**. We have to be convicted to get distinctions. That means the belief that you are a genius have to go deeper even no one believes that, but you still believe that alone. Even if everybody see you as a dom or slow learner, believe that you are a genius. You are not a genius if you need other people’s approval in your life. If you need people to get approve of you for you to get distinctions, you are not a genius. If you want teachers or friends to praise you before you can get distinctions, you are not a genius and you will never be a genius. Geniuses study hard even when no one is looking at them. Geniuses praise themselves even no one praise them. Independent attitude is the mark of true genius. I repeat: be independent if you want to be a genius. That’s why you must not always expect. What does one mean when he say you must not expect? I mean that you should protect yourself from

being disappointed or hurt. You should not expect your teacher to tell you that you are a good student. What's going to happen to you if they don't? You should not expect a teacher to tell you that, read your books. You have to read even no one has told you to. My editor used to say, reading make a genius. And that's a pure truth that we must not forget. Dr Myles Monroe said, "reading refines one's potential". Another great person who said something important about books is Donald Trump. He said, " every person needs to maintain momentum and momentum is initiated by reading books". These are the best advices that I have ever got in my life. That's why you should not only live to read the books but you should also die for reading book. That is what we linguistically and psychologically call it conviction. By conviction you don't only live for something but you also die for. I can't imagine any single day without studying. Hot or cold. Sun or no sun. Day or night. Summer or Winter, I study. Teacher or no teacher, friends or no friends, I study. **The secret to become a genius is the love of studying.** To become a genius, you have to fall in love with studying your studies. Simultaneously, that tells us to **change! Change!**

The last quality to become a genius is **to be in charge.** Only CEOs in the companies are "in charge" of the companies. They control everything, they manage everything, they master everything and they ensure the progress of the company. Good decisions that will help the companies to succeed are made by CEOs. For the companies to succeed and be at the top is because of the CEOs. Be the CEO of your life, you shall prosper. **The**

essence of getting distinctions is you being “in charge” of your life.

Geniuses are those who are motivated by external positive motivation.

Let me remind you that you already have distinctions inside you. You are already a genius but you must become one. An apple seed is already an apple tree but it must become what is already is which an apple tree with apples. It must go through the process of germination. First of all, it must be planted in a **fertile** soil, it must receive sunlight and it must have water. The reason why you find it difficult to get distinctions is that you are a seed on a tile floor. The friends that you lives with are so negative. Some of your teachers are negative. Even worse some of your family members don't believe in you that you are a genius. There lies your problem. I had the same situation. I was a seed on a tile floor. You had to start fighting mentality to be on a fertile soul. I went out to find the most successful people and I stick to them and partner them. I told myself that I will only listen and believe people who will improve my life not who always depress me. I started reading motivational books from best American writers. I was planted on a fertile soil by reading positive thoughts from American best writers. I listened to great people in the world such as Oprah Winfrey, Elon Musk, Bill Gates and Donald Trump. Start reading books that will make you effective in life. You see that apple seed on a fertile soil need to push through the ground to be seen on the surface. That means

sometimes you have to fight to get distinctions. You have to reject people's negative opinions about you. Sometimes it might be the people you trust, your teachers or your own biological parents, your friends or siblings. Reject their negative thoughts and opinions about you. The bible says, let God be true and every man is a lie. That means no human knows the truth about you except God. And of course this is true because is the only one who created you. Let's further revise this truth with the scriptural evidence that has been written hundred year ago by our creator who knows the truth about us.

*I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, " **plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and future**"(Jeremiah 29:1).*

I am definitely quit sure that you now understand that any negative thoughts that the society can tell you to live with, they must be rejected. Any negative opinions that people have about you should not be taken serious. Don't find it hard to ignore then and reject their negative opinions. You were created not to get 50% but 100%. That's why you must forget about anyone and compete with the examiner. Believe in yourself and motivate yourself, you shall prosper. By strong belief about yourself you shall conquer all the criticism and evil wishes from the society. The word believe is from Hebrew which means pistol. Pistol means faith. Therefore, even though they don't believe that you are a genius, you must have faith that you will get distinctions. Notice, faith without hard work is like a car with a flare tires. That's why it won't take you anywhere. I

agree with Martin Luther king Jr. When he said, “ faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in a grace of God so assured that a man will die a thousand deaths for its sake”. What the guy really meant was, we must have faith and at the same time study hard. He was telling us that we should not give up and lose hope on our studies because of others opinions. I am too faithful when comes to my academic. And my faith really comes from reading motivational books. That’s what you should consider doing if ever you want to have a strong faith that will make you a genius. Read motivational books that are related to your purpose as a school learner. Let me then remind you that your purpose is to get distinctions. Get motivated all the time. For an apple seed to grow fruitfully is always motivated by the fertile soil, sunlight and carbon dioxide. You have to always listen to the motivational speaker. You have a smart phone, turn it into electronic session. Read motivational book. When you can disconnect a plant from its motivation which is a fertile soil, you don’t have to kill it, it will die. You lose the hope, faith and courage of distinctions when you disconnect yourself from motivational books. Your spirit of distinctions depends on the level of motivation that you have about distinctions. In the previous chapter I gave you some of the important sources about distinctions that can take you from zero to hero. Please make sure you read them meticulously and consciously. Your inherent ability requires the transformation of your mentality to easily obtain distinctions. Technically speaking, you need to download new information into your hard drive which is your mentality. Don’t be your own enemy of progress by

ignoring important information. Get motivated to not retire but inspire. This year is the year of distinctions, always be motivated to never lose hope. I am reminded of Martin Luther king Jr. 's words when he said, " when you lose hope, somehow you lose the vitality that keeps moving, you lose that courage to be, that quality to helps you go on in spite of it all". I consider myself as a true lover because I love these words so much. You better love them too for the sake of your distinctions. **Never lose hope in life, no matter what. Keep reading and you shall prosper.** And please don't forget **these** two emphasized phrases. The reason why I uses the word " these" is because I know you have your own phrases. But somehow forget about yours and use **these** ones. **Never lose hope in life, no matter what. Keep reading and you shall prosper.** And I didn't say, keep waiting for the teacher but **keep reading and you shall prosper.** Don't confuse the two. Your life is yours, control your mind where you want to be in life. Start making decisions that will make you prosper.

The evidence of your passion to the purpose (distinctions).

The best author of the first century, Paul is a great guy who exemplify this issue of purpose. In the second later of Corinthians we find a clarifying passage that shows his passion. In this later we find that some people has challenged his right to be an apostle. They attack him, criticizing him, telling him bad words and telling him that

he is an idiot. Your passion to get distinctions will be tested. I repeat, the people around you will test your passion for getting distinctions. Even though he was attacked but he didn't said, I am tired of receiving bad words from people, no. He spiritually and mentally fought them. And he finally won them by faith and belief about himself. **Your geniusness is born when you believe in yourself and have faith you will get distinctions. And again you will only survive your distinctions when you commit yourself to the studies and being in shiftlessness even when they can tell you bad things.** If you find that you are bored or lazy to study, you haven't yet found your passion to distinctions. Why? Because passion is a driving force to distinctions.

Found a desire for distinctions, born the thought to study

Born the thoughts to study, reap the belief of your intelligence

Reap the belief of your intelligence, comes an attitude of studying

Comes an attitude of studying, born an action

Born an action, developing a passion

Developing a passion, reap a habit to study

Reaping a habit to study, having an insatiable appetites to knowledge

Your distinctions are the results of studying everyday.

You become an effective genius when you survive the criticisms you will come across along the way. That's why no opinions of people will make a genius to give up on studying. I remember when I was doing my grade 11. I had a Life Science teacher who was a critic in my life. We had a very interesting relationship with her and I guess that's why I really admired her so much even though I avoided her. When she was in the class, the class was a better place to all student. She had a tendency of making some jokes about me in the class and the class would laugh at me like a foolish person. Don't take your teacher serious if is a critic. And always be aware that critics criticize because they have got time. That's why you must not answer a critic when is talking bad about you. My teacher was a gorgeous and beautiful Life Science teacher yet a critic. I later find out that the classmates began to see me as a stupid and as an idiot learner because of my beautiful beloved teacher. All the classmates started to give the very same attitude that the teacher had given me. To avoid so many problems in your life, befriend your books and forget about anyone. Even though that was the case in the class but what amazes me is that I never give up on studying. Your passion to distinctions will be tested either sooner or later. Geniuses are learners who survive the criticisms or the attack from others. Do you know how I survived the situation? **Never again ignore yourself even if they can judge you. You should not give up on your studies, no matter what.** I am reminded of the poem that I wrote about this subject. The poem is entitled, *no need to fight them back*. It is in the book called, **The Architects of true love, GM Loveness (2020: 6)**. I have paunch the pure truth

about human life. That's why you have to read the poem to understand both your teacher's mind and classmates. Make sure you read it if you haven't yet read it. The fact that both my teacher and classmates gave me an atrocious attitude did not prevent me to get distinctions. Why? Because I was extremely passionate about the distinctions. **Never entertain the possibility of feeble-mindedness by passing lugubriousness of denizens.** In effect, you must not allow people to prevent you from studying by their criticism. "You are stupid, you are ignorant, you will never pass, you distract your future", they say. Do you know why I wrote this book to you dear? To tell you that, **never mind about them.** Just keep moving by studying hard, you will see prosperity is yours. The most important thing in life and education to excel in, is to think positively about yourself and believe in yourself all the time.

The attitudes of a genius

A student without a good attitude is a slow learner (dom)

You are never smart than you think you are if you do not possess the attitude that geniuses possess. Is like telling your professor or teacher that you are smart more than him or her. First of all we have to understand that you cannot learn an attitude in the class. No teacher or lecturer can teach you an attitude. Attitude is an inherent ability and mentality that comes naturally. To me a learner who learn an attitude is a sign that is not a genius. Why? Because when you learn an attitude, you lose yourself. You begin to imitate other people, either your friend or teacher. Let me remind you that imitation is not just fluttering but is foolishness because when you imitate, you are no longer using your mentality and ability to accomplish your distinctions. Can I then put it to you that, no student will ever get distinctions with imitating attitude. Surely, you will discover this truth as we learn more about the attitude of a genius in the following chapters starting by this chapter. That lead me to our first attitude of geniuses that we must have.

Geniuses possess the attitude of initiative.

The distinction is the main dream of a genius and actions is what makes it to be accomplished. You will never get distinctions until you initiate them. In fact, this happens in our everyday life, for you to see your girlfriend, it's an open secret that you call her. For you to check upon your boyfriend, you initiate conducting him. When you cook a meal at home, you initiate. Initiative attitude is the guarantee to get things done. The destination of a genius is distinctions and to achieve his or her destination which is distinctions, he initiate studying. Stop waiting and start studying.

Genuine geniuses possess an attitude of passion.

The separation of a genius and a slow learner is that, a genius is extremely passionate about his studies. He/ she get energy of studying and practicing numbers every day from the love of his academic. Until you love all the subjects that you do, you will never have passion to study. It doesn't matter which subject or course you are busy contemplating. Passion is the by-product of the love of your subjects or modules. There comes our contemporary students, slow learners. The problem with them is because they do not have passion about their studies. They sleep at night without studying. They come to school without studying. They spent the whole weekends without studying not because they don't have study materials but because

they are ignorant. Ignorance is the graveyard of distinctions. Let me say it again loud, **ignorance is the graveyard of distinctions**. Its sound strange but is true because being a slow learner is the evidence of a student 's ignorance. What cause the ignorance? The answer is simple, lack of passion to your studies. The minute you become passionate about your studies, is the time you become a genius. When are you becoming a genius?

Geniuses have an attitude of conviction.

It is appropriate to ask ourselves, what is conviction? We find the answer that conviction is the ability and willingness to die for something or achieve it no matter what. Mariam Webster's dictionary defines it as the quality and ability of striving to achieve a certain purpose. Don't forget our purpose is to get the distinctions. Here Mariam tell us to strive hard to get distinctions. In other word, the attitude of doing our own best is what we need as learners to become excellent. True geniuses forget about anyone and start reading before they sleep. They know when to socialize and when to study. Whether is hot or cold, geniuses don't care. They study. Whether is Friday or weekend. Geniuses really don't care, they study. They are willing to die for their studies. Our late Nelson Mandela is a good example of man with conviction. However, his conviction was on freedom. He was willing to die for his course. Because of his conviction, he didn't care whether they imprison him 25 years or not. What he wanted was to see is black people living with freedom in harmony. You

don't say, last year I have failed and I give up this year. You should not care yet you must continue to study. Your future is more important than your present. It is not what happened around you that matters but is what happens inside you about the situation you face. You don't say, numbers are difficult and am not practicing them. In fact, that's a big lie, numbers are not difficult, the people who study numbers are difficult. Please my dear, don't be difficult to Mathematics again. Be simple and start dying for all your subjects or modules. Conviction is the key to become a real genius.

The attitude of listening meticulously.

I am a Pedi guy originated from Limpopo right? I grew up in a poor place called Setlaboswane and attended my high school at the school known as Mphegolle in the very same place. I remember one day being in the class listening to my science teacher teaching. He was explaining those physical science laws and calculations by my home language but to me it was like he was teaching by Afrikaans which I completely don't understand. I didn't understand anything until the period was over. Can you imagine my home language turning into Afrikaans? Do you know why I didn't understand him? Because I was listening him by the famous skill known as "listening skill". Most of us students fail to understand our teacher's teaching because of our possession of listening skill. As fourth industrial Revolution learners, we no longer need listening skill to consciously understand our teachers yet we need to apply

the skill to listen. Listening skill is the ability to listen to question not to understand. But the skill to listen is the ability to listen to understand and ask where you don't understand. That's what we need to apply more especially during this lockdown time because it will help us to prosper. The problem with listening skill is that you listen to argue and question unnecessary question and you don't listen to understand. The secret to become excellent is to understand the content. And for you to understand the content you must develop the attitude of the skill to listen. I call it the attitude of listening meticulously. **Start applying not listening skill but the skill to listen if you want to be a top learner.**

Possess the attitude of dating with studying.

If I can tell you a little about my girlfriend is that, she is my essence and exquisite excellence of my life. She is not like strawberry but she is a strawberry. I think you are thinking of her colour skin. Don't worry too much my dear. If you want to know her colour skin, just take an empty class, wash it and pour vanilla inside and look at it straight on its surface. You will see her face. Yellow bone is a great flavour. My girlfriend and I grew in the same culture and condition like you are in right now. We were told by our teachers and parents that if you want to excell in your studies, leave boys alone, leave girls alone. They told her book before boys because boys brings babies. Sound familiar? Yes, seven B.s is what they gave her. I in the other hand told to focus on books before girls because

girls prevent one to succeed. I guess you are still told the same. That's how we were raised just like you because we also grew up believing those fallacious philosophies that, books before boys because boys will bring babies. My girlfriend used to believe that but not anymore. I used to believe that with dating I won't get distinctions. I love my teachers and parents who told me that but I don't believe that anymore. Why? Because I always get distinctions while dating my strawberry vanilla. The problem arises when you start dating and forget studying. When you attend dating before starting. For example, when you know that you will be with your boyfriend at 6 am and you don't study before going to meet her. You are definitely wrong. Study before and attend him later. Study before and attend her later. Ever since I dated my bae, I excell even worse because I always make sure that I study hard before going to see her. **You don't need to date without studying.** Dating does not stop studying. To me dating perpetuate studying because you must improve your marks to the highest level to prove your bae that you are a smart girlfriend and vice versa. That's why you must develop the attitude of **dating with studying.** If ever you are dating and you always get low marks with your boyfriend, then your relationship contain slow learner. In fact, it is good to be alone. Please if you experience that situation, stop dating and start studying by being alone. When I was doing my research before I write this book, I went to a boarding school at Johannesburg. When I get there, I interviewed a certain grade 12 learner who was a top learner in that class. I asked her, " what is your secret to become a genius? ". " I always put my studies before anything or anyone". And she went

further by saying," even my boyfriend knows that we study before dating". That's what amazes me. One thing about dating issues with education is that, your bae represents you. For example, when you excell in examinations. Your boyfriend 's name is on the line and the learners start to respect and honour him because of your excellence. When your boyfriend fail, your name is also on the line. Are you going to be respected? That's why you should reconsider dating with boyfriends that will take your name at the highest positions and you take him high as well. That's what my girlfriend and I do. I got a degree in psychology and she got a degree in forensic. I am currently busy with another course called linguistic and she is also busy with her second course Dendrochronology. Date someone who will take you closer to your dream. That's why if you can do that, is going to be easy to date with studying. Do you know why you find distinctions difficult when dating? Because you date the wrong person. You are going South and is going North. You always think of studying and he is always thinking of sex. Sex without protection is dangerous but sex without studying is even worse because you destroy your future by nothing . What a tragedy! Let me then put it to you that, educational success is not measured by how many girls you have dated or how many boys you have dated but is measured by how many distinctions you have obtained. Dating is good but is bad when you forget to study as a high school learner or University students. Always start by doing what is right for your future.

Possess the attitude of self-love.

The main complexity and perplexity of life among us students is because we ignore ourselves. And perhaps, the most dangerous thing a learner can do is to ignore himself/herself. In other words, the biggest mistake that you should not do is to ignore yourself. And this is because of this tragedy, **a fallen student has resulted in the ignorance of himself/herself.** In true sense, when you don't study, you don't love yourself because you fail to improve your knowledge. Lack of knowledge that is available is self-hatred. That means if you don't study while having study materials, you don't love yourself. When you allow peer pressure to ruin your life, you don't love yourself. **True geniuses are daily fighter for their brighter future.** They really don't give peer pressure chance to control them, instead they control peer pressure. Linguistically, we call it academic influence. Develop an academic influence. What is the academic influence? Academic influence is the power and ability to cause other learners to listen to you or to follow you. To do that you must focus on yourself too much than them. One of my book, *know and understand your distinctions leadership* deals with this subject of influence. If you want to influence and become a leader in your class, this book is not an option to you but a necessity. During my lifelong learning I have discovered that most students who fail and dropout is because of them allowing peer pressure to win them. Some of them no longer study. No longer attend classes and no longer do their school work. Some they start smoking and drinking alcohol. Whenever you dilapidate

your mind you dilapidate your life, psychologically proven. All these are the evidence of being controlled by peer pressure. It's so sad to dropout because of peer pressure while being left with two years to complete your course. But it happens and it can happen if you continue to be an ignorant student. **The key to discovering your distinctions is focusing on improving your knowledge every day.** That's why you must be in charge of yourself. To be in charge of yourself means that you take full control of your life. You don't allow anyone to tell you do anything that you don't want to do or go anywhere you don't want to go. You don't allow your friends to tell you, let's go to football ground while you don't want to. Or let's go to stadium while you don't want to go. You take charge of your life. You don't go to the tavern while you don't want to because of your friends. **Until you be in charge of your life, you don't love yourself the way to think you do.** True geniuses don't just know the truth but they start living by it. **Self- love is the manifestation of self-construction.** That lead us to our last attitude that we should have to be the top learner.

All geniuses possess the attitude of priority.

This attitude is what comes from the ideology that, **every learner is a genius**, and fall into a place. The proof of your hidden geniusness is found right in this attitude. And what I like about this attitude is that it is inherent. Inherent means you are born with it. Geniuses are all clear of what is important to do. In essence, **the most important thing**

to know In life and education is to know what you suppose to do. Therefore, any activities that we involve ourselves into consume our time, energy, money, effort and life. The question is, are your daily involvements taking you to your destination of distinction? We all owe our distinctions time, attention and dedication of knowledge meditation. I guess you call this line, bombastic words, yet to understand it in simplistic term, just say, pay attention to my studies. **What is priority?**

Priority is something that preoccupies our educational life.

Priority is something that merits our primary attention

Is something that we desire to achieve in education (that is distinctions)

Is something that we can't forget thinking of achieving it.

And lastly is something that we want to achieve that has got power and right to stop other things in our lives

And of course that is what we should have as learners to become geniuses. **Intelligent students are excellent in priority management.** They know what to do at what time. They always prioritize things that are significant in their lives. Many times in our lives, there are some things which are urgent but not important. And most of the time things that are urgent are not important. For example,

there is a street badge in Friday. That's urgent occasion to attend not important. However, when there is a career excebution to attend in Friday, that's an important thing. To read a magazine wanting to know about what Somizi was wearing yesterday, that's an urgent thing to do but is not important. To become a genius that you were born to be, you must always start by doing the important things in life. In fact, true geniuses have learnt the good opinions and the best opinions in life. In contrast, they decided to live with best opinions. Everyone could get distinctions but not everyone will get distinctions. Why? Because we become what we listen to every day. And we are the total sum of the motivations that we get. There are some learners who has got negative motivations in their lives. They are constantly motivated by taking drugs, alcohol and having sex. That is what makes many learners not get distinctions that they could get because they are motivated wrongfully. That's why reading books like this one is important to create your brighter future. You have to be motivated positively not negatively. The difference between a successful youth and unsuccessful youth who is currently indulge in nyaope and cocaine is the type of motivations that they received in their early time while at school. You don't want to see yourself sleeping under the bridge in five years to come. That's why you must always listen and read positive motivations. Be accountable in your life. In the next chapter, we shall discuss in further details about the attitude of accountability. For now let me set you free by this truth, **geniuses knows their major priorities and they focus on them daily.** This truth fall us into place, we don't need teachers or lecturers to learn.

Chapter principles

- Distinctions are easily attracted by a good attitude.
- There is nothing more powerful than an attitude
- If you are to be academically successful, positive motivation is a necessity
- Dating should not stop you from studying.
- Reject the wrong beliefs and start by new ones
- Is never too late to develop a good attitude. The time is always right to start doing what is right.
- Self-love involves constructing your mind everyday
- There is no reason to not study the whole day if you really want to release the distinctions within you

Possession of the attitude of accountability.

*Outstanding people have one thing in common; an
absolute sense of mission.*

- Zig Ziglar

In remembrance of my greater marks, I obtain none of them by luck yet they are all the results of my hard working, sleeping late and waking up early in the morning(04:00). **The spirit of distinctions possesses the sense of responsibility and accountability.** This is why true geniuses are faithful to their studies.

In this chapter, I want to address the insurmountable odds that geniuses face and the tremendous blessings that cherish the geniuses lives. As I said earlier that, distinctions requires a sense of responsibility. The first cost of geniuses initiate in this platform. The number one challenge that you will overcome on as you release your distinctions is gossiping. Be ready to allow people gossip about you. And one thing I can assure you with is that, **people will never talk about anyone who is not doing anything about her life.** People talk about those who progress in life. Why? Because they suddenly realize that you are no longer in line with them. You are no longer in the same taxi of failing with them. That's why they will badmouth about

you. But then, **don't worry about them. Never answer them.** Do you know why? Because dogs barge at moving car. One of my poem deals with this subject in my poetry book call, *The Architects Of True Love*. The name of the poem is entitled, *Never fight them back*. It's a very important book to read because it has got counselling and emotional healing inside. Make sure you read this book. And please, one tip to handle these kind of people. Never mind them, the best thing you can do is to ignore them. Geniuses can't stop studying because of someone else opinions about him or her. One of my friend Precious used to say, I can't take someone who is not serious about her live, serious. I asked her, " why?". She said, " because they will disturb me from achieving my success". Don't miss the point here dear, Precious was telling you and I that we must pay attention to positively minded people only. Moreover, some of your classmates may gossip about you with some of your teachers. The pure truth is, even if they can gossip the whole year or months. They are not gaining anything. That's why I regard these kind of people, idiots, because life is not about what you say about others but is about what you say about you. Never mind them, continue studying. **Therefore, the protection of your geniusness is to ignore negatively minded people in your life.** Start now to practice being active and effective because the spirit of distinctions requires these two components. Learn new things easily. Don't find it hard to change for the betterment. That lead me to our second point, **the spirit of distinctions is an active manifestation of accountability.**

The million dollar question is to whom must you be accountable to?

To whom must you be accountable to?

In my book, *keys To Becoming A Genius* I have mentioned important keys to excell in examination and one of them is, **Genius should be in charge of their lives because are the CEOs of their lives.** The first important person to be accountable to is yourself to become a genius. And to be accountable to yourself, you have to please yourself for the progression of your brighter. For example, if you told yourself that from today I am going to read, don't postpone. Be true to yourself, read as you have agreed with yourself. Don't forget there is no reason to not read the whole day if you want to be a genius. The second person to be accountable to is your teachers or lecturers. When you have been given a work to do, just do the work. If you were told that you are going to write a test or examinations, please! make sure that you enter that examination room knowing the content of what you are going to write about. And to do that you must read. Make the teachers start to know that every time when they mark your script they have distinctions. Likewise, let me remind you that your teachers thinks that they know you and they don't know you yet. I remember when I was doing my matric. I had a best friend named after, Sowell. The guy was known by the teachers that he is a slow learner and he always get less than 50% in every test or examination that we write. We were about to write Life Science

examinations, paper one, when Sowell told our Life Science teacher that he is going to get 80% in that exam. Our Science teacher looked at him and laughed and said to him, “Haha, only in your dreams. You know you are going to get 40% because you are lazy and you don’t like to read”. The respond that Sowell gave our Life Science teacher is important for you and I to take into consideration. He said, “okay madam, **we will see**”. We wrote those examinations and to my surprise which was also surprise to Sowell himself is that, when he receive his paper marked he found that he got 90%. Remember the Marks that was in his head was 80% yet he obtained 90%. **Let your teachers see** who you really are. Can I repeat myself, your teachers **think** they know you and they don’t. Loaded within you there are many distinctions still need to be released. Prove them wrong. If my friend Sowell had proven them wrong, what can prevent you to do the same. How did Sowell raise from 30%, 40% to 90%. Because of being true to himself. He knew that he must suppose to read and he didn’t hesitate. He didn’t procrastinate either way. He just studied and thoroughly prepared himself to the examination. And he made it. The other thing we can learn about Sowell is that he believed in himself. He didn’t care what others thought or think about him. **Believe and focus on the distinctions that you were born to get.** Sowell got the distinctions before he write the examinations. You must not forget that he first told madam that is going to get 80%. What gives him confidence to foresee his distinctions? Because he knew that he is preparing thoroughly to write the examination. **True geniuses get their confidence and boldness of**

facing examinations from their hard work. Be accountable to your teachers not sometimes but all the time. You can raise from an average learner to a genius. Be accountable to yourself and to your teachers. All geniuses are aware of their responsibilities. Can I say it again? **True geniuses are always aware of their responsibilities.** You want to know why? Because they understand that reading is for geniuses and geniuses are for reading. Don't make another mistake, **be extremely accountable.**

Geniuses and accountability

True geniuses don't judge or criticize others. They do not have jealous to others. That is why geniuses are always minding their own businesses. This is because they don't have time to focus on others. It is very important to focus on one thing which is your purpose in school. Geniuses listen to their peers but they don't take everything as true. Plato once said, " to become great listen to everything but be selective ". No! I think you misapprehended this guy. He say, listen to your friends and classmates but take advices that will take you to your purpose which is to get distinctions. Let's now define this term accountability.

What is accountability?

Accountability is to be trusted. To be reliable and to be steadfast. In nutshell, **Accountability** is an admission of motives and reasons for taking a certain action.

How is accountability achieved.

The first thing you can do to be accountable is to be true to yourself. Be honest with yourself. What does one mean when saying be honest with yourself? You told yourself that every night before you sleep you will read at least four chapters of different subjects. Don't hesitate when the evening has arrived. By the way, your life as a learner start at 18:00 at the evening. Can I repeat myself? You have to start reading on your own everyday at 18:00. That's the greatest secret of all geniuses. However, if you see yourself studying sometimes and sometimes you are not studying, consider yourself a failure if not low marks obtainer in examination. You have to be true to yourself. If you say you will study before going to the class in the morning, please do so. That means you will wake up as early than before.

The second thing that can help you to be accountable is to have discipline and complete what you have started studying. For example, you have started reading chapter one of Life Sciences, make sure you complete it. When you have started calculus in Mathematics, complete it. I couldn't set any best example of accountability like myself. I can't leave any chapter which I have started without completing it. And one important thing to remember when studying is to apply self-actualization. I call it intellectual driving force. This refers to the ability to force of achieving what you wanted to achieve. Control yourself from things that could interrupt you when studying. There will be emergency things that could actually disturb you. **Always**

do what is important first not what is urgent. Another thing to be aware of is that, things which are urgent are not important. That's why you should always consider the important things to complete first, you shall attend urgent things later. For instance, your boyfriend call and want to see you, that's an urgent thing not important. The other thing to do is to appoint and submit to guys and ladies who are committed to higher standards. For example, reading books like this one is being related to the right source that will take you to higher level. Take advices of geniuses only. It was said, if you want to be great you have to be associated with great people. And of course this is true because if you want to be the best you must learn from the best. Your accountability determines simplicity in distinctions accumulation. Here is the moral point of this line, be accountable and you will get distinctions simple.

You should develop the attitude of persistence.

**Change is inevitable; growth is optional- Said Dr
Myles Monroe**

All true geniuses possess the attitude of persistence. Persistence is the best boyfriend of perseverance. When you don't want to date persistence, perseverance can still be your bae. They are one thing, biologically we can say they are identical twins. **The spirit of distinctions always persevere. It never give up.** This is why geniusness comes inherently not by your teachers or lecturers. You can have the best teachers and lecturers as you want. You can hire an indoor tutors or professors but no one will take place of persistence(perseverance). The attitude of perseverance is already within you because when God created you, he injected it(see Genesis 1:26). Jesus Christ never gave up on humanity. When we read the article written in the letters of Luke chapter 11. We get a clear evidence of Jesus Christ when he was persevering. We learn that he raised the dead, he was healing sickness, leprosy, blindness, he was walking on water, all those magnificent hard work he did because of perseverance. Ever since we are his sons and he want us to have the same characteristics like him. He encourage us to develop the attitude of persistence. He say, we should not give up

on our studies. Your class is filled with learners yet they will never be top learners. Do you know why? Because they do not develop the attitude of persistence. They give up easily. When they are facing numbers to solve in Mathematics, they give up on them when they think those numbers are difficult. When they fail a test, they give up on reading. When they get unexpected marks, they give up on studying. That is why you are now going to always be at the top of them because, you are now going to be persistent in your studies. Let's quickly review the definitions of persistence. What do we actually talk about by persistence?

What is persistence?

Persistence is the ability to force doing the right thing to achieve your real purpose (distinctions).

Persistence is the power to keep on going, no matter what.

It is the effort exerted on the studies to finally achieve the intended goal.

Is the ability to overcome any obstacles along the way without giving up.

Dr Myles Monroe said, “ *persistence is the product of faith that is generated by a purpose (distinctions).*”

Plato said, “ *persistence is the knack for pushing on in the face of difficulties, knowing that victory is yours.*”

Geniuses develop persistence because they believe in the unseen marks and they know that with their perseverance they will get them. They persist because they are the only ones that they see 90% in the coming examinations and they strive to achieve it. Those 95% that you see in your mind are real and you will get them when you cannot give up studying. **Your persistence is the manifestation of your unseen distinctions into seen world.** Because of your persistence, your teachers and classmates will see the distinctions that you now see in your mind. You know the prove of saying something is true is by getting other references from other great people. There are great geniuses in this world who also knows about this. Let's study their thoughts to precisely understand that persistence is the key to distinctions.

Persistence thoughts.

Success is failure turned inside out- Anonymous

Successful people keep moving, they make mistakes but they don't quit- Conrad Hilton

Effort only releases its reward only after a person refuses to give up- Napoleon Hill.

I will prepare and some day my chance will come- Abraham Lincoln

I am a slow Walker but I never walk back- Abraham Lincoln

Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall- Confucius.

I always say to be the highest, consider and take advices of the best people in the world you will never regret the day you were born. My geniusness was by these great guys we have just studied about persistence. And as you pursue and develop your tremendous attitude of persistence, remember these truth about you: 1. **You were created to always do your best.** It is my firm believe that God created no one to be a failure or slow learner. This is because there is no manufacturer who can make a product to fail. For example, the manufacture of your cellphone or laptop created it to function at its highest point. That's why before they release it, they test it. Do you know why? To check if is a best product to be released. God released you to this world because he has already tested you and he knew that you can function properly to your highest positions. That's why when a man and woman went to a bed, 6000 million sperms were fighting but guess who won. You won the fight. That's why you don't try to be a champion, you are one already. You don't want to be a genius, you are one already. That's why Donald Trump even wrote a book and entitled it, *Think Like A Champion*. And this is because he already new that you are a champion, no question about it. Show them the real you my dear. 2. **Your distinctions are already completed.** As learners the biggest mistake that we make is to think that

we must fight for our distinctions. No, that's not true dear. When you were born you came with your hands closed. You were holding distinctions in your hands right from God. You already have distinctions inside you. That's why we call them, gifts. The gifts that God bless you with are distinctions. Why do we call them gifts? Because you didn't work for them. You were given freely. Your simple job is to release them. Please get the copy of my book, *Releasing your distinctions*. It's a great study guide to help you release the distinctions within you. Its amazing you have been searching for distinctions all the time but they are right inside you. God completed you before starting you and he started you because he had already completed you. Therefore, your beginning on earth was your end from God. You came to earth full of distinctions to release them until you are empty. I always pray that you could start releasing your distinctions. When are you going to start releasing them? That's why when God look at you is weeping that, my child is suffering but I have given her distinctions. When you are happy with your 60%, God is ashamed because he has given you 95%. The question is when are you going to release your distinctions? I didn't go anywhere to find the real Gift. Something just came into my life. And that is the secret I have given you. Can I say it again, **your distinctions are already completed and are waiting for you to release them.** I guess you don't want to be a victim of failure anymore. Start studying and be persistent to your studies, you shall easily release your distinctions.

The attitude of learning

Learning is not just life but the improvement of oneself.

All genuine geniuses possess the attitude of learning. They have the love for books and the desire to know and understand the concepts and contents. That is why true geniuses have what I call, **insatiable appetites for knowledge**. This is the attitude and desire of wanting to study and learn more things daily. And perhaps, they don't just learn by listening to another person yet by reading also. Reading is the highest exercise of geniuses that learn by. However, true geniuses don't just read for the sake of reading and they don't just read anything. They prefer reading books that take them to their passion of success and to their dreams. I couldn't set any example better than my precious supercilious diamond, my girlfriend. Last time I checked her examination results, she obtained nine distinctions out of twelve modules. She is a book worm. She loves books, when you see her delicately dedicated on a cellphone, she is reading. When you see her in a room sitting on a table, she is busy paging a certain book, either academic or educational one. **The true spirit of distinctions love studying motivational books. And most of all, it never gets tired of studying.** I one day asked her, "baby, why are you always starting by reading motivational books before you can begin with your

subjects?". She looked at me and she smiled. You should have seen her angelic face, wow! I looked at her and I smiled back. Before she can answer my question I saw this great prestigious diamond in my apartment. I even thought maybe the heaven was opened even the angel had visited me. She said with a voice of celebrity," because they are more like my energy drink bae. They energizes my passion, power and love for studying. They also give me that comforting spirit of intelligence to get distinctions baby". To become a great learner, read the motivational and inspirational books. My girlfriend was telling us that if we are not motivated, our true spirit of distinctions will not be effective. We will hardly ever get distinctions. Geniuses love reading.

Geniuses are great learners

What makes you a genius is the fact that you don't stop learning. Learning is the only effective and efficacious activity that separates a genius from a dom. And what makes a genius even more dangerous is because he is not focusing on reading school subjects only but also the motivational books outside the school. I am a student, a poet, a philosopher and a novelist. I am not from South Africa. I am from a small country, fourth industrial Revolution. My country is 24 years old. Over 200 years we were under the oppression. For 200 years. My country is a very small country and yet a developing one, just like your country. Many of us could not read. We could not study freely and most of all we could not get distinctions in our

subjects. In other words, we were suffering academically. Most of my friends came to my life poor in distinctions and not knowing what to do to excel in their studies. Today, in my country, we are the number one top learners in the whole region of African and European. People ask, how did you become successful academically? How did my friends became geniuses? My answer is, because they are effective readers of great books. I tell you this story for a reason. This is because I know you have been wondering for the past years, what can I do to get distinctions? How can I get distinctions? Here are the answers: **become an effective reader of great books. Be the servant of your distinctions.** My friends and I became the best students because of these two principles. You have to start learning. Can I remind you why? Because geniuses are great learners.

Become an effective reader of great books.

I have discovered that not all books can take a learner to his or her distinctions. This is because there are some books which gives only an information not revelation. They only give information not transformation. For example, fashion magazine gives only information. Somizi book about his life. Geniuses are effective readers because they read books that gives them information and transformation. These are the books that take them to their goal of getting distinctions. I have mentioned some of my daily programming and professions. I didn't grew up being those professions. I didn't grew up doing those thing. I was just like you sitting on the chair. I was getting 40%

instead of 80%. I was getting 50% instead of 95%. Until one day something came into my life. Wow! You know that thing hit me like a boat of light. That's where my life changed for the betterment. Do you know what came into my life? **Information and revelation. And again, Information and transformation.** I simultaneously changed from slow learner to a genius and from getting 30% to 95%. I was taken to the highest points. Do you know why I wrote this book? To take you to those points. Here are the sources that could also help you to be a genius. These are books that I wrote which made my friends and I to be successful academically.

Keys to becoming a genius

Becoming a genius

Realizing your distinctions ability

Releasing your distinctions

Maximizing your distinctions

The architect of true love

The art of getting distinctions

Distinctions 's Expertise

All these sources are related to your purpose as a high school learner or University student. The spirit of distinctions is satisfied when it gets revelation and transformation. You become an effective reader when you read great books that takes you to your goal. Here is what's interesting about great books. They help to accomplish

your vision through mission. True geniuses are meticulously conscious and conscientious about the fact that revelation and transformation brings wisdom. And of course, wisdom is the other way to your distinctions. Geniuses are effective readers of great books.

Be the servant of your distinctions.

Becoming a servant means that you release your distinctions. Again the word servant is a noun comes from the verb serve. When you serve, you precisely give or release. To serve your distinctions means to release your distinctions. You cannot release your distinctions if you haven't yet studied. And you cannot study unless you have courage to study. That means reading motivational books really is not an optional but a necessity. For you to serve your teachers and school with your distinctions. You have to commit yourself to study. Read the whole content. And the simplest way to do that is to summarize every chapter on your own. You no longer need a teacher full time in your life. That's why you must start reading alone. You can only releases what you have entered. When you study the study Guide or read a textbook or maybe your notes. You are entering your distinctions. When you go through the previous question papers and practice questions that have repeated in many questions papers, you are entering your distinctions. Develop the attitude of learning through reading. The secret to become the best servant of your distinctions is the love of your studies.

The real work to enjoy is learning.

Let me remind you that our distinctions determines the success and progress of our schools as well as personal life in general. They set a good foundation for us as younger brothers and sisters. This is because they license our lives to become even more better. This is why studying, memorizing, capturing, visualizing, understanding, practicing and reading are the greatest exercises that you can do for the sake of your distinctions. The true spirit of distinctions is both art and inherent. It is innate and it should also be learnt. The seriousness of releasing your distinctions is found in the love of studying everyday. And the other important point that we should not forget is persistence. **True spirit of distinctions do no give up.** Therefore, measure the success of everyday by how many chapters you have studied. Yet the most important thing to do in life and education is the love of learning.

You were created to be a genius, settle for nothing less than distinctions.

The power to get distinctions is found right in your belief system about yourself. Your belief about yourself that you are a genius has to go deep that if someone tell you anything negative you don't worry because you have a confidence about yourself. Likewise, you must think, act, walk, respond, plan, study, relate and live like geniuses. You have a distinctions spirit but you must develop the spirit of distinctions. And the only difference between the two is that the spirit of distinctions is learned but the distinctions spirit is innate.

Nothing can ever make you strong than self-construction. Self- construction imply that you love yourself so much that you can't afford to be known as dom. That's why you should keep on gaining knowledge. And most of all what I really like about geniuses is the fact that they learn beyond their major subjects at school. Here are tools to use as you cultivate your spirit of distinctions (mentality). Read motivational books, listen to motivational speakers, use your internet to learn, read success stories and documentaries in the newspapers and magazines. That is the root of becoming extremely self- confidence about yourself. You will begin to be fearless. Geniuses are fearless because of one thing, **knowledge**. I love this fact and am confidence to repeat it again. **Geniuses are smart, intelligent and very confident because of the knowledge**. Remember what separate a dom from a genius is the attitude of gaining knowledge (learning). Because geniuses believe in themselves and they fortify to have more knowledge than other students. Yet the competition is not between you and others but between you and yourself. We have already learned about the attitude of geniuses in the previous chapters. We will now move to the attributes of genius. Let's find out about these momentous attributes that one need to posses to become a genius.

The attribute to becoming a genius.

Self-love the power of resisting yourself to study no matter what they say about you.

The spirit of self-discipline imposing yourself for the sake of a higher goal.

The spirit of actualization the ability and capacity to force learning even if is hot or cold or rainy, day or night.

The spirit of skillfully studying applying the art of reading concentrating on the relevant and necessary chapters and topics.

The spirit of intellectual thinking to read everyday without doubt or waiting for your teacher or lecturer.

The spirit of persistence the ability to not give up, no matter what. Overcoming challenges without thinking of quitting.

Courage the ability to change your fear into motivated behaviour with pure thoughts. Motivate yourself to study everyday.

The spirit of self-competition the understanding of wanting to learn more and expanding your own knowledge. The practice of never comparing yourself with others but yourself with yourself.

Like I have mentioned that the spirit of distinctions is both art and natural. **Your distinctions are inherent but must be learned. They are natural but they need to be**

refined, cultivated and practiced. Distinctions are the motivations for junior learners to get inspired from. That is why if ever we are to discover, realize and release our distinctions we should keep on learning either independently or independently. Yet we should study independently most of the time to avoid transmission of corona. Don't forget 5 kilo metres away. **Never again settle for what is less than distinctions. Keep on reading and studying super hard.**

The greatest enemy of your distinctions is good.

You begin to be a slow learner when you settle for good marks and percentages. I call this attitude the graveyard of your distinctions. I also call it the prison of your distinctions. When you settle for good marks you automatically lose the passion and power to work for more marks. I remember when I was doing grade 9. I became first in my Natural Science subject with 70%. My teacher even wrote, Good, on my script with capital G. I was so excited that I went home to show my mother. When she saw my script, she said to me. Are you happy with 70%? I said yes, I am the top learner in the class. She said two things has to be done, number one your teacher need to be fired and two you need to be punished. She said," son you should not settle for this. You must be ashamed of yourself ". She was telling me that you could do better than this. And of course, **excellent is always better than good.** Remember that true geniuses are book worms.

Forget about your psychological culture and start with the new world.

There are many inherent geniuses in your class but they will never become one. Why? Because they still have an old ineffective mentality that, “ I don’t like to read, I only understand when a teacher is teaching, books are not my things, I was not born in the family of geniuses that is why I am also a dom. I am a slow learner even my mom knows that “. All these things are the fallacious psychological beliefs. They don’t exist in the eyes of distinctions. The spirit of distinctions does not respect your bad thoughts about you. **If you are to capture the spirit of distinctions, you have to change all your ideas and thoughts about you.** Here is the bottom line of my case yet allow me to paunch it directly metaphorically. Are your thoughts about you pure? Or can I ask, are you thinking purity about yourself? **To easily capture the spirit of distinctions, entertain only positive mind and thoughts in your life.** Learning the new effective methods and skills of approaching your studies is necessary. “ My child don’t like to read, he is good in handwork. My child don’t like the books, she is good in drawing or singing or dancing “. All these are what I call them **atrocious cultural psychological** philosophies. We have to understand that our parents may also have the wrong beliefs and thoughts about us. You should never take anyone serious when he or she tell you that you are a dom or slow learner. I remember during the apartheid era, there were the community of whites who believed that black race are kaffir. Many white people believed that. Do you know

why it was easy for them to kill many blacks and torture them? Because they thought their wrong beliefs about black race was right. Because they thought what they believed about the blacks was right. Sometimes in life most people including your teachers and parents might think that you are not a genius. They might believe that you will never get distinctions. But the truth is that they no nothing about you. Only God Knows the truth about you. Not because the culture has been introduced and many believe in it does it mean that, that culture is true. Now whites no longer believe that blacks are monkeys. They now treat us as human with humility. Why? Because Nelson Mandela had proven them wrong and they later realize that their beliefs about blacks were wrong. They think you are a slow learner or a dom. They believe that you will never get distinctions. That is their cultural psychology which need to be proven wrong. **Forget about what they say about you, study hard and prove them wrong just like the late Nelson Mandela did to whites.**

History should not disturb us mentally.

It's an open secret that our parents more especially us as black race want us to be educated but they fail to support us educationally. It is at this point that I discovered these truth. It sound strange but that's what we live with. It is better for most of our parents to buy Tupperware's than to go into bookshop and buy a book for a learner. I call this cultural psychology, a disease. We have been conditioned right out of our academic lives ever since from our

childhood as learners. For example, you and I grew up our parents buying toys of guns, cars and Spiderman. That's how we were conditioned. They didn't bought us any book to read at our young age. That's why we grew up not knowing that we should buy a book and read. I remember when I was at my high school level. We had a career excecution that we must attend and I went home and ask my mother the money to pay for the trips. She said to me," I don't have money son". I really love my mom. Nevertheless, I understood the situation and I was okay with that. But what surprised me is when the goat was lost the following day. I was given R200.00 to go and search for it. That is were I began to question myself. I like our psychological conditioning as blacks. Most of our black race is more about saving properties that producing intelligent society It was when I started to realize that the philosophy that I was taught about life was not right for my life. I decided to change. I now leave everything behind and went to bookshop to buy some books. Most of the learner lost their spirit of distinctions from the day we were born. It was proven in psychology that, a person's life depends on where he grow. It was also said, the environment that a person grow in determines his life. I was conditioned just like you to not buy the books but I have decided to abandon that cultural conditioning. Let me challenge you that any idea or belief that does not help you to progress In education and life, please change it. We live to progress not to be depressed. Now times have changed and I also decided to change with them. I wrote this book because I have read some books that I have bought. To be a genius is because of the books that I have bought. **Invest**

into your education. History must not affect our psychological progress yet it should remind us where we come from and where are we going and what to do to succeed. **Don't find it hard to change because life is a change and change is necessary in life to succeed.** Our late Nelson Mandela said, “ history is only at the side of the oppressed”. Never again give them privilege to call you a dom or slow learner. Forget about normality, and do what is right for you. Let me say it again loud. **Don't ever again live with wrong thoughts and beliefs saying is my culture or many people say so. Be unique. Become your true self. Become a genius that you were created to be. And lastly, learn the new interesting ideas as much as you can that will improve your life only for the betterment.**

Your geniusness is extremely valuable.

Failure to attain and understand the knowledge of your geniusness, failure to become a top learner.

However, even though the geniuses are the pursuers of knowledge. But then there are some concepts to be familiar with to become real geniuses. Every learner should cultivate, develop and practice those concepts to become one. These concepts are the ones that determine the success of a genius. And most of all, they separate a genius from a slow learner. Therefore, to become a genius that you are born to be, you have to develop the following concepts. Apply them not only in your studies but also in your life, relationships, family, friends, boyfriend or girlfriend, and at the church.

▣ **Change-** if you really want to become a genius and possess the spirit of distinctions, change is not optional yet is a necessity. You have to change for the betterment. And this includes your friends, books that you were reading of fashion magazine, the wrong ideas and philosophies that you had about you and the attitude that you had upon your studies.

☐ **Honest-** the first thing to start with to become a genius is to be honest with yourself first. Admit that you don't know everything. Accept the need for help. In other words, Study and learn the concepts every day.

☐ **Interminableness learning-** you have to make sure that you learn the new things every day. Don't stop studying either educationally or academically. Become the pursuer of knowledge. Love the books.

☐ **Hard work-** have no excuses of working hard. There is no sin of hardworking in life. You make no mistake if you are always working hard. In fact, the secret to brighter future is the love of work. Study hard. Learn more things and be excellent in your work.

☐ **Responsibility-** a slow learner or a dom is an irresponsible learner. That's why they always fail or become the lowest in the class. You don't want to be that. Give yourself more time to study. Befriend your books. Always strive to be the best. Don't forget, ignorance is the father of failure.

☐ **Invest in your studies-** to become great in life, you must be willing to spend money. All people that want the free things never be great in life. I used to say, it is better to lose small money now and gain more money in future. When you get into a bookshop and buy a book for R120.00, you have spent little amount and the knowledge in the book will give you more money in future. Invest in your studies. Start buying some books. Download the books and read them.

☐ **Courage-** you must be courageous in life. And for you to become that you must be motivated. That is why you have to read motivational books that are related to your distinctions purpose.

☐ **Self-discipline** – this means the ability to impose or control yourself for the sake of a higher goal. Give yourself a time to always read, study hard. Distinctions accumulation is not about how many people you interact with them a day yet is about how many chapters you have studied a day. There are some friends that you need to drop this year and pick the new ones that will take you to your dream. That is called self-discipline. Discipline yourself for the sake of a higher goal. At least you are wise now and you know our higher goal as learners, right?

☐ **Promise keeping-** never again lie to yourself. Make sure you do everything that you needed to do and you suppose to do. You said, you will read few chapters every night before you sleep. Don't procrastinate. Do as you supposed to do.

☐ **Love-** to become a genius that you were born to be. Fall in love with every subject or module that you do. The love of the subjects is the only key to understand the content easily.

☐ **Plan.** Plan how are you going to study as to invest knowledge for the examinations. Also plan when are you going to study. Without a plan to get distinctions, your dreams are at risk to be achieved and the results will be frustration if not dropout.

▣ **Service of distinctions to the teachers-** mediocrity of teachers and lecturers is shown when they all expects the same thing from learners. Am about to give you the secret of your teacher, you want to know? Okay, they all expects distinctions from you. Be like a fruitful apple tree serving with apples, serve your teachers with distinctions in examinations. And perhaps, the only way to do that is to study your notes, previous question papers and your study guides but studying the right and relevant content. We linguistically call it SS. Sorry dear, these two S must not confuse you, they stand for **skillful studying (SS)**. To serve your teachers with distinctions, please apply SS.

▣ **Spiritual growth-** we should also possess the growth in our spirit because theologically speaking, a spirit is the central part and co-ordinator of our lives. You have to connect yourself to yourself. Like to be with yourself and enjoy being with yourself. Know your purpose why God gave you life to live. Why were you born? Ever since I care about you dear, let me remind you. You were born not to fail or get lower marks but **you were born to get distinctions**. To be spiritually matured or sound has got nothing to do with demons or anointed stuffs of religious emotional stuffs. The careful study of theology reveals that, to be spiritually matured or sound means that to be connected to your real self. In psychology, we define spiritual maturity as the state of being in touch with your uniqueness and start living with your purpose. Cognitive psychology says, spiritual soundness refers to living with your true psychological real concepts. In other words, your spirituality is not out there but is just here. Be a citizenship

not a religious member if you really want to progress not only in education but also in life. That means you should develop a spiritual growth. Please don't ever again speak in tounge or cast away demons. **Take control of your life so that life cannot control you.** That is to be spiritually matured or sound.

☐ **Curiosity-** you have to be meticulously conscientious about your studies. And the only way to do that is to pay attention and dedication to your studies. Simply put, be careful not to fail or get lower marks.

☐ **Faithfulness and trustworthiness-** the opposite of faith is fear. If you don't read or study hard, you will fear examinations and your results after you have written. That is why you must read and develop the faith of distinctions. When you have studied and understood the content there is no need to fear examinations or results. No student or learner will be trusted when they fail or get lower marks. **Make your teachers or lecturers trust you by being a genius. When you don't study daily, you make it tough for other students more especially classmates to respect you and be influenced by you.** Automatically, you will be influenced and control.

☐ **Professionalism-** to be professionalized does not mean to have a degree from college or university. No! That's not true. Don't get me wrong because I used to believe that myself but not anymore. To be professional means to do the right thing at the right time. It means to not confuse your emotions with situation. It also implies that you are not mistiming. To mistime is to do the wrong things at the

right place or situation. It means to do things that does not correspond with the situation. For example, when you are in a class listening to a teacher but thinking about issues at home. That way means that you are not professional. You are mistaking. When you are reading but thinking about your boyfriend or girlfriend. You are not professional. Your mother made you angry before coming to school and you take that anger into the class, you are not professional. You fought with your boyfriend and you take that anger into your studies or classmates. That is immature irresponsible learner who will results in failure. You are not professional by so doing. **To succeed in education and life, never confuse your personal issues with work.** You have to be professional. **Never confuse your personal issues with educational life.** Be professional.

It is extremely important as learners to use this list to become the geniuses that we were born to be. Challenge yourself and your thinking by applying this list in your life and allow them to be your lifestyle. In fact, where there is absence of these values in a learner's life, failure is inevitable. Can I repeat this distinctions principle again? **The absence of these principles will make failure inevitable in your life.** That's why I find it necessary to remind you that, better safe than sorry and sooner is better than later. Trust me friend, distinctions are nothing more difficult to get when you can start doing what is right as this guide has shown you. Let's now go to change as a high school learner or tertiary student into a genius. Our next

chapter deals with this transformation. In the meantime, let the spirit of distinctions grow where it has been planted. Let that spirit to be visible from its invisibility. Show it to your teachers, lecturers, friends and most of all use that Spirit of distinctions for the betterment of your brighter future. Start owning those distinctions by your Spirit of distinctions.

Distinctions transformation

Every learner has In them, more than thousands of distinctions that are not yet discovered and released.

I did Science stream when I was in my high school level. I did pure Maths(Mathematics). I will never forget the day that my Maths teacher gave me a homework of Pythagoras. You know that content, algebra, fractions and solve for axes in Mathematics. It was a homework where I was required to do about two to three pages solving problems using Pythagoras theorem. To tell the truth I was not understanding any of this theorem. I was plank. Even when my teacher was teaching me it was as if he was teaching me to write Afrikaans where their words may sound like psystar gibra. When I can say pronounce this words you will not know what to say, where to start, how to pronounce it, how to say it if you are not an Afrikaans learner. In other words, you don't really understand. That was me solving that problem of Pythagoras theorem. I didn't understand nothing. The problem with education and life in general begins when you have misunderstanding. All tragedies In life began by people's misunderstanding. You fail to get distinctions because you misunderstood the concept of how to get the distinctions. The only way to avoid misunderstanding of anything in education and life is to learn the principles. I sat on a table when I get home and try to do that homework. But I didn't

know nothing. I spent of about two hours trying to solve one question while there are some questions left. I then began to be angry. When you want to do something and you don't know how to do it, you began to be angry. We call that anger, concealed anger. This is the natural anger that is deeply embedded inside if you don't understand things. I have experienced that anger because of misunderstanding. That's how most of us live as students. We really want to get distinctions but we don't know how can we get them. That is why everytime we write examinations we don't get them because of our misunderstanding of getting them. You are now angry slightly silently. I decided to write anything that came into my mind but knowing that is not true. I submitted the homework not being sure that I am going to pass or not. Most of us we enter into the examinations rooms not being sure that we will get distinctions or not. After I received my homework back, I found that I failed the test. **Life of guessing or experimenting lead you to be a failure.** I solved those numbers by guessing. When you can do things in life guessing, failure is inevitable. You have to be 100% sure of what you are doing in education and in life. In other words, know the outcomes before receiving them back. You have to know that you got a distinctions before writing examination. I went to the teacher and we did the corrections and I began to understand the formulas of those calculations. I began to be happy. Why? Because I was in a position of being able to solve any problem that they gave me because I understood the formula. Failure to understand the formulas, any calculation that you are doing will be wrong.

You will fail. That's why we have to learn some distinctions principles so that we can start to find it easy to get distinctions. Principles are formulas that guarantee success all the time. They are laws that do not change that guarantee success in life. When you learn the distinctions principles, you will get distinctions in every subject or module that you write in either test or examination. **The essence and exclusiveness of your distinctions are found in the principles. Your lacks of distinctions are found in the principles.** In essence, principles are basic foundations that guarantee the highest marks everytime you write. They are the catalyst that will speed up you to the highest positions. Take for example, you are a driver of a car that its speedometer end with 360km. But you spent almost two years driving 60km not knowing how to drive 360. Being afraid of driving 360 KM. You spent many years obtaining 40%, 50% or 60% in your examinations. Yet you haven't yet got seven 90% in your subjects. Do you know what these principles we are about to learn are for? To tell you that, press on baby, you are driving too slow. They are there to show you how you can overtake all your classmate. There is this car called Tazz from the company well known as Toyota, Tazz. It's funny to tell you that I love Tazz. I went to a racing club of cars at Johannesburg the other day. They were racing Tazz and Mercedes Benz wanting to see who will come first. Who will be the champion? When I check the speedometer of Benz, it said 360 KM and of Tazz it was less than 200. You are a Tazz now. That's why you get 30% in examinations and test. That's why you get 40%, 50% and 60%. Do you know why you are happy and excited when you get this

marks? Because you are still a Tazz, hello! Tazz. Tazz is a nice car but these principles we are about to learn does not care, they will make you a New Mercedes Benz from Mercedes company. Am sure you want to know who came number one in that race between Tazz and Wow! Mercedes Benz? The answer is obvious but let me inform you from the horse's mouth. Mercedes Benz came first and it was a champion. You are now going to be changed from being Tazz to New fresh Mercedes Benz so that you can be the highest. Let's now go and be transformed into geniuses by the following principles.

The following principles are much significant to understand in capturing the spirit of distinctions.

All these principles have to do with attitude. Your attitude is your life and your attitude determines your academic success. That is why if you are not getting distinctions, no question about it, you have to change your attitude. Change of your attitude will automatically change your life for the betterment. The following are transformation principles.

- ☐ **The attainment of distinctions in examinations is the highest calling of learners to earth.**
- ☐ **It is the love of studying that will set you free from failing and will lead you to distinctions.**
- ☐ **The most important thing to consider necessary is not dating but studying.**

- ▣ Dating with studying is good but dating without studying is extremely bad.
- ▣ It is not what you think of you that makes you to not get distinctions, but is what they told you about you, that's what makes you not get distinctions.
- ▣ Trapped inside you there is thousands of distinctions unreleased.
- ▣ Daily studying, mastering and memorizing of contents is the only way to release your distinctions.
- ▣ The release of your distinctions need not much but dedication and attention to your studies.
- ▣ Distinctions less life brings frustration and even worse dropout
- ▣ Never again be satisfied by the marks less than distinctions.
- ▣ The time is always right to start working for your distinctions.
- ▣ Studying and mastering give birth to your distinctions; distributing them to your teachers makes you valuable and respected.
- ▣ Nothing can ever change until you change, change!
- ▣ You are a genius. That's why it's not who you are that prevent you from getting distinctions but is what you think you are not, that's what prevent you from getting distinctions.

- ❑ Nothing is more dangerous than to believe the wrong things about you.
- ❑ You lower marks or failure is by introducing negative minded people in your life.
- ❑ Successful geniuses think positive about themselves and associate themselves with positive minded sources.
- ❑ We can't just hope to get distinctions without working on them.
- ❑ Start is the most important decision you can make to get your distinctions soon.
- ❑ It is not how long you have spent the day alone but is about how many chapters you have studied a day when you are alone.
- ❑ Relying too much on your teachers or lecturers can prevent you to get distinctions.
- ❑ Effective geniuses make sure that they learn as much as they can when the teacher or lecturer is not reliable.
- ❑ Next to acquiring distinctions, the best acquisition is that one of studying hard.
- ❑ Sometimes you have to forget about anyone and start working seriously towards your goal in life.
- ❑ Never allow what people say about you to disturb you from studying.

- ☐ Discipline makes one to attain distinctions easy.
- ☐ Everytime you ignore your studies, knowledge is silently shouting at you in the expense of getting distinctions
- ☐ Ignorance is the father of failure.
- ☐ Dropouts or slow learners are ignorant students.
- ☐ Studying should be important than socializing.
- ☐ The best and most important person to focus on in life is normally you.
- ☐ The greatest tragedy is the ignorance of one self.
- ☐ You have to trust and believe in yourself. Desire no more less than distinctions anymore in your examinations. Okay, simply put, chauvinistic.

The Last words to all millennium students.

The best acquisition of a learner is that one of gaining right knowledge and start living with it or applying it in a daily programming as to progress in life.

First of all, we have to understand that, it is bad distinctions to believe that we will never get distinctions in our tests or examinations. However, your mentality controls your destiny. As future successors in education we have to understand that whatever beliefs we might have about ourselves might not be the right ones to continue living with. The philosophies that we have never benefit us anymore to progress in our lives. In other words, bad ideas competes with good ideas. That's why we should consider or reconsider to start living with good ideas. **The shortest way to success is to start living with good ideas.** The greatest restriction has not resulted in us not being the geniuses but in our culture and society telling us that we are not geniuses. And the sad reality that still perpetuates this fallacious belief is your mentality of thinking that you are not a genius. They were falsifying when they told you that you are not a genius. The real truth about you is found in this line, **every learner is a genius and was born to get exceptional marks.**

What I wish to tell you is that, attitude is what separate a genius from a slow learner. Attitude is everything. Your attitude is your life and your life is your attitude. Your attitude determines your distinctions and your distinctions are determined by your attitude. That's why to capture and start living with the spirit of distinctions, change is inevitable. Nevertheless I am excited to tell one main fact and pure truth, you have a choice regarding your attitude because your life is based on your decisions. Notice, only great decisions lead to prosperity. If you want to prosper in education and In life in general, be meticulously conscientious if not conscious. And that literally mean that, you must make great decisions in life. **Control your attitude because if you don't it will control you. Solely, your attitude is your life and it determines your brighter future.**

I also encourage you that anything which no longer help you, please don't waste anymore time, change it because sooner is better than later. **Start to live life that matters. Your future is more important than peers. Studying is more important than socializing and smoking.**

We cannot change the fact that people will always talk bad things about us. And we cannot also change the fact that people will have bad wishes upon us but we can decide to prove them wrong. And the only way to be successful in proving your enemies wrong is to always make sure that you do the right thing. **Always do it for your future.**

We are faced with the religious conflict, cultural clashes and economic uncertainty. Yet we can still choose to be

successful in spite of all these world impediments. Like I told you that success in life and education is a choice that you can make as a high school learner or University student. It is not luck or grace of God. But is a choice that you can make. That's why in life we have only two choices to make, either failure or success or either pass or fail and good or excellent. That's the most important revelation that I have ever heard in my life and that's what changed my life for the betterment. That's why you have to choose one. Remember, failure to choose, choose to fail. Failure to decide greatly, you decide to fail. Your future is already bright is waiting for you to decide precisely and choose precisely. One of good speakers has said, "if you want to be great, be associated with great people". I say, to be the best, start living with best people and take their thoughts and knowledge only. Don't forget that geniuses have vision and mission in life. And you are one. In other words, you don't need to just dream but you must act on your dreams to become true. And that is of course, nothing but the truth. I challenge you to be a top learner in your class. Let them see who you really are. Make sure you always get the highest marks that they can't get. Yah, let's call those marks, **can't gets**. Yes, you have to start getting 80%, 90% and 100%. They thought they know you and they don't, wake up and show them your true self. Develop the spirit of distinctions. The key to distinctions is this:

If you want to always get distinctions, don't try to get them. Study everyday and try to understand the whole content. It's now time to show them who you really are. Get those distinctions and prosper in your prosperous prosperity my dear. I wish you all the best on the way to your distinctions. Don't forget, I love you.

Show me your understanding and I will show you your distinctions.

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