

“An Inside Job”

At one time or another, you and I have been victims of an inside job. In fact, it has probably occurred more than a few times unbeknownst to us. Sadly, it could very well happen again. These inside jobs are not easily detected which is why we can fall prey to them so often. Even if the best detectives in the world were summoned to investigate they would have a difficult time in solving these crimes. When examining the case, they would quickly realize that there has been no forced entry, no outside collaborative involvement, and no eye witness. The case would certainly be deemed as an inside job. This inside job that I am referring to is the only way to accurately explain why many Christians often times start off with big dreams, goals, hopes and expectations and within short order find themselves still on the launching pad, or worse, ready to throw in the towel. What happened to this vibrant and wide-eyed person who set their hearts on reaching new heights in the things of God and ministry, family, work, career, health, etc. only to find themselves in idle mode? How can such ambition be thwarted within days (in some cases minutes)? What happened along the way that the vision was lost? Who talked you out of it? What held you back? It is as if somewhere along the way you got robbed. Somewhere along the way you bought into the lies that you won't be good enough or that you are not worth it. You become concerned with what others will say about you, unwarranted and unnecessary objections and concerns arise, and not mention a feeling of inadequacy. The once enthusiastic and on fire person is now paralyzed! The very gifts and talents that God has blessed you with to achieve those goals and dreams become nullified. What happened? The only appropriate answer is that you have been a victim of an inside job.

I am amazed, yet not surprised, at how easily we allow this unfortunate event to occur. It occurs because we are too quick to abandon's God's truth about who we are and listen to the enemy's lies about who we are not. I have recognized that there is a pattern at play here whenever Christians are about to exercise in a major and impactful way the gifts that God has given them to serve others (1 Peter 4:10). This pattern demonstrates that your fiercest struggles will usually occur when you are on the verge of doing something extraordinary for God and His Glory. The greater the accomplishment the greater the struggle and it usually starts in the mind. Your obedience to God is often confronted with opposition. The blessing that your extraordinary effort will have on others is met with attempts to thwart the delivery of that blessing. The enemy knows that, although, he cannot stop the God ordained blessing that someone is suppose to receive, he can stop the deliverer. I subscribe to the belief that the enemy is aware of your gifts and the good that you are destined to do the moment that you recognize them and decide to exercise them powerfully for God. Therefore, he is bent on throwing you off track by causing you to doubt yourself and focus on his lies and distractions. He is the master of the inside job. (John 10:10).

God, however, gave us a security system that allows us to recognize when an inside job is going down and defend against it. That security system is His Word. Since the Bible says that we are to think about things that are “noble and true...”, then let us take a quick look at what is noble and true: God loves you (Deut 23:5); God wants to use you (1 Peter 4:10); you are to bear fruit (John 15:8); God will give you the desires of your heart (Psalms 37:4); with God all things are possible (Mark 10:27); you can do all things through Christ you gives you strength (Phil. 4:13). With truths like these (and many more) to call upon, the days of the inside job are numbered!

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