



A Word From The Author

The reticular activator is an amazing phenomenon that describes the ability of the brain to “trigger” memories automatically. Great speakers and religious leaders have historically used a listener’s reticular activator by relating meaningful stories (parables) that will bring to mind the appropriate moral when needed at a later time.

It is the responsibility of each one of us to learn from the past and fight the temptation to bend to the status quo. We cannot be content to be buffeted about by circumstances! If we let conditions or possessions control our happiness, relying solely on outside influences to make us happy, then we sadly continue on a repetitive path to frustration. Each one of us hopes that life will bring us far more positive experiences to enjoy than negative ones to endure. But we fail to realize in many instances, that we *do* have a choice. We *can* change. We *are* in control.

Too often we stop our search with the question, “Why?” Many of us still believe that most of what happens doesn’t truly have a reason. The truth is that we all have the ability to determine if the glass is half full, or half empty. Not until we learn from our past to *control* how we *perceive* life, can we start to find continuous happiness in our future.

The stories in this book were inspired by happenings that reminded me of “similar” circumstances and/or relevant scripture found in the Bible--all of which revealed a significant moral message. It is our hope that each parable will jog the reader’s memory to capture similar accounts from their own lives. By revisiting their personal narratives, they will be able to recognize the outcome, (good or bad), search for reasons (good or bad), reveal the purpose, and reap the benefits. The key to success in this journey is to look for the answers to life’s questions in the RIGHT place...for me, these answers are found in God’s Word,...His precious Bible.

It is our hope that each reader will **write a story**, personal and unique; will find the appropriate scripture messages and recognize the answer and reason for that particular experience in their lives. **Then please,... send it to us.**

What greater joy or purpose could result from this book, than a Second Book of Powerful Parables? It is our wish that such a book would be used in a similar manner, with all the royalties being used for charity or missions.

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