## **Creating Your Future**

Believe it or not, understanding and interpreting your cash flow just might help you to **CREATE YOUR FUTURE!** 

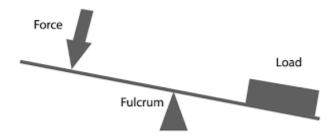


Before we go there, let me ask you some questions. What is the story you choose to tell yourself about who you are and what you are capable of BE-ing and doing? What video about yourself is continually playing on the screen of your mind that drives your life?

I am proclaiming you can *create your future!* You can do this! You've got this!

You are probably asking, "Are cash flow knowledge and understanding, analysis of, projections and adjustments alone going to create the future for me?" Maybe - if you look into your heart and see why (your motives) and how (where it is used) cash flow and money touches all aspects of your business and life (financial, physical, relational, emotional, vocational, spiritual). Or maybe not – it might take some help.

I view cash flow as a fulcrum -



to give you greater leverage in your business and life. A fulcrum is the fixed support or pivot point for a lever. You can increase or reduce the amount of resistance by where the fulcrum is positioned. By utilizing some of the suggestions and tools herein, you will be able *to adjust your fulcrum* for greater leverage in your business and help **CREATE YOUR FUTURE.** 

If you don't actively engage in creating your own future, you will succumb to letting others - other things or circumstances - create the future for you.

God tells us in the Bible that *where your treasure* is (what you truly value as important as your next breath), *there will be your heart and thoughts also.* He also says, *watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the issues of life.* By heart, I don't mean the organ in your body that pumps blood. The Bible is referring to the control panel or the source out of which comes all the flow of energy, words, expressions and actions that produce the results of your life, what you see, believe and do – in that precise order. Meaning: you can tell where a person's heart (motives) is by where his cash flow (money) goes and how he manages it. Cash flow (money) isn't the issue – it's upon who or what you put your trust.

What I mean when I say you can *create your future* is that by becoming aware, you can set up a system to monitor where cash flow is coming from and going to, and you can project it into the future based on what is important to you.

By BE-ing that special, unique, one of a kind person, you create *your future,* in contrast to succumbing to life, passively allowing others to control you and, thus, reacting to life instead of creating it.

Again, what is the story you choose to tell yourself about who you are and what you are capable of BE-ing and doing? As created in God's image, the original Creator, do you see yourself as a creator of your future?

God set eternity in your heart, according to Ecclesiastes 3:11, meaning you are meant to bear God's image and glory in a special and unique way. You are given the choice of having a beautiful way of stewarding eternity during you stay on earth. This is an inside out job. You cannot find the true you out in society, God placed it in your heart

to find and outwork in this time and season. Your life will enhance mine, but if you choose not to Be you, the world misses out.

BE-ing whom you are, as created by God, you are potentially revealing an aspect of God never seen before! You can conceive and give birth to attributes and DNA never seen or heard before of God which are manifested through your behaviors, actions and words when in service to others. If you miss or avoid your true identity, it goes missing forever and the world misses out. Only you can manifest (bring to life) God's nature in the way for which you are uniquely suited. When you create - launch new businesses and products, write new books, compose new songs, build new things, create new art - you aren't doing something secular. You are imitating the work of the First Entrepreneur. Creativity is not a behind the scenes thing - it is the main thing.

Let me give you an example of what I am challenging you to Be. Imagine you are a painter and you are out in nature painting a scene on a canvas and using an easel. You would be, as an artist, unable to paint an accurate picture if the canvas is unsteady and with every brush stroke (activity) the brush slipped on the canvas as the easel rocked back and forth thus distorting the art you plan to create. The same is true of yourself. You are an artist. Every movement (activity) of your unreal self produces an error. The activity of your unreal self interrupts and defeats the design of God placed within you. You must Be your true self, as God designed and planned for you to Be, or you will be a distortion. All activity must come from what God has placed on your heart to Be or your art will be to some extent unrecognized by the world. If you want to Be exceptional in this world, you must be an exception – BE YOU!

For over 30 years a friend of mine has asked audiences a question: How do you feel about the current state of the world? Well over 90% of them have responded that the world's state is chaotic or in chaos. Thus, to not get caught up in the chaos of this world, we all must become as God created us – *creators to create our future*.

Futurist, Alvin Toffler stated, "By the year 2000 millions of psychologically normal people will face a collision course with the future. The demand for change will be too great for these individuals and the future will arrive way to soon before they can adjust to do something about it, thus creating additional stress. In addition, internet commerce, robots, artificial intelligence and 3D printing will take away 800 million

jobs worldwide in 12 years. Future shock creates stress chaos. Americans are retiring later, dying sooner and sicker in-between, says Bloomberg in 10-27-17. The American Psychiatric Association says 60% of stress is caused by money! The bottom line is that 63% of people cannot handle a \$500 unexpected expense. Lack of money produces stress and stress produces diseases, and together they are deadly threats. Question is – how to experience relief from these deadly threats? *The only cure for the stress of future shock is to create the future yourself.* 

What will you focus your eyes and ears on - the chaos?

What and who is having a substantial influence over your life? My bet it is the media particularly sensational news media. The fight for your mind and attention has never been more intensive, purposeful and intentional than today. Especially with all the technological devices, social and communication platforms you have at your disposal which acts as big distractors and energy leaks of you time and energy. There are 1000's upon 1000's of blogs, tweets, Facebook comments etc. all vying for your attention and time. News media, in order to get and maintain your attention has had to strike at the very base and heart of your existence. It is the only way today to shock you into attention. Nothing grabs your mind by wrapping its fingers around your neck, choking the very breath out of you as danger, threats and chaos to derail you off your vision and purpose like FEAR (defined as an emotional response to losing control). Purposefully sensationalizing, alarming and distressing the events of the day, the media attempts to hook your attention and keep you tuning in, so they can monetize your attention.

This is good for their business but very bad for your business.

Let me explain the creative process of human potential. You get in life what you create – as we all are creative beings designed to create as part of our individual job descriptions.

What drives your creative process? I'd say, expectations – what you expect to happen is what your creative process goes to work on. That's how expectation ultimately leads to manifestation. What are you expecting then? Your thoughts drive your expectations. Whatever you are thinking about is leading your creative process down the line. The big question is, what's controlling your thoughts? What are you thinking about? The

answer is simple – whatever you are putting in front of your eyes and into your ears. The input you expose your ears and eyes to are of course what you are thinking about, which informs your expectations and that drives your creative process to produce the results that you ultimately realize in your life - just like garbage in and garbage out. The constant barrage of negativity and falsely sensational input on your mind is devastating your creative capacity and productive potential.

I hope you catch and understand this simple principle – what controls your attention controls your life. So, whatever you give your attention to, you are giving your life to. Frightening isn't it! You must break free if you are going to be successful on your heroic journey. You must cut the cord to what others have tied to your mind, manipulating your behavior for their benefit – not yours. You have the power to change your world in an instant. Right now, you can rid your world of all wars, murders, crimes, scandals, gossip, corruption and international disasters. You have that much power in the palm of your hand. How? Hit the off buttons! Turn off the TV, radio, cancel paper and news feeds and subscriptions and alerts on your phone, computer, watch, and tablets. Do not let the media fear mongers have access to your precious and sacred powerful creation machine – your mind. There is way too much at stake here. How do you do this you ask?

Here's a great, valuable life lesson – <u>control only in your life that which is controllable</u> and ignore the rest.

What you cannot control	What you can control
National economy	Your personal economy
What Washington does about health care	Your own health care
How the President runs the country	How you run your household, business, & life
Wars, scandals, corruption elsewhere and in other people's lives	The character, peace, harmony & love in your own home, business & life

Stop paying attention to what you cannot control, or it will control you, your life and your destiny. It is time to take back control of your mind, so you can take back your life and create your future. Stop letting other people influence your attitude, your hope for the future and your potential to do something great. Focus mind and attention with what is right with the world and celebrate life and what is possible for you.

Don't let the media and social media control and influence your life – they are not your friends. Cut the cord and tune into the marvelous world of abundance, splendor and the unlimited and positive potential that surrounds you every day.

Here's an ACTION STEP: focus your attention on ideas, information and knowledge that can help you grow and contribute to making a positive difference in YOUR world. Thus, you will be putting yourself in the position to change the world with your unique medicine and create your future.

The truth of who you were made to BE and to live as God uniquely made you is the answer. The key to creating the future is doing what has never been done before, but in a proven way!

What God created in six days is astonishing. What is equally astonishing, if you will just internalize it, is what He didn't create. God left the earth largely undeveloped and uncultivated. He created a canvas and has entrusted each of us, His children in each generation, to join Him in filling in the earth. He is inviting you to mimic His creation of earth, thus emulating his creative Spirit.

I believe each of us, living in our unique, one of a kind way is a type of *medicine* for the society in which we live. Whenever you think of the word medicine, what images do you see and what emotions bubble up? Do you taste something nasty, like castor oil? Do you cringe of the thought and feeling of receiving a shot with a long needle? Do you gag forcing down your throat large, horrible tasting pills?



The image most have of medicine is associated with a problem that has to be changed, fixed or solved. In the original Hebrew the meaning of medicine was *healing*. To some, healing is linked to the concept of personal power and wholeness. In this conception of healing, medicine isn't something that makes us screw up our faces and say "yuck". Medicine is something that makes our jaws drop open in awe and say "WOW".

In God's concept of us as human beings, our individual medicine (gifts, talents etc.) is something we are, but not for our personal use but something for use for others. You cannot bring healing to the larger community if you do not know what it means to be fully and completely yourself. You are a part of a giant puzzle. You individually have something of value to contribute to the larger whole. You have something that is indispensable and irreplaceable. Thus, it is critical for you and society to know what your medicine is, so you will be healed and help bring healing to others in service to them.

Sadly, most people don't know or think they are a medicine and have medicine. Nothing further could be from the truth. We all have something that is both important and necessary for society to be whole and healed. You need to claim your medicine! See yourself as on a "sacred mission". God says in Luke 12:48, "To whom much is given, much is required."

You might be saying, "All this creating your future is fine and good, but what is my medicine?" Here are several ways to see it in your daily activities:

- it's a natural talent
- when you are using and applying your medicine you feel good

- when you are using and applying your medicine other people feel good as well
- your medicine opens doors for you. The wisest man in the world, Solomon said, "a man's gifts open the way and ushers the giver into the presence of important people."

Vision is the primary mover of human action and thus everything you do (activities) should be in the context of fulfilling your God-given vision. Without a clear, defined vision for your life and business you most likely will lack clear values, direction, activity has little meaning, and time and resources have little purpose.

How does the fulfillment of a vision work in practical terms? Proverbs 18:16 reveals the key: "A man's gifts make room for him and a man's gifts bring him before great men." God has placed a unique, special gift in each individual and when utilized to the fullest to fulfill the God-given vision, He has also given each individual, the world will make room for him (respect, honor, recognize value). It is exercising and manifesting this gift that you will find real fulfillment, purpose and contentment in your work.

The Bible doesn't say that education or knowledge will bring you before great men, but it's the utilization of BE-ing that special, unique person working out your gift that counts. This verse in Proverbs also means your gift is loaded. Via your gift is where you will make a difference in the world for people and they will pay you for it. No matter how big the world is, there is a place for you when using your gift (medicine).

2 Timothy 1:6 says, "For this reason I remind you to fan the flame of the gift of God, which is in you. Your gift is not something learned but is a gift from God to discover and stir up. Sir up by developing, refining, enhancing and using it for the benefit of others. Don't mimic the gift of others – stir up your own gift.

You may be asking, "What is the point about BE-ing medicine?" Great question. The key point is: the way God created things there is similarity with the way all things work. His principles show up everywhere and show up all through life. How God does one thing is how He does all things.

Medicine of all kinds, whether natural and organic or man-made (chemistry aka drugs) all carry information via vibration or frequency. The way the body is designed is to receive information (chemical signals) that is carried primarily through the blood

system to feed, nourish and heal individual cells. The question then is what is the preference of one form of information carrier – chemistry (man-made drugs) versus natural and organic (God-made) materials – to transfer information? An assessment was made by scientists of the effectiveness of a chemical versus a natural vibration for information received by the cells. To introduce a drug (chemistry) to the body as a carrier signal it must bond or bind to something in the body. Thus, a chemical reaction must take place in which heat is dissipated and energy is lost. According to research 98%-99% of the energy carried is lost in the form of heat. So, using a drug – an unnatural material to the body – 98%-99% of that information is wasted or dissipated as part of the chemical reaction. For the organic and natural substance, God made, only 1% of the information is lost. So, if passing a signal or information via natural vibrational energy, virtually none of the energy is lost in the reaction. Compare the effectiveness of a chemical signal versus a natural vibrational signal – 99% versus 1% - which one do you want for the cells of your body.

To translate this example of God's principle and how the body works with natural substances feeding the body versus man-made unnatural substances, the same principle works in how we as humans operate in society. Operating as organic and natural one of a kind, unique individuals our energy signals are more readily received by individuals who need our "medicine" (who resonate naturally with our vibrations and messages). Operating in an unnatural manner versus God's design, far less of our vibrational signal and information will be received. Thus, in order to be received by others, operating in an unnatural manner, I contend, you must operate with impure motives and in manipulative ways. To operate naturally as God designed, there will be far less stress and strife in our lives and we will operate in freedom and natural flow, being medicine to those who resonate naturally with us.

Operating and living your life based on your true, God-designed self, is **doing what** has never been done before and is one-half of the key to *creating your future*.

**The proven way** in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is cash flow management which leads or points to Flow Management. I show in these pages it is simple and leads to success. Many business owners say they don't have the time or skills to apply a cash flow management system. I've proven the process outlined in this book is simple, practical and effective.

One of the issues or underlying beliefs of business owners is that business is just that. Other aspects such as the spiritual, relational, physical, emotional and vocational rarely, if at all, enter the picture. I'm saying they are all connected and integrated. One aspect affects another, and this relates to Flow Management and can be assessed and monitored via understanding and interpreting cash flow.

What's never been done before? Answer – a fully, balanced, integrated YOU! YOU living from your heart - as God designed you. You are the only you ever on this planet, at any time. You can only be you. Neurologically, you are only wired to be you, not someone else. Once you uncover that gift, you can walk in freedom knowing you are not like anyone else in the world. You can live in success (defined as living in God's unique, one-of-a kind purpose and gifting) using the gifting God has placed within you and from that gifting, if fully expressed, can do something that no one else can or is able to do! I believe that you have genius within you. Some people appear to have it more than others only because they are aware of it more than others are, and the awareness or unawareness of it is what makes each one of them into masters or holds them down to mediocrity. I believe that mediocrity is self-inflicted, and that genius is self-bestowed. God has chosen you to be at this place and time and has written His and your unique DNA together on your heart to live it out NOW to create the future. The rest of society is needing and waiting for you to live the life designed for you! Your medicine for the world is found in your difference from others and in such you find and experience your greatness.

With a correct emphasis on cash flow, you discover that the true power of money is revealed by using it to create and change your future. Money is really nothing; it is what you use it for – how you apply it - that can provide you extraordinary leverage in creating your future.

Most people spend their cash flow on things that give little bit of momentary reward and they ignore the power cash flow has to create their future. Life and business are holistic: what you do in one area affects all other areas – they are all connected.

Cash flow is only temporary. It doesn't exist in heaven and you cannot take it with you when you die. The number one use of your cash flow (money) should be to touch people's lives.

Every natural thing that you have used your cash flow for is going to be destroyed one day. Your Creator wants you to take care of your needs. He doesn't want you to be poor. God is in the people business and so should we all. The only <u>real</u> thing that will matter is how much you invested in people.