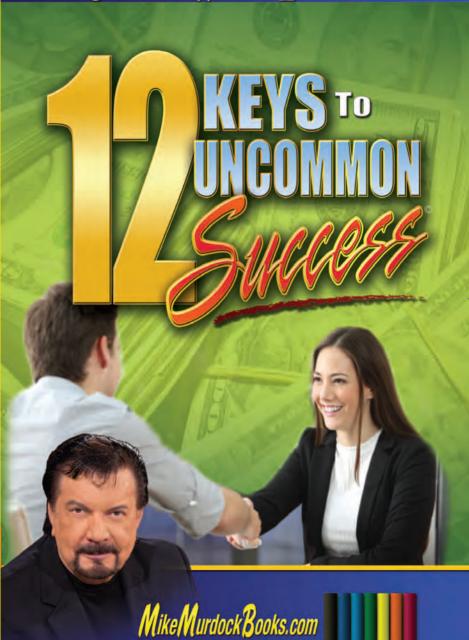
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Computer literacy is exploding.

Information whirls like a tornado throughout the earth. Inventions and patterns number into the millions. Truly, the knowledge explosion occurs daily.

Yet, bankruptcies occur every day. Television and newspaper reports reflect a discouraged, disillusioned and distracted generation. Heroes become villains within 24 hours. Fortunes are lost within moments. Everyone is searching for the rock of truth on which they can build their dreams.

The proof of success is joy.

The path to success is Jesus.

The pitfalls of success are everywhere.

My life has been radically affected by the presence of the Holy Spirit. He dramatically entered my life as an obsession on Wednesday, July 13, 1994.

I have not been the same.

Keys unlock doors, thoughts and treasures. God used twelve tribes of Israel to demonstrate His character, power and love on the earth.

Jesus touched 12 men who rewrote the history of civilization.

The New Jerusalem has 12 gates.

The Bible discusses 12 kinds of fruit in the eternal city (see Revelation 22:2).

Everyone has asked many questions. What are the keys to success? "As you have traveled throughout the earth, what are the common ingredients that you see among uncommon men?"

Answers are obvious to me.

### 4 ■ *MIKE MURDOCK*

Pain is unnecessary and wrenching.

Poverty is destructive.

Prosperity is health in every part of your life.

Prosperity is having enough of God's provision to accomplish God's instructions.

You can succeed.

You can succeed beyond your greatest imagination.

Your Creator wants you to succeed.

I want you to succeed.

That's why I wrote this book.

# **1**

### AN UNCOMMON DREAM



### Dream Uncommon Dreams.

Dreams are internal pictures of the future you are desiring. They are photographs of something you want to experience, own or do.

Greatness begins when you recognize, embrace and pursue The Uncommon Dream God plants within your heart and life.

The Uncommon Dream is not always an experience during your sleep. It is the vibrant and powerful photograph birthed within you regarding your future, something you desire with all of your heart. The Bible is full of illustrations.

Jesus had an invisible picture of His future. Some thought He sought the cross. His deepest desire was to avoid the cross. His prayer in the garden for the possibility of avoiding the cup of suffering reveals this. But, He had a vivid and clear picture of His resurrection—beyond the cross.

Jesus didn't go to the cross.

Jesus went through the cross to the resurrection.

- ► The Uncommon Dream is the Invisible Picture of your future.
- ► The Uncommon Dream is the Invisible Friend

that nobody sees inside you. This friend believes in you, drives you and motivates you toward heights of greatness and uncommon excellence.

- ► The Uncommon Dream is like a person within you, the Cheerleader scheduled by God to continuously excite you about tomorrow.
- ► The Uncommon Dream is a Source of hope for change.
- ► The Uncommon Dream is the Invisible Conductor, orchestrating the events of your future.
- ► The Uncommon Dream is a personal escort, your Constant Companion during any crisis.
- ➤ The Uncommon Dream is an Advisor, helping you like a compass in deciding the direction you should go each day and every hour of your life.
- ► The Uncommon Dream qualifies those who desire relationship with you.

It is not important that every friend approves of your dream.

It is important that The Uncommon Dream approves of your friends.

What is The Uncommon Dream in your own life? What is the passion that never weakens deep within you? What do you dream of achieving with your life? What is the legacy you desire most to leave? How do you want to be remembered by those you love? If money were not a factor, what would you choose to do with your life today? What would you rather discuss than any other topic in the world? What do you wish with your whole heart that everyone knew more about?

These are keys to The Uncommon Dream escorting you through the corridors of life.

- ► The Uncommon Dream is different for every person.
- ► The Uncommon Dream flourishes through visualization.

Visualization is the master key The Uncommon Dream requires for manifesting itself in your life. Abraham tapped into the power of visualization. When God commanded him to leave his kinfolks and country, He gave him a picture of his future.

"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:...and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed," (Genesis 12:2-3).

Why did Abraham become the greatest father who ever lived? He believed The Uncommon Dream, the invisible companion God placed within him to move him from comfort to uncommon greatness. "And he believed in the Lord; and He counted it to him for righteousness," (Genesis 15:6).

- Visualization will move you from your present into your future.
- ► Visualization can sever your bond with mediocrity and fan the flame of greatness burning within your heart.
- Visualization can birth faith for financial prosperity.

It happened for an impoverished peasant woman in the little village of Zarephath. The story is located in 1 Kings 17. She was starving and facing her last