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Introduction

The Three Powerful Secrets Behind All Successes in Life

In 1997, I wrote hundreds of dreams on 15 pages of paper. Today, most of these have already been fulfilled.

I've written bestselling books.

I've founded fantastic organizations.

I've enjoyed financial freedom.

I've been blessed with a great family.

And after almost 30 years of helping people fulfil their dreams, I've realized that there are really only three essential things you need to make your dreams come true.

Not 47 things.

Not 86 things.

Just three!

Sorry, I don't like complicating stuff, so let's cut the chase right here in the introduction of the book. Here are the three most important things you need to become a great success in life: Desire, Belief, and Action.

- **Desire**

You need to *want* your dream from the depths of your soul. How intensely do you desire your dream? How deeply do you want it to happen? *Many people don't achieve their dreams because they don't want it bad enough.*

- **Belief**

Belief is nothing else but a feeling of certainty. The more certain you feel that you can accomplish your dream, the faster you can make them a reality. *Many people don't achieve their dreams because in their heart of hearts, they doubt they can really do it.*

- **Action**

Albert Einstein said, "Nothing happens unless something moves." Successful people aren't the most knowledgeable people on earth. But you can be totally sure that all of them have a bias for action. *Many people don't achieve their dreams because they know but they don't act.*

Look at the champions of the world today — from Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods to Bill Gates to the late Mother Teresa — and you'll discover these three simple secrets operating in their lives.

This little book you're about to read is about the first ingredient: *Desire*. Because unless you have enough desire for your dream, the other two won't matter.

Friend, you can make your dreams come true.

But first, choose the dreams that you feel intensely about.

Many people get bogged down on the "How" without understanding that if the "Why" is big enough, the right "How" will come to you.

Why do you want this dream?

Where is it coming from?

In this book, I'll propose that you choose the dreams that spring from your soul — or what I call *Soul Dreams*.

What are your deepest desires?

This is the power that can fuel you to success.

Ask yourself: *What do I really, really, really want in life?*

Tell me what you really, really, really want in life, and believe

me, there's no force more powerful than that in human nature.

Here's a problem: Many of us are not successful because we don't know our deepest desires.

Power Quote:

Many people get bogged down on the "How" without understanding that if the "Why" is big enough, the right "How" will come to you.

I'd like to personally invite you to join two virtual organizations — depending on what you need.

The first is for people who wish to grow in their spiritual life. All over the world, I send them a mountain load of blessings so they keep growing in their relationship with God through the Internet. It's totally FREE. Log on to www.KerygmaFamily.com now.

The second is for people who wish to grow in their financial life. Each month, I send them select *Power Talks* in Audio CDs and my *Wealth Strategies* Newsletter to help them grow financially. The first two months of membership is also FREE, including a FREE sign-up Bonus of my powerful *How To Be Truly Rich* Seminar in two Audio CDs. Sign up at www.TrulyRichClub.com now!

Chapter One

The Dreamer Grows Up

When I was a kid, I dreamt of owning a *Voltes V* robot.

If you're my age and lived somewhere in Asia, you know what I'm talking about.

You must have seen it: a 6-inch metal figure with a tiny head, a sword handle on its chest, and rectangular arms and legs. During my time, if you walked in a toy store, half of the floor space would be occupied by *Voltes V* robots. And every seven seconds, you'd hear a little boy scream, "Let's volt in!"

Oh, I prayed for it, craved for it, and salivated whenever I saw it in the store.

It was *The* Christmas gift. No other toy could compare.

On Christmas Eve, I'd rip open my gifts, and if I saw that it was a silly shirt, or a toy car, or a rubber ball, or a grand piano (just kidding) — I'd toss it and rip open the next gift — hoping that someone gave me *The* gift that mattered.

But no one did.

Because those robots sold for a steep P700 — and during my time, that was worth a lot of mullah.

My parents just couldn't afford it.

So for a year, I dreamt of owning the robot.

But I never did own one.

I remember just staring at them whenever a classmate would bring it to school. Once, my friend said, "Do you want to touch it, Bo? Just one second." I reached for it, my finger touching the cold metal of the six-inch robot. "Okay, that's enough," my classmate said, pulling it away.

Many years have passed since then.
In the meantime, the *Voltes V* craze died a natural death
— and my dream to own a toy robot died with it too.

Some of Your Dreams Are Meant to Die to Tell You That You Need to Grow Up

Some 30 years later, I walked into a toy store.
And lo and behold — in one corner shelf, I saw once again
the *Voltes V* robot like the dead rising from its grave. Though the
cartoon series has long been cancelled, a toy company is betting that
big kids like me may wish to own them for nostalgia's sake.

How much does it cost today? P17,000.

Hey, I could now afford it. I could, at that very moment,
display a few of them around my room, and fulfil my long-time
dream.

But the problem was that *Voltes V* was no longer my dream.
The sight of *Voltes V* reminded me that not ALL of our
dreams have to be fulfilled.

It may simply mean that the Dreamer has grown up.

It simply means that there are Superficial Dreams and there
are Soul Dreams.

Chapter Two

A Soul Dream Was Born

I had my spiritual conversion at age 12.
And as a 13-year-old boy, I read the life story of St. Francis of Assisi.

That was when I felt something stir deep in my soul.
I dreamt of becoming like Jesus and Francis, loving the poor the way they did.

So I brought home street kids and elderly poor people wandering about in the streets, which didn't exactly make my mother jump up and down with glee.

When she told me it was impossible to do what I wanted to do, I nurtured a dream in my young heart. It was not anymore for a toy robot. I dreamt of building a huge home where I could welcome the poorest of the poor.

By age 14, I would do outreach work in the slums, sometimes sleeping there. I would live in a shanty, sharing a tiny room with nine people. I breathed their air, ate their food, and laughed at their jokes. The experience changed my life.

Unlike the robot, the dream to serve the poor never died.

Sixteen years later, we built a huge home for the poorest of the poor.

With the help of my friends, we bought a huge land (today, it consists of five hectares), built a number of houses on it, and called it *Anawim* — a Hebrew word that means *the poor of the Lord*. Since 1995, we have been picking up abandoned elderly from the streets and giving them a loving home.

What dreams do you have in your heart that has never died?

Chapter Three

The 4 Signs of a Soul Dream

Why do some dreams die while others never do?

In my life, I've noticed that when dreams are connected to the deepest part of my life — my soul — they get fulfilled.

I call these Soul Dreams.

Soul Dreams are fuelled by almost super human passion. A touch of the Divine wakes up from within, and we're transformed with heroic perseverance.

Before you read these 4 Signs, I urge you to write down your dreams on paper.

Believe that what you can write down on paper, you can write them down on reality.

So don't edit your thoughts. Just write and don't stop.

But once you're through, read the next four chapters where I discuss the 4 Signs. And based on these 4 Signs, read again your dreams and check the dreams that have at least one of the 4 Signs that I'll be explaining to you.

But don't cross out the dreams that you didn't check. It's possible that you just don't see the "soul connections" yet. So keep them.

But do celebrate your Soul Dreams that have a powerful "Why" behind them.

Here are the 4 Signs of a Soul Dream...

Chapter Four

Sign #1

The Dream Is Connected to Your Most Important Values

When I was 16, I dreamt of owning a 4x4 Toyota Pick-Up with monster wheels. I saw it in the movie of Michael J. Fox' *Back to the Future* and fell in love with it. I imagined myself driving the mini-truck and feeling powerful and handsome.

My problem was that unlike the movie producers of Michael J. Fox, my father said he could only spare P40,000 for my first car.

So years later, even when I already added my own little savings, instead of a 4x4 monster vehicle, I ended up with a tiny, peepsqueaky, mouse-like "owner-type" jeep assembled in some backyard with scrawny second-hand re-treaded tires. I installed a used air-conditioning unit, closed it up, and painted it all white. So my friends called my jeep a rolling refrigerator.

Being "home-made," the thing conked out on me every two weeks.

Now fast forward some 20 years later and I now can afford to buy a 4x4 Pick-up, the top-of-the-line version if I wanted to.

But like the *Voltes V* robot, it would be the last thing I will buy today.

It's bumpy. It's a waste of power. It's a waste of 4x4 technology. (The roughest thing I'll ever drive on will be the potholes on Manila's roads. Hmm. On second thought...)

More importantly, it can't fit my wife, my kids, and a crowd of friends who usually like to hitch with us. I can't tell them, "Just hop at the back and stand under the heat of the sun."

I now drive a simple basic minivan. Cheap. Friendly. Smooth. Happy.

Because today, my life revolves around my family. Next to God, they are my most important value. A 4x4 monster? The dream wasn't connected to a deep enough value. *I just liked it, but I wasn't passionate for it.*

It wasn't a Soul Dream.

Chapter Five

Sign #2

The Dream Must Bring You Closer to God

From a poor missionary, I wanted to become a millionaire missionary.

It was mad. It was audacious. It was totally heretical. And no one in my circle of friends ever tried it. But the thought of becoming a millionaire entrepreneur *and* a servant of God at the same time fascinated me no end.

Why? Two reasons.

First, instead of always begging money from people for my own personal needs, I wanted to have enough for my needs and more than enough to give to God's work.

Second, I was constantly faced by the needs of the people I was trying to help — not just their spiritual needs but also their financial needs. I preached about prayer, faith, salvation, healing, and heaven. But I never talked about money, even if that was what they wanted me to do. How could I even dare teach them to grow financially if I was totally ignorant about money? (I'm embarrassed to say this, but at that time, the best skill I possessed concerning money was begging for it.)

Third, I wanted to help people financially.

But I couldn't — because I didn't have any.

No, I didn't love money. But I began to develop a passion for two things about money: how to grow it and how to give it away.

I find this very difficult to explain to religious people. But today, when I create wealth, I feel God's Presence in a very palpable way. Because it isn't just for me. I create wealth to fulfil my Life Purpose — which is to love as much as I can.

Chapter Six

Sign #3

The Dream Must Be Connected to Your Life Purpose and Core Gifts

It was my dream to have multiple income streams.

At the start of my brave journey towards holy wealth, I got into almost every business under the sun. I sold ice cream, motor oil, herbal juices, memorial plans and even squid balls. In the past 10 years, I've failed in eight businesses and lost three million pesos. But I learned lessons that I will hold precious forever. (Will you forget what you learned from a 3-million-peso, 10-year-long seminar?)

One of the most important lessons is this: If I wanted to succeed, my business should be either connected to — or at least not distract me from — my Life Purpose and Core Gifts.

My core gift is to communicate. I'm a preacher and a writer. This is what I believe God wants me to do. If I want to succeed in business, that business has to use my Core Gifts and fulfil my Life Purpose too.

Here's a crucial lesson many people don't know about: In order to succeed in life, you should forget about developing your weaknesses. Instead, concentrate on your strengths. Delegate your

weaknesses. Hire other people to do what you don't do well. But you should focus on your strength.

Imagine if Tiger Woods stopped playing golf and decided to develop a singing career or ramp modelling or theatre. Will he still be successful?

I repeat: Focus on your Core Gifts.

Only then will you succeed.

That was why I had to give up all of the businesses I mentioned above. Aside from the fact that I kept on losing money anyway! But that's because they never used my Core Gifts.

Two of my 16 income streams today are my Corporate Seminars and my Online Information Business. They fit me like a glove because they use my Core Gifts to the hilt. And not surprisingly, I earn handsomely.

I have a few other income streams not connected to my Core Gifts: My real estate investments, an educational center, a prenatal ultrasound clinic, to name a few. These aren't directly connected to my Core Gifts. But I'm not running them. I have fantastic partners in all these ventures. All I do is cheer them.

And these businesses are great places for me to park my income with profit.

Is your dream connected to your Life Purpose and Core Gifts?

Or at the very least, not distract you from it?¹

¹ I repeat my personal invitation to you to learn how to grow in your financial life. Try it out for the first two months. It's FREE. If you don't like it, just cancel. No strings attached, no hard feelings. Log on to www.TrulyRichClub.com now!

Chapter Seven

Sign #4

The Dream Must Make You Happy in the Deepest Way Possible

One day, I went up a mountain in search of eight orphaned children. I heard the poor kids were left to fend for themselves as both their parents died.

I found them in a broken-down home, eating only once a day. So I took them home to *Anawim*.

And for one whole year, I became their “House Father.”

My favorite part of the day was in the evening, after dinner.

We’d all squat on the floor. All the kids would gather around me as I read them a Bible story. I’d explain to them the original Greek translation of the biblical text, complete with epistemological and hermeneutic nuances.

Just kidding.

I’d tell the Bible story in my own words, adding drama and really hamming it up. “And Samson ripped the lion apart like cardboard. Riiiiiiiiip!” The kids would be swept away by my storytelling. But once in awhile, no matter how Broadwayish I get, the younger ones would doze off in my lap.

And so I’d carry a sleeping little girl to her bed, put a blanket on her, and bless her good night.

After one year, I passed the kids to another “House Mother” as I had to do other things for *Anawim* and my other ministries. *Anawim* was growing and I had to address more macro concerns.

But I cannot describe to you the incredible joy that that year gave to me.

My dream has always been to serve the poor.

Years ago, this was how I expressed my dream.

Today, I express it in a different way.

I’m now involved in seven huge ministries for the poor—housing the abandoned elderly, sending street kids to school, giving scholarships to poor children, granting micro loans to poor women, etc...

My happiness comes from fulfilling my Soul Dreams.

When I get into business and earn money, it’s indelibly linked to my Soul Dream of becoming a Millionaire Entrepreneur and Investor. That’s why business for me is fun. It’s bringing me closer to my goal of sharing more of my life to others.

Friend, you will know if you’re fulfilling your Soul Dreams by simply asking yourself if you’re happy. Not the flippant happiness of a roller coaster ride or a 30-minute sitcom on TV. But the deep kind of happiness that only happens when you know you’re fulfilling your destiny.

Chapter Eight

Some of Your Dreams Are Too Small— Enlarge Them!

One day, I met a man whose youthful dream was to own a shiny blue Jaguar and a fancy mansion with a swimming pool. As the decades went by, he said he grew very rich. But recently, he also found God. Suddenly, he told me that the *Jaguar* and the mansion have lost their sizzle. They are no longer very exciting dreams for him.

He is now excited about other dreams. Like earning as much money as he can so he can fund more projects for the poor.

My friend's source of joy has changed.

I've realized that as we grow up, our dreams grow up as well.

I've learned that small Dreamers dream small.

And big Dreamers dream big.

Here are two secrets I'd like to share with you about Big Dreams.

First, Big Dreams are more exciting. That's pretty obvious.

Second, Big Dreams attract more resources from God's universe.

I believe that when we fulfil our Divine destiny, all of creation conspires to bless us, assist us, equip us, and provide for us.

This has been my experience.

Focus on Soul Dreams — and the bigger the better. Stretch! Expand! And believe that this is the reason why you were born.

And everything you need will come rolling down at your feet in submission.

Opportunities. Friends. Connections. Wisdom. Money.

They will come.

Why?

Because Soul Dreams are connected to your Life Purpose.

How will you know your Life Purpose?

Turn the page.

Chapter Nine

Examine Your Roots

As an 8-year-old kid, I had two passions.

My first love was drawing.

As my teachers lectured on Math, Science, and English, you'd see me crouched on my desk, as though taking notes furiously. But the truth was that I'd be lost in the magical world of robots, spaceships, superheroes, giants, aliens, and monsters. I'd doodle on every empty space within a two-meter radius around me. I'd draw everywhere: My books. My desk. My lunchbox. My schoolbag. And my classmate's back when he wasn't looking. I'd cover any horizontal surface with *Superman*, *Batman*, *Voltes V*, *Tarzan*, and *Bruce Lee*.

But ultimately, I had to create my own superhero — and his name was *SuperKid*.

Which of course was my secret identity.

I was a small, thin, shy, unpopular, and not-too-bright student in school, but in reality, I was the great *SuperKid* in disguise.

I designed his bullet-proof costume, his jet-powered boots, his red shield, and his stun gun (I couldn't kill anyone, so stunning criminals was my only alternative). *SuperKid* was also a Kung Fu, Judo, and Karate expert, and he defeated criminal syndicates, drug cartels, and the entire underworld.

When I hit puberty, *SuperKid* began rescuing beautiful girls in distress with regularity. And these women naturally fell in love with me, their hero. In my comic books, I rescued Farrah Fawcett-Majors (*Charlie's Angels* — original version), Linda Carter (*Wonderwoman*), Lindsey Wagner (*Bionic Woman*), my Social

Studies teacher with the pretty smile, and of course, Cedz, my seatmate in Grade 5 with the cute dimples.

My Second Passion

Here's my second passion: telling jokes.

I'd even ask my parents to buy Joke Books.

I'd also collect old issues of *Readers Digest*, rip the pages of *Laughter is the Best Medicine*, and staple them together, making them my joke book. Then I'd memorize those jokes and ask my friends or family, "Do you want to hear a joke?"

"No, we don't!" they'd say, running away from me.

But I'd run after them, telling my joke anyway.

Talk about a tough audience.

Sometimes, they'd moan and groan and gnash their teeth.

Sometimes however, they'd smile, or giggle, or laugh.

This trained me how to make a fool out of myself in public — something I use every time I preach today.

Clearly, my roots led to my fruits.

What kind of roots do you have?

Chapter Ten

Roots Lead to Fruits

Friends, now that you know my two passions as a child, you can see why I became a writer and preacher. (Huh?)

Okay. I admit it's not very obvious.

Let me explain.

Some of you might say, "But Bo, why didn't you become a cartoonist? Or a stand-up comedian?"

Because at age 12, I met God.

At age 13, I started preaching.

At the age of 20, I wrote my first book.

I realized that the creativity that I developed as a child through drawing, even creating the world of *SuperKid* and all his damsels in distress, proved useful.

I Still Doodle and Tell Jokes

If you listen to me preach or if you read my books, you'll realize that I've NOT stopped drawing and telling jokes.

Oh, yes, I no longer doodle with lines and circles and shapes.

This time, I doodle with my words.

With nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs, I create pictures.

Usually, I create funny pictures.

This is one of the reasons why my books are bestsellers.

(Ahem.)

I also preach by telling stories, painting pictures in front of people.

Believe me, it works.

I Was Born to Do Media

I will use any communication device available to tell people about God's love.

Since 1990, we've been publishing magazines and books.

And then we produced teaching cassettes... and later, CDs.

And then we sent email, ezines, and blog entries.

And then we produced radio programs.

And then we produced a TV show entitled *KerygmaTV*.

And then we produced daily video through the internet called **www.PreacherInBlueJeans.com**.

And then we created a borderless, international, non-physical, virtual community that seeks to grow together and (optional) help out in God's work, called **www.KerygmaFamily.com**

And finally, I created the **www.TrulyRichClub.com** that helps people grow financially and spiritually at the same time.

Remember that all of these began with a small guy doodling *Superman* at the back of his notebook.

Chapter Eleven

Your Core Gifts and Passions Will Lead You to Your Life Purpose

Discovering your life purpose doesn't have to be rocket science.

It's really very simple.

You don't need to read a hundred books to discover it.

You don't need 10 years of navel-gazing and meditation to find it.

You don't need to fly around the world to get it.

Just ask yourself two simple questions: Passion and Potential

- Passion: *What do you enjoy doing?*
- Potential: *And what do you do well?*

That's it!

That's how God wants you to bless the world.

Don't Diversify

Diversify only when it comes to the stock market. (I've learned that it's always wise not to buy just one stock, but many.)

But when it comes to your Core Gifts, don't diversify!

Imagine if Michael Jordan decided to diversify. "Hmm, I know I'm good at basketball. But perhaps I could take up baseball and try that out..." (Okay, no need to imagine. He actually did try baseball and failed miserably.)

Don't deviate. Don't diversify. Focus on your strengths.

This is important: Forget about developing your weakness.

Delegate that to others. Hire others. Don't waste your energy developing what you're not made to do. Put all your energies to developing your strengths.

So even now, hone your gifts. Expand!

Do what you were born to do in this world.

If it's drawing, then draw.

If it's cooking, then cook.

If it's singing, then sing.

If it's writing, then write.

If it's creating, then create.

If it's counselling, then counsel.

If it's teaching, then teach.

Because your destiny and happiness await.

Epilogue:

Start Writing Your Soul Dreams Now

It's not enough that you dream.
It's important to dream the right dreams.
Are some of your dreams no longer exciting to you?
Perhaps a deep part of you has already realized that they
were superficial.

Replace them.

Search the deepest part of who you are.

What great things do you want to happen?

What are your Soul Dreams?

How will you fulfil your Life Purpose this year?

Don't limit yourself.

Don't say, "It's impossible."

It becomes impossible only when you say it is.

Everything is possible to those who believe.

May your dreams come true,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bo Sanchez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Bo Sanchez

P.S. You can use two tools that I've produced for writing your dreams. You can use my tiny *Novena to God's Love or the Life Dreams and Success Journal*. Both are mailed totally FREE to those who support our ministry. Log on to www.kerygmfamily.com and receive a mountain load of FREE resources for your personal growth.

PS2. *Do you want financial abundance?* Remember that money problems are first of all mind problems. The lack of money isn't your problem. It's merely a symptom. When you change your thinking, you change your finances. To change your financial life, get my *How to Be Truly Rich Seminar-In-A-Box*. It's FREE for those who test-drive for two months my *TrulyRich Club*. Sign up at www.TrulyRichClub.com now!



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