

# Encouragement to Flourish in Leadership

**The basis of flourishing in the Kingdom, no matter what your role, is your intimate relationship with our King – Father and Holy Spirit as well if you've learnt how to do it. THIS IS ESSENTIAL.**

## There's no better way to transformation than a Divine conversation <sup>1</sup>

*(Read the article)*

- “God is not the author of confusion, we are.”
- “He is always teaching us how to think because that is the definitive key to growth.”
- “When He challenges our thinking, He creates an opportunity for us to unlearn something so that we are no longer stuck.”
- “For example, if He gives you permission to 'Even so, consider yourself to be dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus' (Romans 6:11), this impacts on Him and His relationship with you because He also must consider you dead, which means He cannot work on the old man or be sin conscious towards you!”

## The Key to a Flourishing Mind <sup>2</sup>

*(Read the article)*

- “We only scratch the surface of the growth awaiting us.”
- “When I take time in the river, away from my anxious schedule, to-do list, and ringing phone, I find myself exposed—face to face with my honest thoughts, fears, and dreams.”
- KEYS:
  - *I must find my own cave.*
  - *Limit digital communication use to basically nothing.*
  - *Do not center on a particular agenda* – “In times of rest and quiet, I am not attempting to achieve anything in particular. I’m thinking, I’m reflecting, but I don’t have a goal.”
  - *I capture my honest epiphanies and visit them often* – Harvard has research showing the value of taking 15 minutes at the end of the day to reflect.

## Perception is the Starting Point of Spiritual Transformation <sup>3</sup>

*(Read the article)*

- “Your physical eyes can see one thing but it’s how your heart understands that allows you to perceive the world around you from God’s perspective... or not.”
- “Our mindsets will influence how we talk about a situation and the actions that we take. So our perceptions are the starting point of spiritual transformation. You can’t effectively change your language and behavior unless you see the world (and yourself) the way God does.”
- “When we align our perception to His, life shifts from striving to thriving.”

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1 – Graham Cooke (25-10-2016) “There’s no better way to Transformation than a Divine Conversation” [email blog] ([brilliantperspectives.com/divine-conversation](http://brilliantperspectives.com/divine-conversation))

2 – Steve Graves (9-11-2016) “The Key to a Flourishing Mind” [email blog] (<http://www.stephenrgraves.com/articles/read/you-cant-flourish-without-some-silence>)

3 – Allison Bown (9-11-2016) “Perception is the Starting Point of Spiritual Transformation” [Graham Cooke email blog] ([brilliantperspectives.com/new-perception](http://brilliantperspectives.com/new-perception))

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