

PURSUE

THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF A MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART

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“...**the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart** and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the LORD’s command.”

1 Samuel 13:14 (NIV)

“Christianity preaches the infinite worth of that which is seemingly worthless and the infinite worthlessness of that which is seemingly so valued.” - G.K. Chesterton

David's Perception Led to His Pursuit!



PHONES



TABLET COMPUTING



DIGITAL PUBLISHING



RETAIL STORES

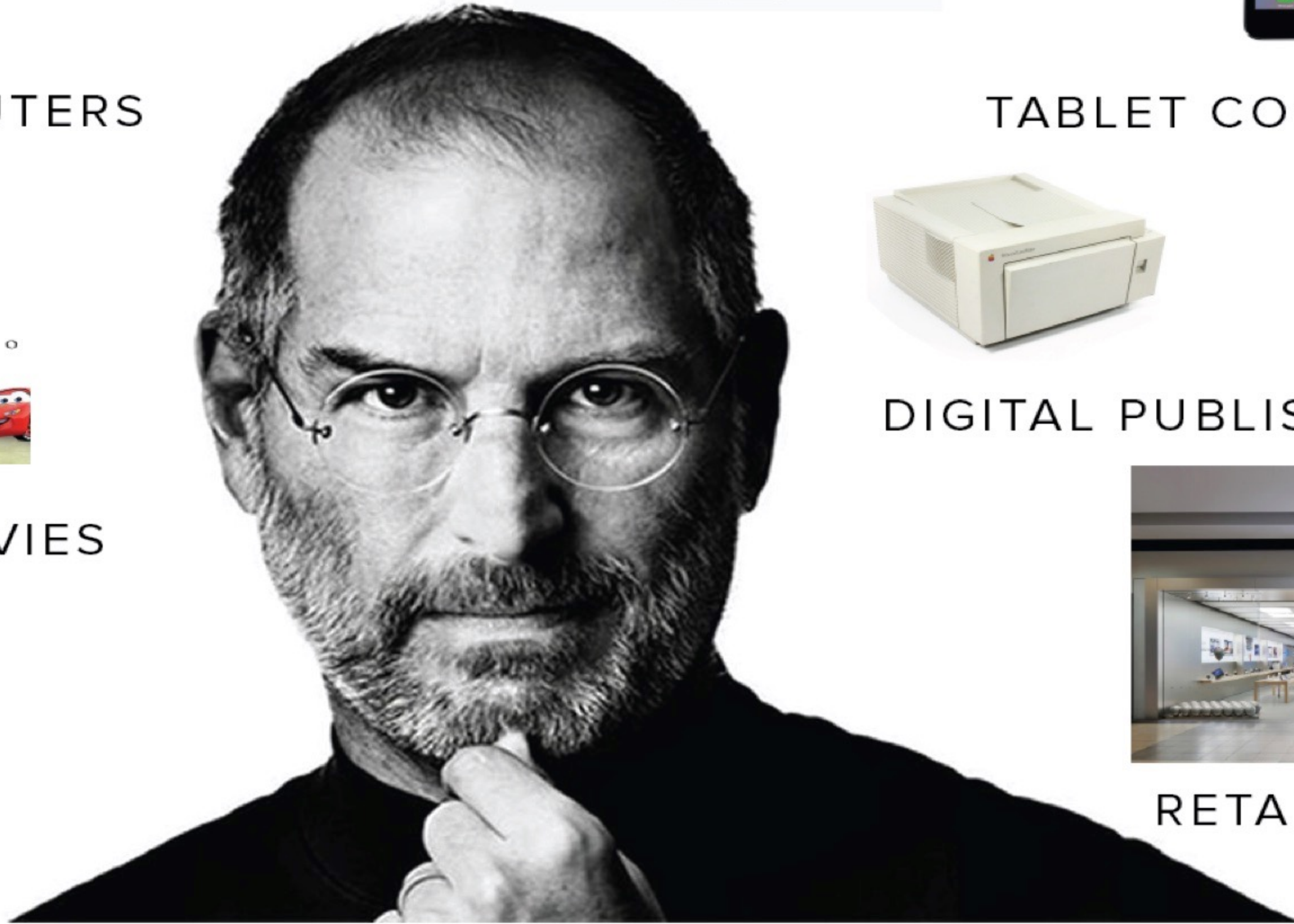
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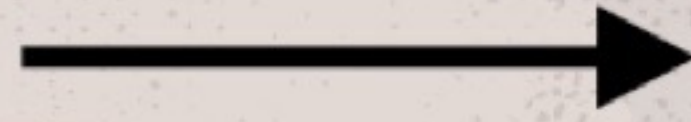


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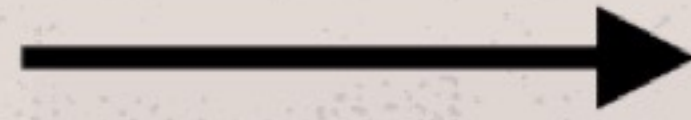
OUR PERCEPTIONS LEAD TO OUR PURSUITS

STEVE JOBS PERCEIVED THAT ELECTRONICS COULD MAKE OUR LIVES BETTER



JOBS PURSUED PERSONAL COMPUTERS FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL, RESULTING IN **APPLE**

ELON MUSK PERCEIVED THAT PHYSICAL, HUMAN LIFE WAS IN TROUBLE



MUSK PURSUED SOLAR ENERGY, BATTERY-OPERATED CARS, AND SPACE TRAVEL, RESULTING IN **TESLA** AND **SPACEX**

HOWARD SCHULTZ PERCEIVED THAT ESPRESSO BARS IN ITALY BUILT COMMUNITY



SCHULTZ PURSUED A RETAIL COFFEE EXPERIENCE, RESULTING IN **STARBUCKS**

JEFF BEZOS PERCEIVED THAT SHOPPING WAS TOO DIFFICULT



BEZOS PURSUED AN ONLINE MARKETPLACE WHERE YOU COULD BUY ANYTHING, RESULTING IN **AMAZON**

DAVID PERCEIVED GOD IN EVERYDAY LIFE



DAVID PURSUED GOD'S HEART, RESULTING IN **FAVOR** AND **KINGSHIP**

Pursuing God is A New Testament Priority

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.” ² But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.” ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (NIV)

⁵ Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.”

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (NIV)

¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.” ¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.” ¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (NIV)

**DAVID PURSUED
GOD ALONE AND GOT
HIS ATTENTION**

PURSUING GOD ALIGNS US WITH KINGDOM MOVEMENT

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1 Samuel 16:7, 12 (NIV)

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Favor means that God will push you forward when no one else will.

A heart that goes after God in private experiences His favor in public.

PURSUING GOD ALIGNS US WITH KINGDOM RESOURCES

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PURSUING GOD ALIGNS US WITH KINGDOM RESOURCES

Those Who God Favors Will Receive His Resources:

1. The Promise
2. The Oil



“Rev. Dominic Yeo did not look any bit a leader or a pastor when he first came to Trinity. But God transformed his life radically and saved him, despite him backsliding over and over again. Eventually, he surrendered himself to God: *‘Not my will but Yours be done.’*” - Trinity Christian Centre website