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**A PLANNED KINGDOM LIVING**

**Text: Genesis 11:6**

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**INTRO:**

* Die Hard 2 movie
* Control Tower as the name suggests, is an air traffic control tower in more specific terms. Located in airports, a control tower is the connection between the pilot of the plane and the airport...
* It’s almost impossible for a pilot to fly without the control tower.

**AIM:**

* FOR US TO HAVE A GOOD COMMUNICATION OF OUR CONTROL TOWER (GOD) THUS REACHING OUR DESTINY BY LANDING SAFELY

**WHAT DO WE NEED TO REACH OUR DESTINY (FLIGHTWISE)**

**I. DETERMINED DESTINATION**

* You don’t just take off from the airport with no destination in mind
* Air traffic control has to know exactly where you’re going to land before you take off.
* Did you asked yourself what is your destination?
* Most people go through life without a plan where they want to end up.
* Yet they are still surprised when they do not arrived there.
* Our destinations are determined by our understanding of the PURPOSES GOD has for us.
* Where you want to end up determines the path you choose in life, the priorities you set, the practices you nurture, and the daily habits you follow.
* Pro 16:9 A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.
* We make our plans
* The Lord determines or directs the step of that plan
* If you don’t have a plan, there will be nothing for God to direct you.
* If you approach life casually, you will end up casualty.
* DO I KNOW WHERE I WANT TO GO IN LIFE?
* DO I KNOW THE CREATOR’S INSPIRED DESIRES OF MY OWN HEART?
* WHAT DO I WANT TO ACHIEVE-SPECIFICALLY?
* WHAT IS MY DESTINATION IN LIFE?

**II. FLIGHT PLAN**

* A pilot must also submit to the air traffic control the specific route he intends to take, or the plan he has to get him there, before he leaves the ground.
* Most people who got a destiny in life lack the specifics of what it will take to arrive there.
* If you approach life half-heartedly, you will missed out on your future.
* Disappointment awaits for those who merely make plans but did not implement them.
* What specifically will it take you from where you are to where you want to go?
* They may include knowledge, skills, education, communication tools, financing, equipment, etc.
* Have you set a specific course to take you to your dream?
* What resources do you need?

**III. MONITORING OF FLIGHT PATH WITH THE TOWER**

* Having a destination, a flight plan, is not enough.
* You could be cleared for take off and begin the actual flight but you must keep in contact with the tower.
* The pilot must frequently be in contact with the air traffic control to monitor his flight plan.
* You must monitor your course by remaining in constant communication with the Creator and continually reassessing your activities according to your original plan.
* Are you in constant communication with the Creator and continually reassessing your life choices according to your purpose?

**IV. FOLLOW ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE TOWER**

* The tower see the total picture of what’s going on around that flight.
* A pilot does not see everything around him in relation to all other flights, he has to depend on the tower to guide him, doing everything the tower tells him to do.
* We must read His word and pray to avoid collision with other flights.
* Sometimes God will tell us to hold steady when we want to move, or vice versa.
* Again He see the big picture including the hindrances of moving forward too quickly or too slow.
* As we seek God, sometimes He will tell us hold it right there, wait, but we impatiently want to pursue something.
* Ex. God may tell you don’t marry this person.
* God, you don’t understand, I love this person.
* God will still indicate, don’t do this. He knows there’s another person 2 miles away on a different latitude, and He’s the right one.
* You end up in collision by moving too quickly.
* Are you following God’s guidance for your life?

**V. STAY STEADY ON COURSE UNLESS REDIRECTD BY THE TOWER**

* Sometimes pilots switch to different frequency to listen to other pilots.
* They might say it’s bumpy up here whilst where you are is okay, or vice versa.
* Even if we hear that storms are ahead, we had to go by the word of the Tower.
* When things around you may seems falling apart, you still have to listen to the Tower, “Stay steady”.
* 1Cr 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.
* When things change and conditions are chaotic around you, you have to obey the last command God gave you.
* It maybe something you were supposed to do but failed to carry out, and it needs to be set right.
* We should never be selective in obedience
* We should not obey only when it’s convenient for us. We should obey even if it hurts.
* Sometimes you don’t understand it but you still have to obey because the tower knows and sees the big picture.
* He might say, “Go down ten thousand feet”, for you to avoid obstacles.
* You might say, I don’t see anything, it looks good up here.
* Pro 14:12 There is a way [that seems] right to a man, But its end [is] the way of death.
* Drop your association with this person, you’re headed for trouble.
* Don’t say we went to the same school or we work together.
* How many people have failed their potentials because of unhealthy friendships?
* Many are struggling with destructive habits right now were encouraged by their friends to start them.
* What are you doing right now that is taking you off course?
* What should you be doing right now that you are not doing?
* Who are you listening that you should not be listening?
* Bad environments destroy good destinies.
* Nothing can destroy the fulfilment of your purpose faster than being in the wrong environment.
* 1Cr 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."
* You have to be careful when listening to people’s experiences because they are not necessarily God’s will for your life.
* If you’re trying to do something, they may tell you they’ve been through and how tough it was for them to try the same thing.
* You can listen to them, but ultimately, you must listen to the voice of God, because He may be doing something different in your life.

**VI. WATCH YOUR LANDING**

* This is as important as the others.
* No wonder we are instructed to be seated and belts on upon landing.
* Lots of accidents happens just before reaching home because they lose their concentrations on the road.
* Do not consider to have taken hold of it, if you haven’t.
* Do not remove seatbelts until the vehicle stops.
* 2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

**CHALLENGE:**

* Do you know your destiny?
* Have you got a plan to reach there?
* Are you monitoring where you are right now?
* Are you obeying the Creator whilst on flight?
* Are you staying steady
* Are you watching your landing?

**CONCLUSION:**

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