

Living With Purpose and Power - Week 2

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Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21

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Destiny: the sovereign purpose for which you have been created, that when fulfilled, brings God the greatest glory, brings you the greatest joy, and most significantly, advances the Kingdom of God here on earth.

The whole meaning and joy of life, lies in the search for wisdom and understanding God’s will”—and, *doing* God’s will.

- So our destiny/purpose lies in God’s **greater purpose** which should always be on the forefront of our minds.
- *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)* This needs to be the first stepping stone in a believer’s journey.
- It has been said that “the two most important days in your life are the day you are born (and born again) and the day you find out why” you were born (again).
- **When we are born again, our spirit becomes alive to God. That’s when the next part of our life journey begins.**

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do good things He planned for us long ago” Ephesians 2:10

Destiny Formula = H + I + M = D

H = History -- your personal history / biography that gives you unique insights and connections.

I = Identify -- your gifts, your passions (your own uniqueness)

M = Ministry -- the good works God designed you for

D= Destiny

As we mature on this journey, our dreams and goals become the path of our pursuit of God.

- Key Idea = God is **'for you'** in this journey and God knows that you can't do what He wants you to do if you don't know what it is.

God is for you and if your heart is totally surrendered to God then the things you like to do are, in all probability, **hints and clues to what you're supposed to do.**

- Take on a Posture of Total Surrender as opposed to Negotiation with God.

If you're struggling with this, here's a commitment you need to make.

Grab a blank sheet of paper and write 'My Destiny Contract' then go all the way to the bottom and sign it, date it and leave everything else blank. Then present it to God and tell Him, Okay, God' I'm telling you in advance that **as you show it to me, I'm going to do it. The answer is 'Yes', now, 'What's the question.'**

The key phrase for a breakthrough: 'God, whatever the question you ask my answer is **Yes.**

- Your purpose will expand instead of contract your spirit.
- It will be what leaves you feeling more, not less alive.
- It will be what stretches you, grows you, and helps you reach your full potential.

Statements & Questions

1. *"I feel good when I think of what I have done in the past and what I hope to do in the future."*
2. *"I live life one day at a time and do not really think about the future."*
3. *"I sometimes feel as if I have done all there is to do in life."*
4. *Where are you now in the journey of life?*
5. *Is it possible to "reinvent" oneself?*

**Next week we will define and explore Abilities/
Interests / Gifts / Talents.**