

## Discover Your Destiny in God

*“Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for He chose us in advance, and He makes everything work out according to His plan.” (Ephesians 1:11)*

In Christ, we all we have a **destiny** that unfolds according to God’s plan. God has planned your future and prepared for you a ‘good’ destiny. This is a place of fulfilment, of joy and happiness. God doesn’t have anything harmful in store for you - or for anyone in fact! He has only good things to give. *“If you then, being carnal, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father in Heaven give good things to those who ask Him?” (Matthew 7:11) “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness nor shadow of turning.” (James 1:17)*

In Christ, nobody is destined for doom or disaster. *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10)*. However, some people may think otherwise. Here is a scripture which is often misunderstood: *“But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. Therefore if anyone purges himself from these, he shall be a vessel to honour, sanctified and useful to the Master, prepared for every good work” (2 Timothy 2: 20-21)*. The first part of this passage says there are vessels of honour and dishonour. Which means that some of us may be those vessels of dishonour.

Nevertheless, if you read next part of the verse you will see clearly that it is entirely your choice which vessel you become!

Therefore, if there is any predestination in your life it is always a good one! And you alone can change that. Note, you don’t have to do that much to damage your good future. It’s enough if you do nothing! This will hinder what God has in store for you. Maybe you will even get to hear the Lord asking you, *“What have you done with your talents?”* The truth is, God has prepared everything beforehand. He knew you intimately before time began. God called you by name! He knew about your needs and about your desires. And since He has created you, He also knew about your gifts and talents. He has prepared a way for you based on foreknowledge of who you are and who you will become.

So how do you discover your destiny in God? Remember, if God has something for you it is hidden in Christ. Therefore, the **First Step** in discovering your destiny is to **Draw Closer to Him!** There are three main factors, which will bring you, closer to Christ:

- a. You must love Christ and love His church. This is a command so if you don’t love Christ and His church you can forget about anything else. But your love, like your faith, must be active! You need to get involved in a things of God. Get involved in the church, start helping people and bringing them to Jesus. Remember love is a decision not a feeling.
- b. You must protect your soul from bad influences. To fill your soul with the right things you have to empty it first. You have to make sure that all points of entrance to your soul are protected. You have to control

what you read, watch, listen to and who you spend your time with. Whatever you have allowed to enter your soul is shaping you. Is this good or bad influence? If you spend your time with wrong people they will influence your soul. Whatever you do (and who you do it with) leaves footprints on your soul!

- c. You must feed your soul properly. The main aspect of this is to be in the Word of God constantly. This means reading, pondering, confessing and receiving it. It's not enough just listen to Word of God when you are in church on Sunday! You have to spend much more time studying and meditation on it. You must feed yourself with the Word of God as often as you can. Spend all your spare time in His Word and this will shape your soul and transform your life.

### **The Second Step** to discover your destiny is your **Faith!**

You have to believe and trust God. This is the only way you will be able to survive all of life's problems and beat them. *"Now, 'the Just shall live by faith. But if he draws back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him'" (Hebrews 10:38). "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).* If your faith does not be developed sufficiently you will never reach your destiny. According to the Word of God all your future depends on faith. You cannot have any success without it. And there is only one way to build your faith, and that is, through hearing the Word of God! *"Then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17).* Now you see why listening to the Word of God is so important - it is building your faith. If you are listening to certain CDs, let's say on Healing, you will build your faith in that area. If you vocalise Bible verses about any subject, you will build your faith on that subject.

### **The Third Step** to discover your destiny is a **Prayer.**

There are two main types of prayer. The prayer of your soul and the prayer of your spirit. The prayer of your soul is your natural expression (which anybody can pray). The second type, however, is for those baptised in the Holy Spirit. It is praying in other tongues. This is the most important prayer you can pray. Why? You will see in a moment. *"For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. For no one hears, but in spirit he speaks mysteries" (1 Corinthians 14:2). "Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26).* This is a very special prayer because it is the Spirit within you who prays. So your spirit which has direct connection with God prays the perfect prayer in full accordance with God's will and your best interest. Your spirit prays about things you don't know about or you don't know how to pray for. Your spirit prays in mysteries (which are known only to God). Such prayers will always bring breakthroughs in your life.

Notice, the prayer of your soul is actually more difficult because you still have to pray according to God's will. Therefore, you first have to know it! You have to know His will in general and then in your particular circumstances. And the only path to learn His will is through His Word! You will need two things to have effective prayers. You will need faith and you will need to pray in accordance with His will. *"For truly I say to you that whoever shall say to this mountain, Be moved and be cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that what he said shall occur, he shall have whatever he said" (Mark 11:23). "And this is the confidence*

*that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” (1 John 5:14)* You see, if you pray believing that what you have prayed for will be done for you, you will get it! But you must truly believe before you pray for it! Then, if it is God’s will you - you will have it!

Remember, anything that concerns your **destiny in God** will attract opposition from the enemy. There are two dimensions of that battle - spiritual and practical.

The Spiritual consists of:

- (a) Staying close to God.
- (b) Staying in the Word
- (c) Praying without ceasing.
- (d) Always believing.

The Practical consists of:

- (a) Working on your character.
- (b) Developing your gifts and talents.
- (c) Being faithful and obedient.
- (d) Being active.

We have examined how to discover our destiny in God, but how do we fulfil that destiny. Basically, you must do the same things to fulfil your destiny as you do to discover it. There is both a practical and spiritual dimension to your life (and future). You cannot be just “spiritual” and do nothing on the physical/practical side. On the other hand, you cannot just “do” things. You have to support them with spiritual principles, backed up by spiritual maturity. Both the practical and the spiritual are needed to get the right results.

To end, here are three simple suggestions:

1. **Imagine it!** — God saw the world before He created it. Rely on the creativity of God that has been placed inside of you. This is the ability to see things before they can be seen and must be a component of any vision.
2. **Believe it!** — Your heart must go with your head. To believe to see the impossible is to partner with God who can do all things. Jesus said, “Nothing is impossible to those who believe.”
3. **Do it!** — This is what separates dreamers from doers. I am not talking about running off half-cocked, I am saying, move into what God has placed before you. There comes a time to break up camp and cross the Jordan.

Be ever mindful of this.... You are unique blend of talents and gifting and character; and you have a **unique destiny** upon this earth. You are a somebody! God chose you with greatness in mind! And He will make everything work according to His plans and purposes. You are a person of destiny!

*“Lord, You guide me with Your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny” (Psalm 73:24).*