

INTRO.

I have been sharing with you some practical principles concerning destiny ... Or you could look at it this way – I have been answering the questions ... Why am I here? ... What is my purpose for being? ... May I say this – these questions are not just confined to Christendom ... Every person ever born – at one time or another – has wrestles with these questions ... This series will help believers and non-believers alike – so please share these messages on your social media.

Spiritual Concept concerning Predestination

Romans 8:28-30 The Voice

We are confident - that God is able to orchestrate everything - to work toward something good and beautiful ... **when we love Him ... and accept His invitation - to live according to His plan.** ... 29-30 From the distant past, - His eternal love reached into the future. ... You see, - He knew those who would be His one day, - and He chose them beforehand - to be conformed to the image of His Son - so that Jesus would be the firstborn of a new family of believers, - all brothers and sisters. ... As for those He chose beforehand, ... **He called them to a different destiny** ... so that they would experience what it means - to be made right with God - and share in His glory.

2 Timothy 2:19-21 New King James Version

Nevertheless, - the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: ... **“The Lord knows those who are His,”** and, “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” ... 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, - but also of wood and clay, - **some for honor - and some for dishonor.** ... 21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, - he will be a vessel for honor, - sanctified - and useful for the Master, - prepared for every good work.

TRANS.

Let's get back into our study of - - How to discover your divine destiny

Foundational Concepts

These foundation concepts are essential to grasp in order to discover your purpose ... If your thinking / mindset is askew concerning these foundational concepts – you will never discover your divine destiny ... You must have a revelational understanding of these following principles:

Every person ever born was preordained by God with a divine purpose

Apostle Paul

Galatians 1:15-16 The Voice

But God - - **Who set me apart even before birth** - and called me by His grace - - chose, - to His great delight, ... 16 to reveal His Son in me - so I could tell His story - among the outsider nations. (*among the Gentiles*) ... I didn't confer with anyone right away,

Side-Note - - Many people – even believers – don't have a proper understanding of this fundamental truth ... This lack of understanding has led to a constant attack – influenced by the enemy – over the sanctity of life ... How has abortion – euthanasia – and many other means of minimizing a human life (as we saw in the protests on college campuses last week) ... How has this constant hatred towards our fellow man happened ... There is a complete lack of understanding behind why man was even created ... This whole deal is a God issue ... He created man because He wanted a family ... May God have mercy on every soul – who believes they have the right – to destroy a God ordained human life – because for whatever reason – that soul has become an inconvenience – to another human being.

Your job is NOT your Destiny

Your job was designed by God to provide your sustenance ... Your job is not your destiny ... Your family is not your destiny ... Your destiny is tied to dominion and subduing ... It revolves

around solving a problem that will leave a soul better than you found it ... I will discuss this in greater detail in a bit.

Your destiny has been placed within you by God

I spent some time on this principle last week – so I won't spend much time now – other than to remind you of a couple of essential factors.

One – the situations you find yourself in – the circumstances that keep happening in your life – those issues that keep finding you – when you are minding your own business – Do you know what I am saying? ... Most of these situations are designed by God – much like when we saw Adam naming the animals – to cause you to:

First – To realize the situation is much more complex than the obvious issue at hand ... Many of us go into auto-pilot when situations arise and never consider God is up to something far greater in our life.

Second – Through that situation – God is provoking you to look inside of yourself ... He is likely doing something deeper than you can imagine

Isaiah 55:8-9 The Voice

Eternal One: 8 My intentions are not always yours, - - and I do not go about things as you do. ... 9 My thoughts and My ways are above and beyond you, - - just as heaven is far from your reach here on earth.

Two – This self-examination of looking inside of yourself – is to bring you to the realization of destiny ... Like Adam – he discovered his destiny was already placed within himself ... Each of us were created with our destiny already placed inside of us ... We need to stop looking for our destiny outside of ourself ... Catch this revelation ... As life happens – especially those things where you were minding your own business ... Stop – look inside – inquire of your spirit – seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit for wisdom.

2 Peter 1:3 New Living Translation

By His divine power, - God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. ... We have received all of this by coming to know Him, - the one who called us to Himself - by means of His marvelous glory and excellence.

Psalm 42:7 1599 Geneva Bible

One deep - - calleth another deep - - by the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy floods are gone over me.

Another Practical Principle to Discovering Destiny

Your destiny is tied to solving a problem – for the betterment of Humanity

Your destiny – is connected to the problem – you were designed solve for humanity ... You were created – to impact people’s lives – to leave their heart and soul better than you found them ... Now catch this – when engaging with someone – you must help them spiritually first ... What do I mean? ... We have all heard this little story ... Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day ... Teach a man to fish and he will eat for a life time ... The “teaching part” is helping the person spiritually ... If the person can grasp the spiritual principle – then no matter the situation he finds himself in – he will be able to solve his issue ... Is this making sense?

We see this principle in the feeding of the 5,000 ... Jesus had a crowd following Him ... He sat down to teach them ... After teaching them – He then fed them in a miraculous fashion ... Later Jesus left but the crowd followed Him ... Notice Jesus’ comment towards them:

John 6:26-27 New Living Translation

Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, - - **you want to be with me because I fed you**, {this is the giving of a fish} - - **not because you understood the miraculous signs.** {this is the teaching – how to fish} ... 27 But don’t be so concerned about perishable things like food. ... Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. ... For God the Father has given Me the seal of His approval.”

Eat my flesh and Drink my blood

John 6:66 The Voice

After hearing these teachings, many of His disciples walked away and no longer followed Jesus.

New Life Version

From that time on, many of His followers turned back to their old ways of living. ... They would not go along with Him after that.

Catch this – Many disciples refused to receive Jesus’ teachings ... This caused them to go back to their old way of living ... This is why we need to grasp the spiritual before the natural ... It is from the “spiritual” that the natural is produced.

Examples of Destiny

Noah

The Problem – wickedness of mankind

Genesis 6:5 New Living Translation

The Lord observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil.

Noah’s Destiny

Genesis 6:8-9 New Living Translation

But Noah found favor with the Lord. ... 9 This is the account of Noah and his family. ... Noah was a righteous man, - the only blameless person living on earth at the time, - and he walked in close fellowship with God.

Noah was righteous ... Are you righteous? ... Noah was blameless ... Are you blameless? ... Noah walked with God ... Are you walking with God? ... Have you accepted God’s invitation to walk according to His plan for your life? ... **Noah did – check it out**

Genesis 6:13-14 New Living Translation

So, God said to Noah, “I have decided to destroy all living creatures, - for they have filled the earth with violence. ... Yes, - I will wipe them all out along with the earth! ... 14 “Build a large boat from cypress wood and waterproof it with tar, inside and out. ... Then construct decks and stalls throughout its interior.

Genesis 6:22 The Voice

So, Noah listened to God, and he built the ark. ... **He did everything God asked him to do.**

Genesis 8:15-16 New Living Translation

Then God said to Noah, ... 16 “Leave the boat, all of you—you and your wife, and your sons and their wives.

Genesis 8:20-22 New Living Translation

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and there he sacrificed as burnt offerings the animals and birds that had been approved for that purpose. ... 21 And the Lord was pleased with the aroma of the sacrifice and said to himself, “I will never again curse the ground because of the human race, even though everything they think or imagine is bent toward evil from childhood. ... I will never again destroy all living things. ... 22 As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day, and night.”

Genesis 9:1-3 New King James Version

So, God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ... 2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. ... They are given into your hand. ... 3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.

Moses

The Problem - Enslavement

Exodus 2:23-25 New Living Translation

Years passed, and the king of Egypt died. ... But the Israelites continued to groan under their burden of slavery. ... They cried out for help, and their cry rose up to God. ... 24 God heard their groaning, - and **He remembered his covenant promise** to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. - -
{Notice – it wasn’t the cries for help – the groanings that moved God. Those things reminded

Him of His covenant} ... 25 He looked down on the people of Israel and knew it was time to act.

The Solution - Deliverance

Exodus 3:10 The Voice

So, go. ... I'm sending you back to Egypt as My messenger to the Pharaoh. ... I want you to gather My people - - the children of Israel - - and bring them out of Egypt.

Paul

The Problem – No gospel messenger to the Gentiles

Acts 9:15-16 New King James Version

But the Lord said to him, (Ananias) “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name - before Gentiles, - kings, - and the children of Israel. ... 16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.”

The Solution - Messenger

Romans 11:13 New Living Translation

I am saying all this especially for you Gentiles. - God has appointed me as the apostle to the Gentiles. I stress this,

TAKE AWAY

Romans 8:30 Voice

As for those He chose beforehand, ... **He called them to a different destiny** ... so that they would experience what it means - to be made right with God - and share in His glory.

Have you truly grasped this concept that God has chosen you? ... Do you realize He has called you to walk out a different destiny than all the rest? ...

Romans 8:28 The Voice

We are confident - that God is able to orchestrate everything - to work toward something good and beautiful ... **when we love Him ... and accept His invitation - to live according to His plan.**

Are you confident that God has designed everything in your life so that it will work out for your good? ... Do you truly love the Lord even through all the difficulties you have faced in your life? ... Have you accepted His invitation to live out His plan for your life?