

## **DIVINE DESTINY (Fulfilling God's plan for our life)**

- **WE ALL HAVE ONE GIFT OF LIFE HERE ON EARTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD FOR ETERNITY – To help populate heaven**
- **When we are born into this world, God has a great plan for our life and we have a life full of potential awaiting us**

### **King David wrote in Psalm 139**

“For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvellous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth **(that is your mother's womb)**. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.”  
**(Psalm 139:13-18)**

- **But the moment we come into this world we enter into a spiritual contest**

**Jesus Himself made this very clear. Jesus said,**

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” **(John 10:10)**

➤ **The enemy of our soul (the devil) will do all that he can to stop:**

- i. **People from coming to Christ to receive the gift of eternal life and to prevent people from spending an eternity with Jesus in a place where there will be no more heartache or pain forever. A place that will be perfect in every way - To rob people of an eternal home with Jesus**

In the book of Revelation we see the wonderful future hope that all believers have, as well as the eternal consequences for those who never come to Christ and who die in their sins. The Apostle John wrote,

“And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” **(Revelation 21:3-4)**

“He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the **cowardly, unbelieving**, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” **(Revelation 21:7-8)**

- ii. **To PREVENT believers from embracing God's plan and purpose for their life. Every believer has the potential to make a GREAT difference in this world for eternity if they follow God's plan for their life**

**The Apostle Paul wrote,** “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)**

“Now to Him who is able to do **exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think**, according to the power that works in us,” **(Ephesians 3:20) AND**

- iii. **The devil will try and complicate our lives through getting us to make wrong choices in life so that we do not enjoy the life and life more abundantly that **GOD WANTS US TO ENJOY****

- **WHEN WE COME TO CHRIST THE SPIRITUAL CONTEST FURTHER INTENSIFIES AND EVEN MORE SO WHEN WE HAVE A DESIRE TO SERVE AND TO LIVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY FOR THE LORD**

**The Apostle Peter wrote,**

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.” **(1 Peter 5:8-9)**

- **Jesus in His explanation of the Parable of the Sower shared how the Devil will try and prevent people from being saved and about the spiritual opposition that all believers experience when they come to Christ.**

**Jesus said in His explanation of the Parable of the Sower,**

“The sower sows the word. And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.

These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word’s sake, immediately they stumble.” **(Mark 4:14-17)**

➤ **THE HEART OF GOD IS THAT HE WOULD SEE ALL OF US ENJOYING FULLNESS OF LIFE AND THAT WE WOULD FULFIL HIS DIVINE DESTINY FOR OUR LIFE**

➤ **WHEN we wholeheartedly follow God's plan for our life we can enjoy great purpose and meaning in life (in every area of our life) and enjoy His JOY AND PEACE no matter what trials we may be experiencing in life**

➤ **God’s desire is that our life would produce much eternal fruit. Jesus Himself said,**

“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.” **(John 15:16)**

- **One day God will reward us for what we have done here on earth as believers for His Kingdom. God honours those who serve Him**

**Jesus Himself said,**

“For the Son of Man will come in the glory of his Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.” **(Matthew 16:27)**

“If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honour.” **(John 12:26)**

- **TODAY I WANT TO QUICKLY SHARE 5 KEYS THAT CAN HELP YOU TO FULFIL YOUR DIVINE DESTINY HERE ON EARTH**

- **God has so much planned for your life**

- **My prayer is that these five keys will help you to fully embrace all that God has planned for your life as you learn to apply them to your own life**

# **1) WE MUST NOT DWELL ON OUR PAST FAILURES AND WRONG CHOICES IN LIFE (WE NEED TO LET GO OF OUR PAST MISTAKES, REGRETS AND DISAPPOINTMENTS IN OUR LIFE)**

- **Our past does not have to define our future**
  
- **We cannot hold onto our past regrets if we are to FULLY embrace the wonderful future that God has planned for our life**
  
- **Continually forgiving others is a great key to moving forward in the things of God and life. This is why Jesus said,**  
“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.” (Mark 11:25-26)
  
- **We must simply CONTINUALLY choose to let go of the past so that we can embrace all that God has planned for our future.**
  
- **The Devil will continually try and get us to dwell on the past failures and disappointments to discourage us**

➤ **The Apostle Paul wrote,**

“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; **but one thing I do**, *forgetting* those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:12-14)

➤ **God is able to restore broken lives and dreams**

➤ **God is always the God of the second and third and fourth chances in life and always has our best interests at heart**

➤ **King David wrote,**

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, And **forget not all His benefits**; Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, **who redeems your life from destruction**, Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” (Psalm 103:2-5)

## 2) CONTINUALLY TRUSTING THE LORD WITH OUR FUTURE

- God loves us more than anyone ever will or could (*He is love*) and is able to work things out in our life
- God is always both willing and able to help us in time of need. Nothing is impossible for God
- The angel Gabriel said to Mary the mother of Jesus, “For with God nothing will be impossible.” (Luke 1:37)
- WE NEED TO SIMPLY INVITE THE LORD INTO OUR LIFE AND CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO SEEK HIS HELP AND GUIDANCE IN LIFE – God’s ways are higher than our ways
- We were not created to do life apart from God
- If we continually trust the Lord in every area of our life and allow Him to direct our steps in life, ALL THAT GOD HAS PLANNED FOR OUR LIFE WILL COME TO PASS

In the book of Proverbs we read,

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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➤ **When we follow God's plan for our life we do not have to worry about the everyday things of life**

➤ **Jesus made this clear when He said,**

“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ Or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But **seek first the kingdom of God** and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”  
(**Matthew 6:31-33**)

➤ **OUR LOVE FOR JESUS AND OUR UNWAVERING TRUST IN GOD’S FAITHFULNESS, WILL KEEP US STRONG DURING THE TRIALS AND DISAPPOINTMENTS OF LIFE**

➤ **The more time that we spend with the Lord the more we grow in our understanding of God's great faithfulness to those who put their trust in Him**

➤ **WE CAN BE ASSURED OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS AT ALL TIMES IF WE SIMPLY TRUST HIM WITH OUR FUTURE. He will direct our steps in life and help us to fulfil our divine destiny in life**

➤ **King David wrote,**

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD and *He delights in his way*. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand.” (**Psalm 37:23-24**)

➤ **The Apostle Paul wrote,**

“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.” **(Philippians 1:6)**

➤ **When confronted with trials and challenges in life we need to simply ask God for His help and guidance and then to *act in faith* – Just doing what He tells us to do**

➤ **In the book of James we read,**

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. “But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.” **(James 1:5-8)**

➤ **The word of the LORD came to the Prophet Jeremiah in prison, “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” **(Jeremiah 33:3)****

➤ **When we allow Jesus to be truly Lord of our life, we do not have to worry about our future**

➤ **God is always going ahead of our tomorrows and working things out for us.**

➤ **We have a God who is able and willing to help us at all times. A God who wants to see us fulfilling our God given destiny in life**

### **3) WE NEED TO BUILD OUR LIFE BASED ON WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT OUR LIFE IN HIS WORD (The Bible)**

➤ **The Apostle Paul wrote,**

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (**Romans 12:2**)

➤ **As believers we need to renew our mind with the wisdom and promises contained in the Word of God**

➤ **The bible makes it clear that we have a wonderful hope and future in Christ and that all things are possible to those who believe**

➤ **GOD DOES NOT LOOK AT OUR ABILITY BUT SIMPLY OUR AVAILABILITY – God empowers ordinary people to do great tasks for Him**

➤ **As believers we can build our lives on the promises contained in God's Word.**

**The Apostle Paul wrote,**

“For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.” (**2 Corinthians 1:20**)

➤ **Knowing and applying the Word of God to our lives will keep us strong during the trials and temptations of life**

- **Jesus Himself said**, “Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the **rock**; and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand; and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” (**Matthew 7:24-27**)
  
- **Meditating on the Word of God liberates us from WRONG AND NEGATIVE MINDSETS. JESUS HIMSELF SAID**, “If you abide in My word you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (**John 8:31-32**)
  
- **As we learn to build our lives on the Word of God we will be strong in our faith and blessed and successful in EVERY area of our life**
  
- **The Apostle Paul wrote**, “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.” (**Romans 10:17**)
  
- **The LORD said to Joshua before he led the Children of Israel into the Promised Land**, “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” (**Joshua 1:8**)

#### **4) WE MUST CHOOSE GOOD GODLY FRIENDS IN LIFE**

- **The friends that we have in life will greatly influence the degree to which we embrace the fullness of life that God has planned for us and whether or not we fulfil OUR DIVINE DESTINY IN LIFE**
- **If we want to rise to our full potential in Christ we need to have friends who will build us up in our walk with the Lord and who will encourage us to succeed in life**
- **Our choice of friends is crucial if we are to realise our full potential in life**
- **The simple fact is that we become like the company that we keep – The bible makes this very clear**

**The Apostle Paul wrote, “Do not be deceived: Evil company corrupts good habits.” (1 Corinthians 15:33)**

**In the book of Proverbs we read, “The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.” (Proverbs 12:26)**

**“He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.” (Proverbs 13:20)**

➤ **We must refuse to allow into our circle of friends people who will try and cause us to compromise in life and who have the potential to draw us away from the things of God**

➤ **This is vitally important for new believers. Often when we come to Christ we need to let go of some old friends if we are to **GROW IN OUR FAITH****

**In Psalm One we read,** “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.” (**Psalm 1:1-3**)

➤ **It is crucial when we come to Christ that we become connected to other mature believers who can help us to get established in our faith**

➤ **In the book of Hebrews we see the importance of being connected in fellowship with other believers. The writer of the book of Hebrews wrote,** “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” (**Hebrews 10:23-25**)

➤ **Our choice of friends will greatly influence the degree to which we see God’s Divine destiny for our life coming to pass, AND**

## 5) BEING COMMITTED TO CONTINUALLY FOLLOWING GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR LIFE (Never giving up on what God has planned for our life)

- The bible makes it clear that we will receive opposition for our faith but God promises to be with us each and every step of the way

The Apostle Paul wrote,

“Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.” (2 Timothy 3:12)

- Jesus Himself said,

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.” (John 15:18-19)

- There are also many distractions that can pull us away from following God's plan for our life. Jesus made this clear in His explanation of the Parable of the Sower,

“Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.” (Mark 4:18-20)

- **Every day we are confronted with the spirit of this world. For this reason being committed to following God's plan for our life needs to be A DAILY CHOICE**
  
- **Jesus emphasised the need for this daily commitment to following His plan for our life when He said,**  
“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.” **(Luke 9:23-24)**  
  
“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost.” **(Luke 9:25)**
  
- **God has so much planned for our lives as believers**
  
- **As we are faithful in the little things God will entrust to us greater things to do**
  
- **For this reason we need to be CONTINUALLY committed to following God's plan for our life**
  
- **The Apostle Paul wrote,**  
“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.” **(1 Corinthians 15:58)**

- **Jesus Himself said at the beginning of His ministry,**  
“My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.” (John 4:34)
  
- **Near the end of His time here on earth Jesus prayed to His Father in Heaven,**  
“I have glorified You on earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.” (John 17:4)
  
- **Our faith is the most important thing that we have in life**
  
- **Commitment to following God’s plan for our life will help us to finish our walk with the Lord strongly and to gain rewards in heaven**
  
- **Like the Apostle Paul we want to be able to say at the end of our time here on earth,** “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.” (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

➤ **So in conclusion:**

**Just believe that with God's enabling power and His faithfulness, that your life can make a great difference in this world for eternity as you follow God' divine destiny for your life**

➤ **If we simply choose to:**

- 1) Let the past go *once and for all* – EVEN our past successes  
(God has so much more in store for our lives)**
- 2) To trust the Lord in every area of our life in the future  
(He knows what is best for us at all times)**
- 3) To build our life on the wisdom and promises contained in the Word of God,**
- 4) To have good godly friends in our life, and IF WE**
- 5) Remain committed to following God's plan for our life,**

Our lives will make a great difference in this world for eternity as we fulfil our DIVINE GOD GIVEN DESTINY HERE ON EARTH.

Like never before we can share the message of hope that we have in Christ, of His forgiveness and His eternal plan for our lives and that there is a God who is both willing and able to help us at all times. "For with God nothing will be impossible" **(Luke 1:37)**

**THE QUESTION IS ARE WE PREPARED TO FULLY SURRENDER OUR LIFE TO JESUS, SO THAT WE CAN FULFIL HIS DESTINY FOR OUR LIFE HERE ON EARTH AND IMPACT THE LIVES OF MANY OTHERS FOR ETERNITY**