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Pastors Innocent & Christy Utulu

Welcome

Beloved brethren, we welcome you to IMPACT 2015 in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We are so excited in our spirit man as we witness another WOMEN OF IMPACT annual conference.

Our God is faithful, our God is good, our God is wonderful, our God is great, our God is awesome and to Him alone be all the glory, praise, honor and worship forever in Jesus name.

We have beautiful memories of IMPACT 2014 with the theme THIS MIND. We bless God for all the testimonies that followed. All glory be to God.

In this year's conference with the theme THIS PURPOSE God is set to bring a positive turn around in every area of our lives as we find answers to some of life's most important questions.

Our God is a God of plan and purpose. He works with purpose in mind. He created you and I for a purpose. We must discover it and we must fulfill it.

Eph 1:11 *"We have also received an inheritance in Him, predestined according to THE PURPOSE of the one who works out everything in agreement with the decision of His will."* (HCSB)

Proverbs 19:21 *"many plans are in a man's mind, but it is the Lord's PURPOSE for him that will stand"* (AMP)

Jesus came to Earth for a purpose. He knew it, He declared it severally, He followed it and He fulfilled it. In Jn 6:40 Jesus said *"for this is My father's will and*

His PURPOSE, that everyone who sees the son and believes in and cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Him should have eternal life, and will raise him up at the last day" (AMP)

The Bible declared in 1 Jn 3:8b *"..For this PURPOSE the son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil"*

In this conference by the special grace of God, not only will you discover God's purpose for your life, you will receive knowledge on how to fulfill it, you will receive the power, grace, mercy and divine ability to fulfill your God ordained purpose in Jesus name.

We are so confident that God Almighty who gave us the theme for this conference and also gathered us together at His feet will remove all hinderances blocking your way of walking in purpose and fulfilling purpose in every area of life.

All forces be it human or spiritual working against your divine purpose shall be destroyed.

We will be delivered and set free to discover and begin to fulfill our divine purpose and thereby make positive impact in our generation in Jesus name. AMEN.

Welcome to **IMPACT 2015**

Welcome to **THIS PURPOSE**

MARANATHA!!!

CONFERENCE ANTHEM

I Say Yes Lord Yes

To Your Will And To Your Ways

I Say Yes Lord Yes

I Will Trust You And Obey

As Your Spirit Speaks To Me

With My Whole Heart I'll Agree

And My Answer Will Be Yes Lord Yes

2015, OUR YEAR OF

Worthy Portion

OUR DECLARATION

A New Day is Dawning

A new day is dawning
My portion is worthy
My spirit rejoicing
That is why I sing

A new day is dawning
My portion is worthy
My spirit rejoicing
That is why I dance

I can feel it
I can hear it
The sound of abundance
Increase on every side.

I can feel it
I can hear it
The sound of rejoicing
Victory on every side.

A new day is dawning
My portion is worthy
My spirit rejoicing
That is why I shout ...
Hallelujah



THIS PURPOSE

By Christy Innocent- Utulu

Purpose means the reason for which something exists or is done. It means the intent, the aim, for a thing. Looking at PURPOSE in context, we are talking about what we are created for. The reason for our existence. Purpose is the anticipated outcome that is intended.

The Almighty God created everything He created for a purpose. He is the God of plan and purpose. Everything He created is for a reason. The purpose of a thing will dictate how it will be produced so the product can function accordingly. This is true of us as Children of God. We are designed and crafted to fulfill purpose.

The Almighty God had a purpose in mind when He created us. He had a purpose for sending His only begotten Son Jesus Christ to this world. He had a purpose in mind when He saved us from sin, and at every stage in life as we continue in our walk with Him there is always a purpose for everything.

Importance of discovering purpose

1. Purpose gives meaning to your life. Life becomes meaningful when you know your purpose. Your purpose is your mission, from your mission you develop your vision. Jn 6:15, Judges 9:8-15

Jesus is our perfect example. In John 10:10b He said "I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly"

I Jn 3:8b says "for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil"

In Jn 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me"

Our savior knew His purpose and it gave meaning to His life. Lk 4:18-19, Is 9:6, Is 61:1, Jn 18:37, Jn 6:15.

Also the lives of Ruth, Esther, respectively, became meaningful when they discovered purpose.

2. Your purpose keeps you focused in life. You are therefore not distracted. You are able to focus your full energy and strength on it.
3. When you discover purpose you will not struggle in life. You will not struggle against the will of God. Prov 19:21, Is 14:27. Is 14:24,
4. When you discover purpose you will not be frustrated in life.
5. Knowing your purpose will remove unhealthy competition and strife from your life. No rivalry. No jealousy.
6. Your purpose will be your yardstick for measuring your achievement. You don't feel oppressed or intimidated. You also don't compare yourself with another. 2 Cor 10:12
7. Knowing your purpose will prevent abuse. You will not abuse yourself and you will not permit anyone to abuse you. Rom 1:27
8. Knowing your purpose defines and simplifies your life. You avoid unnecessary complications. Jn 5:30
9. Knowing your purpose will help you to set goals.
10. Knowing your purpose will help you to fulfill it.
11. Your prosperity lies in your purpose.
12. Knowing your purpose and fulfilling it will bring you fulfillment in life.
13. Knowing your purpose will help you achieve early in life. You gain speed in life
14. Purpose driven people are usually great achievers.
15. Impact is made possible when you are in purpose.
16. All things will work together for good when you are in purpose.

17. Knowing your purpose prepares you for eternity which is the ULTIMATE PURPOSE. Mat 25:14-29

HOW DO I DISCOVER MY PURPOSE.

As stated earlier, God Almighty created man with a purpose in mind. There was something in the mind of God when He was about creating man.

There is no better way to discover God's purpose than from His Word.

We shall attempt to look deeply into a few scriptures as we trust the Holy Spirit to help us discover our purpose.

Please take note that all the scriptures we shall be looking at are all knitted together. They are all revealing THIS PURPOSE.

1. God voiced out His intention for creating man even before He started the work of creation. Gen 1:26

“ THEN GOD SAID, LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, AFTER OUR LIKENESS, AND LET THEM HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA, AND OVER THE BIRDS OF THE AIR, AND OVER THE CATTLE, AND OVER ALL THE EARTH, AND OVER EVERY CREEPING THING THAT CREEPS UPON THE EARTH”

We are created in the image of God.

We are created in God's likeness.

We are created to have dominion.

2. The relationship God had with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden is another pointer to God's purpose for creating man. Gen 3:8-9 “ And they heard the voice of The Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day....And The Lord God called unto Adam and said unto him, where art thou”

3. The scripture declares our purpose severally.

“But now thus saith The Lord that created thee, O Jacob and formed thee O Isreal....thou art

mine.....everyone that is called by my name:for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him;yea, I have made him” Isaiah 43:1,7.

“This people have I formed for myself, they shall show forth my praise” Isaiah 43:21

“Thou art worthy O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” Rev 4:11

4. The coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to the world reveals God's purpose for man. When man failed God and lost purpose, God again looked for another way to still make His purpose fulfilled in man and He sent Jesus so that man can regain his original position before the fall and in turn fulfill the purpose for which He created man. Gal 1:4 talking about Jesus

says “who gave (yielded) himself up (to atone) for our sins (and to save and sanctify us) in order to rescue and deliver us from this present wicked age and world order, in accordance with the will and purpose and plan of our God the Father.” (AMP)

Jesus declared it by himself severally in the following scriptures

“For I have come down from Heaven not to do my own will and purpose, but to do the will and purpose of Him who sent me. And this is the will of Him who sent me, that I should not lose any of all that He has given me. But that I should give new life and raise them all up at the last day. For this is my Father's will and His purpose, that everyone who sees the son and believes in and cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Him should have eternal life, and I will raise Him up (from the dead) at the last day.” John 6:38-40 (AMP)

“ In Him also were made (God's) heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been



foreordained(chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His (own) will” Eph 1:11 (AMP)

5. God's purpose for us is revealed through His promise of Heaven. To be with Him forever.“ In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go and prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

We all as children of God have a common or collective purpose which we can see from the points and scriptures above. Our purpose is revealed from beginning of creation to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and even to His awaited second coming or till He calls us home. This therefore is the summary and conclusion of all the above stated;

“GOD CREATED US FOR HIMSELF”.

The purpose of man is in God. We are created for Him,to live for Him, to live for His glory, to relate deeply with Him, to continue with the works He started at creation, to think like Him, to behave like Him. To be with Him now and forever. Ask yourself **WHO AM I LIVING FOR?, WHAT AM I LIVING FOR?**

INDIVIDUAL PURPOSE

Also we have individual purposes. We are unique beings created by God.

No two people on the surface of the Earth are exactly the same. Science made it clear that no two people have same finger print in the whole world. No matter how identical a set of twins may be they still have one area or the other where they differ, even if totally same their finger print cannot be same. What an awesome God we serve.

It therefore follows that we have individual unique purposes for our creation. This is in continuity of God's purpose for us as deduced



from the five areas explained above.

God created us individually, uniquely for Himself , for His purpose, for His glory, to be His own.

We should ask ourselves again **WHO AM I LIVING FOR? WHAT AM I LIVING**

FOR?

In every area of our lives God wants us to live for Him,put His interest first. In our marriage, our business, our career , our jobs, wherever we are. Living for God is the reason we exist.Your life is not your own or all about you.

Beloved it is when you understand this and you live by it that you can say with all confidence that “....all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose” Rom8:28

Things can only work together for good for those who are living a life of purpose.

HOW DO I DISCOVER MY UNIQUE PURPOSE

Beloved, the Almighty God is able and willing to reveal your unique purpose to you if you ask Him. The major way of discovering your purpose is to ask God in all sincerity without harboring any idol in your heart.God can reveal to us in various ways as He chooses and your personal relationship with God plays a major role here. You should know how God speaks to you. Developing a personal relationship with God helps a great deal. We have the following as examples of how God can reveal our purpose to us.

1. He can speak to us directly. Acts9:4-6, Acts 26:16
2. God can speak through a prepared vessel to you. He will also confirm it to you.
3. God can reveal to you through Godly counsel, but you must ask God for confirmation. Prov 15:22, Prov 20:18.
4. God can use your spiritual leader or spiritual mentor. You should also seek God for confirmation.

5. God can reveal to you through the written Word coming to you directly.
6. God can reveal your purpose through vision or dream like the experience of Joseph.
7. The list does not end here, God can do it in divers and unique ways. But the truth is there will be a knowing within you beyond any doubt.

WHAT MUST I DO TO FULFILL PURPOSE

Purpose discovered and not fulfilled is a total waste of life and total loss to the kingdom of God. Definitely the Almighty God who formed us for His purpose will not be happy. He has put all we need to fulfill His purpose in us, lack of fulfillment of purpose is a waste of heaven's investment.

The following points will help us to fulfill purpose.

1. Accept your purpose.
2. Embrace your purpose with joy.

3. Be determined to fulfill it
4. Always remember that fulfilling purpose gives God joy.
5. Follow it with patience, stay on it.
6. Let the blessings attached to your purpose motivate you always.
7. Ask God for help and grace always.

“I will cry to God Most High, who performs on my behalf and rewards me.(who brings to pass His purposes for me and surely completes them)”
Ps 57:2 (AMP)

Let us pray.

1. Father I thank you for creating me for your purpose.
2. Father help me to discover my purpose.
3. Father help me to live a life of purpose.
4. Father help me to fulfill your purpose for my life (AMEN)

MARANATHA!!!

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” - Luke 4:18-22

The statement by Jesus in Luke 4:21b “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing” was the fulfillment of Isaiah 61 prophecy. It is obvious from the scripture that Jesus Christ our savior knew why he was here, and His purpose for existence.

follower but when that did not happen, he thought Jesus was not the savior as written in Luke 7:19; Jesus replied him, that there are proofs to show that he is on point, he is focusing on His calling, and there are evidence to back it up.

Brethren, when you don't know your purpose, men will mislead you and you achieve below your capacity. First discover your purpose for existence, once you do, then let it be your drive and stay on it. This was the drive Jesus had, everywhere he went he was doing good, he was fulfilling purpose with evidence of miracles performed until he ascended back to Heaven. When we focus on our purpose in life, we get outstanding results.

A purpose driven life is not without trouble, as a matter of fact the more you are on purpose the more

PURPOSE DRIVEN Life

By Joy Okereke

Henceforth never wasted time in working towards the actualization of His calling, focusing on purpose with divine proofs that cannot be denied. Matthew 11:5 says “The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor”. We can see his purpose for existence been fulfilled. Luke 7:22 further brings this fact home when Jesus sent a message to John the Baptist in prison “So he replied to the messengers, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor”.

John was expecting something different from Jesus, hoping that he will rescue him and he will now be a

the resistance you get. But in John 16:33 it says “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world”.

Make due diligence to know why you are doing what you are doing, is it your primary calling? Is this why you are created? What is driving me to do this? Many have lost focus as a result of pride, fear of others, or self glorification, or the eagerness to be accepted in the society. Just like there is no blessing for a fish that decides to live on a tree because he saw the birds there, same way there is no breakthrough for a lion that chooses to reside in the water. Know your place of purpose, and don't do anything because others are doing it. This leads to

failures, depression, frustrated effort and overall an unfulfilled life. Jesus was telling John invariably that; I am not losing focus on my purpose because I am not doing what you expected, but this are the proofs that I am on point.

"Hezekiah was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years... He did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight... Hezekiah trusted in the Lord... There was never another king like him in the land of Judah, either before or after his time. He remained faithful to the Lord in everything, and he carefully obeyed all the commands the Lord had given Moses. So the Lord was with him, and Hezekiah was successful in everything he did." 2 Kings 18:2-7 (NLT)

Knowing your purpose from the onset prevents time wasting. This five God ordained purpose should stand out in the life of a purpose driven child of God. Firstly, we were planned for God's pleasure; meaning created to offer praises unto God's, which is what pleases him. Isaiah 43:21 says, "This people have I formed for Myself; they shall show forth My praise. In what area are you fulfilling this primary purpose, pray to God to help you make this a lifestyle in your daily life.

Secondly we are formed for God's family: that is having a real fellowship with God's people. In the book of Hebrews 10:25 saying "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching". Realize that no one is created to exist alone. In fellowship you get sharpened, exhorted, enlightened and in trying times you can give and get moral, physical and spiritual support.

Thirdly, we are created to become like Christ, which means to learn discipleship. Have you ever wondered what would my life be like if you became like Jesus? Definitely you will live a purpose filled life. Romans 8:29 says "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren". Meaning thinking, acting, speaking, loving, and serving the way Jesus did, Wherever you find yourself, serve like Jesus did, and be faithful doing it. This makes you grow spiritually; you reflect God's glory and get great strength and nourishment

from the Holy Spirit.

Fourthly you were created for serving God; meaning to be involved in ministry. Mark 10:45 gives us the clear understanding of what to do. It says "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Ministry is seen as service to God and mankind. Serving in your local church ministry is one of the purpose of your salvation; once saved, you have been uniquely gifted to serve which demonstrate the reality of your faith. Serving increases the size of laborers in the field and in a way teaching others how to serve in this great commission. Remember, people tend to emulate what they see, not what they hear. Ministry involvement enhances your biblical understanding and shows to the Lord how much you love him. And in a world that lies in wickedness, service in the ministry helps you develop honest, long-lasting and spirit filled valuable relationship.

Fifthly we are made for a mission; that is evangelizing and soul winning. Mark 16:15 says, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature". And in Matthew 28:19-20 it says Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. We have been saved with a purpose to save others and to fulfill the great commission. Make sure you are fulfilling this purpose.

In conclusion, brethren I encourage you to pray for grace to fulfill your God ordained purpose for your life and to know your purpose of existence, ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in the way, be faithful to God and avoid sin at all cost, believe in yourself and never give-up at the slightest opposition. On this part, you are destined to be successful. Let the life of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, be your guiding light for a purpose driven life. May the Lord bless you and help you live a purpose filled life in Jesus Name. Amen

Pray like this "Lord, show me the purpose of my existence; decode my life unto me in the name of Jesus.



SHOW FORTH HIS PRAISE

Nora Daniels

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9 – KJV)

Praise is an act out of our will that flows in awe and reverence for our Creator. The primary purpose of God for us as chosen and peculiar people is to continually show forth and manifest His praise at all times. The bible says in Psalms 22:3 that God inhabits the praise of His people.

The Lord Himself declared through His Prophet Isaiah, “even every one that is called by my name, for I have created them for my glory; I have formed them; yea, I have made them” (Isa. 43:7 KJV).

Praise is our calling, and our divine purpose. It is the reason for our existence. Praise is dear to the heart of God, it takes us to His presence and opens us up to a deeper communion with Him which was why He created us in His image.

As we praise God, we will discover incredible benefits for our lives. The undeniable truth is that Praise is God's purpose for our existence, Praise is, not an option for a true child of God, it is mandatory.

Thus to better understand this heavenly mandate for the children of the kingdom we will go through this topic by addressing these two basic questions: The WHY and HOW of fulfilling this important mandate.

Why should a Christian show forth the praises of God?

In our key text 1 Peter 2:9, we as children of God are presented as a chosen generation (vessel), a royal priesthood, a holy nation and a peculiar people chosen to manifest the praises of our God. That means we are called out for it, which ultimately means it's our eternal duty to God. There are several reasons why we should embark on constantly and consistently showing forth the praises of God:

It's God's purpose

The Lord declares Himself that “This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise” (Isaiah 43:21, KJV). Showing forth the praise of God means to reveal the love of God, the mercy of God, the righteousness of God and the judgment of God to all mankind, mostly around us.

It reveals what God is like

Ultimately, fulfilling this mandate means revealing what God is like to others. The 'WHO'

of God is made manifest in our praise, whether in song, words or actions. This is the reason for our existence. The Apostle John in his revelation of the 'who' of God declares that, "God has made us kings and priests and we shall reign on earth" (Revelation 5:10, KJV). We manifest the kingship of God through our declaration of His praise at all times.

Declare His praise because He rescued you from darkness into His marvelous light

If there is any reason at all for us to constantly and consistently show forth the praises of God, this is it. "For he has rescued us out of the darkness and gloom of Satan's kingdom and brought us into the Kingdom of his dear Son" (Colossians 1:13, Living Bible). If not for the redeeming power of God we would have being permanently condemned into the shackles of the chains of the devil. God deserve our praise, let us declare it.

How do you show forth the praises of God?

Showing forth the praises of God is not only limited to praising God by singing hymns, raising up of our hands in worship or even regularly attending church, although these are good attributes to practice in actualizing God's purpose in our lives, however, there are other significant ways of how we as believers in the Lord Jesus could show forth the praises of God.

By totally abstaining from fleshly lust – 1 Peter 2:11

This encompasses a lot, it could as well mean to avoid immorality, not being argumentative, not hating, not grumbling or criticizing, being a good steward to our spouses and children and so many more. To be in His purpose means complete abstinence from the things that glorifies the world but not God.

By engaging in honest conversation

As believers expected to reflect the purpose of God, we should strive for honesty in all ways, whether in words or actions, because in so doing you are showing forth the praises of God to the world around you.

By constantly giving appreciations and

thanksgiving to God for what he has done

This could be through several medium such as:

Through witnessing – John 4:1-29 (Samaritan woman)

Through testifying of your salvation to the lost souls – 2 Tim. 1:7-11

Through giving thanks with the fruits of your lips – Luke 17:15-18 (One Leper)

Through your financial giving to support His purpose – Ex. 25:8, 1 Chron. 29:1-9

Living your life in a way that people around you will praise God for your life. When you live a life of blessing, whereby people are blessed through you, people are uplifted spiritually and otherwise and they want to be closer to God because of what you have done or still doing, you are fulfilling this purpose.

Beloved, remember we are peculiar people chosen and called out for His purpose, you must therefore discover your own special and peculiar way to show forth God's praise.

so let us get ourselves out of our comfort zone, and proudly and publicly declare the praises of our God. Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand (Psalm 149:5-6). Come on people of God, Lift up holy hands, unto the Lord and bless His name. For the Lord is good, and His mercy endures forever. The Lord reigns: Let the earth tremble, blessed be Jehovah, our King,

Oh that men would praise and confess to the Lord, His goodness and loving-kindness, and His wonderful works to the children of men. Yes, worship the Lord in the beauty of His holiness. He is great and greatly to be praised. Let us sing unto Him a new song, with high praises in our mouth. With loud cymbals and harp, trumpets, timbrels, stringed instruments, organs and dance, I will praise you, Oh Lord, before cock crow, at noon time, at sun set and upon my bed,
PRAISE YE THE LORD!!!



DOMINION: THE PURPOSE YOU MUST FULFILL

Bisi Fadeyibi

Gen 1:26 says “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

As a believing Christian, a lot of us forget the fact that we have been given dominion. What is yours is never to be pleaded for in anyway.

What therefore is dominion? Dominion is defined as control or power over, or the authority to rule.

When God decided to create man, it was with a purpose, “To Dominate”. According to Gen 1.26, God said let us make man and give him dominion. And in the book of Psalm 8:6 this purpose for our creation was further confirm, it says “**You have made him to have dominion over the works of your hands**”.

Brethren there are times we give up or succumb to situations when God has spoken and settled it for us both in the physical and spiritual realm.

Man is to be the steward of the Earth; he is to bring the material world and all of its varied elements into the service of God and the good of mankind. The command to “subdue” the Earth is actually part of God's blessing on mankind. It would only make sense for God to decree this, since only humans were created in God's image.

Brethren, we have been created to dominate over the works of God's hands, which means we are destined with a purpose to rule over all things, even the devil, because he is part of the works of God's hands.

This further makes it clear, that all the troubles and trails and problems in life planned against us by the devil cannot and should not overcome us if we are fulfilling our purpose of dominion. We have been created to rule over all works of wickedness. **Luke 10:19 says “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt**

you”. God created and equipped us with the power to destroy anything planned against our lives and to silence any satanic cries against us. Even though we have been created to dominate, yet many can't fulfill this purpose due to hindrances and obstacles. Note brethren, the problem is never with God, if there is a reason why you can't fulfill your purpose of dominion, then the issue is with you. In Romans 8:37 the bible says **“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us”**. Yet many are still living below this standard and are being conquered, due to sin and ignorance. There is no one that lives in sin that can dominate because sin is dominating in the life of that individual. **Romans 6:23 says, “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”**. Sin leads to death.

Ignorance is another hinderance to dominion. The Almighty God said in **Hosea 4:6 “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children”**. Our fulfillment of dominion greatly depends also on knowledge. Many perish because they refuse to seek knowledge that will make them fulfill the purpose of dominion. Though man lost it at the beginning, but Jesus came and got it back for us even in a greater way.

When we lack knowledge, we reject power for dominion. We must seek to know how to dominate. For example if you want all things that makes for life and Godliness added to you, the knowledge you need is to seek first the kingdom of God. **Matthew 6:33 “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”**.

Ignorance keeps us in perpetual bondage. God said it in the Old Testament and confirmed it in the New Testament through his son Jesus Christ by moving the rule of dominion to a higher spiritual realm. In **Ephesians 1:19-21 “And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the**

working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come”: If Christ is seated at the right hand of God and we are joint heir with Christ, then we have power to dominate. The bible confirms it in **Romans 8:17 “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together”**.

Believers in Christ, we need to approach our situations with authority to dominate in every area of life..When we don't approach situations in our lives with dominion, the situation pushes us around and bends us to destruction. It would be very sad and unfortunate that when we get to heaven, and we ask God “but why did you not help me” and he tells us he has given us a blank check to go into the world and have dominion. It is a command and all we have to do is believe and obey. An example on how the enemy could push believers around is in the book of 1 Kings 20: 1-30. In this story, the moment the king of Israel told Ben-Hadad that he won't give in to Ben-Hadad's demand, he took the next approach by going to seek counsel of those that God has chosen as elders and advisors for the nation of Israel. The word of God came to him immediately. If he had made the mistake of giving up his dominion, Ben-Hadad would have destroyed the city and taken all he had in a heartbeat.

In conclusion, we should have no doubt that God has already given us dominion in every given situation of life. We are to go into the world to dominate and to rule, that is a purpose we need to fulfill. The only way we could do this is to activate the power deposited in us by God in the beginning. God has given each of us what we need and what it takes and this could be a rod for one person like Moses, or stone for another like David. May God help us.(AMEN)

God bless you.



IMPACTFUL LEGACY

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What is impactful legacy? Let us start by breaking the words into two; impact and legacy.

Impact can be defined as strong effect on someone or something while legacy can be defined as something handed down from an ancestor or a predecessor. Putting those

two words together

gives us the definition of impactful legacy.

A legacy could be a principle, culture or tradition passed on to generations to come from

predecessors. A legacy is often passed on because of the importance attached to it.

Legacy is

usually priceless to the originator and therefore passed on with a sense of pride.

A legacy preserves a principle, culture, tradition or lessons learned.

Encoded in legacy are secrets which are key to survival, thriving, dignity, success, wellbeing and sustenance.

2 Timothy 1:5 KJV -"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which

dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee

also"

In the above bible verse, Apostle Paul reminded Timothy of the impactful legacy of FAITH,

which was passed unto him from his grandmother, Lois and mother, Eunice.

One of our purposes in life is to have a contagious faith which must be transferred not only to our family but also to people around us.

Apostle Paul further stated in 2 Timothy 2:2 -" And the things that thou hast heard of me in the

presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." Apostle Paul left us an impactful legacy which will challenge us to fulfill God's purpose in the

area of spreading the truth of the gospel and the word of God.

There are several examples of individuals in the bible that left impactful legacy. Abraham is a

very good example, Genesis 18vs19: "I have chosen him so that he may command

his children

and his household after him to keep the way of the lord by doing what is right and just. Then the lord will give to Abraham what he promised him ". God gave Abraham his commandments,

which he passed on to his children. This is an example of a man of God fulfilling the purpose of a father through impactful legacy. The Lord expects parents to show their children the ways of the Lord.

Family altar is a practical example of impactful legacy that can be passed on from one generation to another. Family altar is the time allotted to study the word of God and to worship the

Almighty God together as a family. Deut. 6 vs4-7: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one

Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with

all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine

house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

The word of God is a legacy that should be passed on from one generation to another generation. Joshua 1vs8: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate

therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

Teaching our children the importance of

sowing into the kingdom of God through tithes and

offering can be another impactful legacy that can be passed on from one generation to another

generation

We are to fulfill God's purpose for our life by being worthy examples. Our examples will reflect impactful legacy. Philippians 4vs9: "Those things, which ye have both learned, and

received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."

Proverbs 13vs22: "A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

Impactful legacy can be a form of Godly inheritance to our children. Pass on a legacy that will

outlive your life. As heirs of Abraham, our purpose entails passing on impactful legacy to

generations to come.

What then can prevent us from leaving impactful legacy?

First, living a double life will debar one of impactful legacy.

A life that is hypocritical and without integrity will not have a durable foundation upon which to build a lasting impactful legacy. An individual acting and staging a life of purpose for show

instead of living a purpose-driven life will not establish an impactful legacy

Secondly, living an inconsistent life will not allow us to leave an impactful legacy.

A life of inconsistent attributes will never fully mature into a life of impactful legacy.

Consistency in Godly character, making Godly choices and living by Godly principles are the

backbone of an impactful legacy. King David left behind an impactful legacy of a consistent life of worship. Job remained consistent with God by living a righteous and upright life in the midst of his adversities and trials.

In conclusion, our ultimate purpose on earth is to bring God glory; by living a life full of

precepts that will become impactful legacy for many generations to come. Our God-ordained

purpose must leave a landmark that will influence many lives tremendously.

God bless you.

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SOUL WINNING

Soul Winning is the act of declaring the good news of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus which brought us freedom from sin and condemnation. It is the message of the gospel that tells the world about the love of God, that declares sinners righteous and justified, because Jesus paid the price.



-Elohor Kenneth

God's love letter that proposes salvation from eternal destruction is found in John 3:16
John 3:16 KJV - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Why is soul winning necessary?

- It is a command by the Lord (The Great Commission)

Mark 16:15-16 KJV - "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

- Hell is real and it is meant for the devil and his angels.

Revelation 20:15 KJV - "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

- God is not willing that any should perish according to 2 Peter 3:9 KJV - "The Lord is

not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

- Jesus loves the world dearly that he gave his own life .

The price has been paid for every soul that believes.

John 15:13 KJV - "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

- There is celebration in heaven for every soul that repents and accepts Jesus as saviour.Luke 15:7 KJV

- "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."

- It is the will of God that we bear fruits and that our fruit abides.John 15:16 KJV - "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

- The reward for soul winning is unimaginable here on earth and in heaven.Daniel 12:3 KJV - "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Who should win soul?

Every born again child of God has been chosen and commanded by God to evangelize sinners. We have been called to be a light in the midst of darkness. Every wise child of God must win souls into God's kingdom according to Proverbs 11:30 KJV: "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise"

Every christian who loves his neighbour as himself and does not want a sinner to perish in hell is obliged to declare the truth of the gospel without fear. Every child of God who wants to obey God should preach the good news for soul winning. John 14:15 KJV - "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Remember that God is counting on you to spread the good news of salvation through Jesus. One of your most important purpose as a child of God is to be his mouth piece, especially to the lost and thirsty soul. Romans 10:14-15 KJV - "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

We as believers have been entrusted with the most important task; populating God's kingdom. We should take it with all seriousness and sense of urgency. Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:16 KJV- "For though I preach the

gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" Do not be ashamed to be God's ambassador! Romans 1:16 KJV- "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

How should soul winning be done? There is no one size fit all approach when preaching the gospel. First, partner with the holy spirit and let him direct you on how best to approach an individual or group of individuals. Remember that you are just sowing the seed of the word of truth, let the lord water the seed and give it growth. Never argue! Remember Matthew 10:14 KJV – "And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet." Bear in mind that no one comes to the father except he is drawn by the father John 6:44 KJV - "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day".

You can win souls using any of the following methods:

- One on One approach: engaging in discussion about the gospel with another person.
- Testimony of personal life style which reflects Jesus can draw more souls to Jesus
- Use of gospel tracts
- Open air evangelistic crusades e.t.c

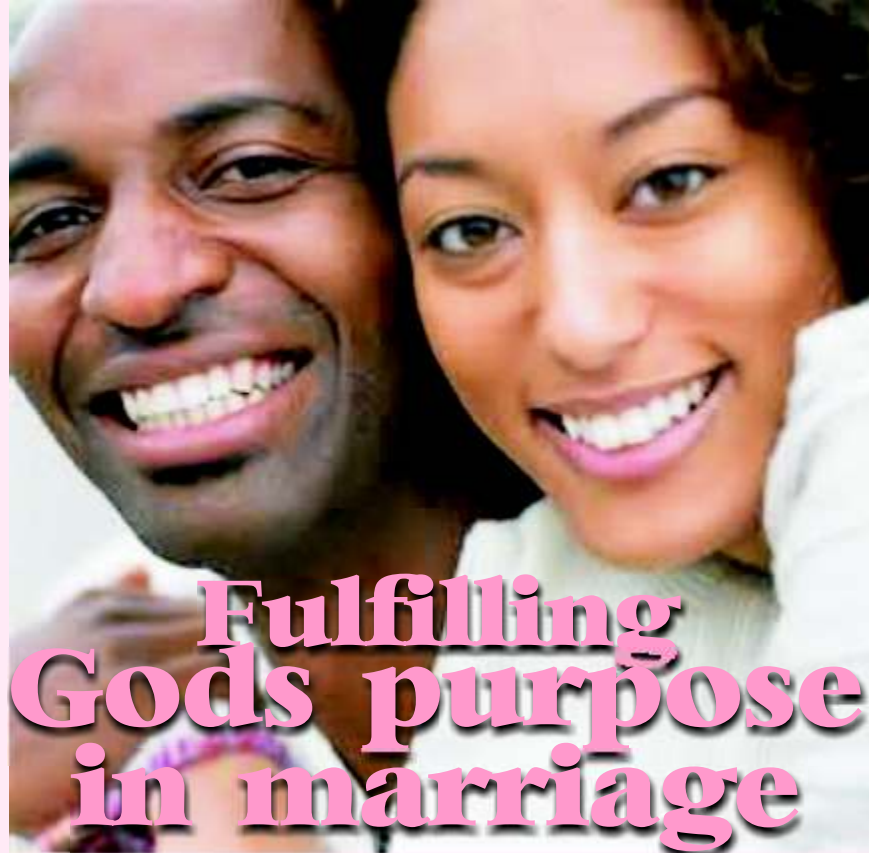
Help lead the potential convert in the prayer of repentance as prescribed in Romans 10:9-10 KJV -

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." When should souls be won? Souls should be won at every given opportunity because today is the day of salvation and no one knows when rapture will take place because it is written in 1 Thessalonians 5:2 NLV - "For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly like a thief in the night".Procrastination should

not be entertained.Ephesians 5:16 KJV says : "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Finally, brethren remember that the most crucial, time sensitive mission of soul winning has been committed into our hands. We must execute this task with all seriousness, diligence and commitment, Love and compassion towards lost souls is the fuel for soul winning. Soul winning can only be accomplished through the power of the holy spirit and never eloquence or human intelligence. Soul winning is one of our ultimate purpose on Earth.

"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female'. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate. (Mark 10:6-9, NIV)



Fulfilling Gods purpose in marriage

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Embracing this primary purpose of giving glory to God and portraying it in marriage leads to fulfilling the secondary purposes associated with it. There is tendency to want to pursue mostly the secondary purposes over God's primary

purpose, but the truth is that once you choose to embrace God's primary purpose in your relationship, you will end up encountering numerous secondary purposes and blessings of a Christ-honouring relationship in all areas of your life, marriage being inclusive. Few of these essential and worthy secondary purposes to pursue after are discussed below:

Helpmeet/Companionship.

God made the woman to be helpmeet to man. "Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him" (Genesis 2:18, NASB), Help as stated here is not only physically but also spiritually. The affection, love, and true companionship that comes out of a true heart of oneness of spirit between partners, models Christ's unconditional love. In addition, actualizing this also means that both spouses recognizes the fact that they are helpmeet to each other, not just one sided. "For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion." (Eccl. 4:10a, NASB)

Enjoyment.

Marriage is enjoyable when the couple involved hold on and abide by the biblical principles. The bible describes this well in the book of Hebrew that "Marriage should be

God is a God of purpose, He does everything for a reason, King Solomon in his wisely proverbial words emphasized this truth, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven" (Eccl. 3:1, ASV). Thus we know that God has a purpose for marriage and he is very interested in seeing the fulfilment of this purpose in our marriages.

Not knowing our purpose in marriage can lead to frustration, rejection, inferiority

complex, aggression, rebellion in the home, more reason why it is very important for us as believers in the Lord Jesus to know and work towards accomplishing His purpose in our day to day lives, especially in our marriage.

God's primary purpose, for our lives, married or single is to glorify Him. Everything we do must bring glory to God. To give us understanding of what God expects from us in our relationship in order to glorify Him, God gave Paul an inspiration which he expressed in his exhortation to the Ephesians "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ...so that he might present the church to himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5:25a,27,

honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral" (Hebrew 13:4, NIV). The physical relationship is a reflection of the loyalty and affection shared among marriage partners who have become "one flesh", and God ordained it to be enjoyable ONLY between both parties involved.

Fruitfulness.

"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward" (Psalms 127:3, ESV). The blessing of fruitfulness in marriage allows that relationship to be reproduced physically; it is an example of the "oneness" that results in a marriage.

Protection.

The undeniable truth is that, Love protects. When you share a sincere love with your spouse, you experience a kind of protection that the world cannot get in between. "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for each other" (1 John 3:16, ESV).

Maintaining a Godly perspective of God's purpose for marriage provides the foundation for a successful marital relationship. Marriage becomes a spiritual endeavor rather than being dependent on financial status, bearing children, or securing a specific employment. Being able to fulfill God's intended pattern and purpose for marriage should always be our drive and motivation to developing Christ like character.

How can we fulfil this purpose?

By being born again, regenerated in the Spirit, "Guard yourself in your spirit, and don't break faith" (Malachi 2:16, NIV), this drives the fear of God in you. The fear of God in you helps you fulfil God's purpose for your marriage.

By living a holy life. "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14, NIV)

Have a noble/humble character; be as wise as a dove. "The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down" (Proverbs 14:1, NIV). The most significant

women in the bible were influential not because of their careers but because of their character, Godly women such as Mary, Dorcas, Deborah, just to name a few.

Have a gentle and quiet spirit – exercising the mind of God in your adornment. "Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight" (1 Peter 3:3-4, NIV).

By exercising oneness with God and your spouse. No Devil can break a cord tightly kneced together by God, where there is oneness/unity the purpose of God is achieved. At the end you reap cooperation, unity and encouragement.

By being faithful to God and the marital vows made to your spouse. "I, ___, take thee, ___, to be my wedded husband/wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I pledge thee my faith/pledge myself to you." This is not just a vow made to one another on the altar, but a vow made to God, so remember, God is a jealous God and he always hold true to His words. "When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow" (Genesis 2:18, ESV)

In conclusion, it is important to understand that fulfilling our purpose gives glory to God and also releases us from the captivity of hopelessness and despair. In all our doings let us be careful to recognize that our primary focus in actualizing the purpose of God for our marital relationship is to God first. Embracing His love and reflecting this love in our marital lives, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, will go a long way to positively effectively affect the world around us and eventually draw them in, to experience the love of Christ.

God bless you.

Psalm 144:12b "That our daughters may be as pillars, sculptured in palace style" (NKJV).

Psalm 144:12b "May our daughters be like graceful pillars, carved to beautify a palace" (NLV).

What is a pillar?

A pillar is defined as a long, slender, vertical structure used to support a superstructure.

Pillars have different connotations. It is a support for a building, or a person. Pillars are also personalities supporting an institution or a movement. What constitutes the pillar will determine the strength and the firmness of the pillar. Pillars are majorly erected from the foundation, and the deeper the foundation is, the stronger the pillar.

Pillars in the Church - When talking about Pillars in the church, we are not necessarily talking about the building. Pillars in the church represent the whole body of Christian believers; Christendom. Pillars are the strength of the Church that hold the body of Christ in place.

Pillars in the church, however, are the daughters of Zion, who are carved specially by the Most High God to support, strengthen, hold firmly together and beautify the Church of God which is the body of Christ.

From our scriptural text above, we can see clearly that this is the desire of the Almighty God for us His daughters. Being a pillar in the Church of God is our PURPOSE. God did not place us in the Church for nothing. According to Romans 8:28 we are called according to God's Purpose.



PILLARS IN THE CHURCH

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WE NEED THESE PILLARS IN THE CHURCH TODAY.

Every church is made up of a wide variety of people, but every church needs pillars and this is what God wants us to be.

There were wonderful women in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ who were pillars in the Church. Also in the early Church there were great women who were pillars in the Church. From the life of some of these women it was clear that who you were or how you were before you got saved is not the issue but as soon as you get saved, God desires that you no longer be ordinary or remain as you were after experiencing the transforming power of the cross. Mary Magdalene became a strong pillar in the Church in her time.

When Christians learn to grow in God's Word and His ways, they will become strong pillars in His house.

A church that will stand firmly needs Pillars, not just a pillar, as one pillar alone cannot hold a structure. The bigger the structure, the more pillars it needs to stand the test of time.

Characteristics of pillars in the Church

Pillars are role model Christians. They also build up others so they can become pillars too.

After being in The Lord for some time your life should become an example for others to follow. When new converts come into Church they should see in you how things are done in the family of God without anyone teaching them directly. In I Tim 4:12b Paul said "...be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in Faith, in purity"

Also I Thessalonians 5:11 encourages us thus... "So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing."

Pillars are lights that shine. Pillars are salt wherever they are. Matthew 5:16 says "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

3) Pillars are strong support to the Pastors and other ministers in growing the church: they are the people who hold things together and keep the ministries of the church going; people who will be there come what may; people who are loyal to God and the church.

4) Pillars take up responsibilities in the Church. Pillars are not "Sunday only Christians"; they have ministry, they are zealous and passionate about the things of the kingdom (2 Corinthians 12:15). They always make themselves available for kingdom work; they put God first in all things.

5) Pillars identify needs in the Church and voluntarily meet the needs without seeking for recognition or applause of men.

6) Pillars are filled with the Holy Spirit, they bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit

7) Pillars are soul winners and disciples of new converts. They make new members comfortable in the Church of God.

8) Pillars are compassionate people, not self-

centered, they think of other people's needs. They take care of the poor and needy.

8) Pillars have a foundation that is very deep in the word of God and Prayers.

They are intercessors - people who are there to encourage and pray for others.

9) Pillars are bold, focused and do not get distracted easily, They are not afraid to speak the truth or ashamed of the truth regardless of the cost and are willing to speak when and where God wants them to.

10) Pillars do not condone sin or keep company with sinners.

11) Pillars are good Christian examples in their mode of dressing, in humility, attitude, and the words that proceed out of their mouth are seasoned with salt.

12) Pillars are very generous in forgiveness. They do not keep record of offences or look for opportunity to pay back evil for evil.

13) Pillars are humble Christians. They accept when they are wrong and are ready to make amends and move forward in their calling.

14) Pillars are teachable. Always ready to learn as they continue to grow in the Lord.

15) Pillars are Solid and stable. They are not easily blown off.

Luke 6:47

Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like:

⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.

16) Pillars are reliable, they are dependable. You can lean on pillars and they will not let you down.

17) Pillars uphold. Pillars are not caterpillars. Pillars don't pull down with their mouth or action.

18) Pillars are faithful.

19) Pillars give life. Pillars do not destroy (James 3:10, Titus 1:10-11). They are not back-biters nor gossipers.

20) Pillars in the church are sensitive to the things of the Spirit. They are quick to recognize and acknowledge what God has done in their lives by giving HIM thanks in all situation.)

¹⁶ Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Never stop praying. ¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT

BENEFITS OF BEING A PILLAR

The blessings attached to being pillars in the house of God are many.

Beloved the truth is that when you are a pillar, blessings of God pursue you.

Miracles happen in your life without struggles.

Heaven supervises your affairs.

Pillars are in partnership with God and God will never let them down or allow them to be put to shame.

God's faithfulness is sure.

HOW CAN I BECOME A PILLAR?

Make up your mind to be a pillar. Whatever you want in life begins with a decision. Since

you now have knowledge that Being a pillar is the PURPOSE of God for you. Be determined.

Identify what could be hindering you from being a pillar and begin to forsake or deal with them. E.g. unbelieving believer friends, being overburdened with issues of life, worldly pleasures, Luke warmth and non challant attitude in the things of God etc.

Begin to work towards being a pillar by consciously cultivating the characteristics of pillars mentioned above.

Weigh the benefits of being a pillar versus not being a pillar. Motivate yourself with the blessings and live daily seeking to be a pillar.

Ask God in prayers to make you a pillar.

God needs people who will stand as pillars and support HIS church at this end time. Indeed the true laborers are few.

Without support columns, the building would cave in; without pillars, the church will cease to function, and that is not the will of God. Arise to meet the need for pillars in the Church of God and your reward is sure.

God Bless you.



Taiwo Aregbesola

___"Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, think not with thyself that thou shall escape in the kings's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place, but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed, and **WHO KNOWETH WHETHER THOU ART COME TO THE KINGDOM FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS.**" Esther 4:13-14(kjv).

To be distinguished is to be characterized by excellence. To be eminent, to be noble and celebrated. "Purpose" is what you are created for, it is the reason for your existence.

God Almighty created us as unique beings, He knows every little detail about us, He has put in us what we will need to fulfill the purpose He created us for. We all are not the same so, also our purposes differ. The psalmist in recognition of this said in Psalms 139:13-16

"for you did form my inward parts; You did knit me together in my mother's womb,...I am fearfully and wonderfully made, marvelous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was

being formed in secret...Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in your book all the days were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them." It is therefore important to discover Our purpose, work at it and fulfill it as this distinguishes us and can take us to the height we never thought we could get to in life. The story of Esther drives the point home clearly that there is no height we cannot attain in life if we discover our purpose and settle for it.

We live in a world that sometimes makes us think that we aren't special because we are not popular, pretty, athletic, or as smart as others.

Beloved you must know that Our value before God isn't based on any of those things. He loves us because He created us and placed us in this world for a PURPOSE. His purpose for placing each one of us on this earth is to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever.

We glorify God when we live a life that pleases Him and points others to him.

He has given us gifts, talents and abilities that we can use to help others see that God exists and wants them to be

a part of His family too.

Our lives are like wrapped gifts. We have received a present but we don't know exactly what is inside until we take the wrapping paper off the present. As each of us walk with God by faith day by day, obeying His word, He begins to prepare us for what is inside that present(purpose). In God's perfect time He allows the wrapping on the gift we have to come off and allows us to see what the talent/ability for serving Him will be.

We all have a PURPOSE which God expects us to use to influence the lives of others around us positively. For example, In Mark 3:14, the bible says: "And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach." Also John 15:16 KJV says "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you". He created Moses to deliver the Israelites. He created Esther to be the savior of the Jews from destruction. They discovered their PURPOSE, they went for it, they fulfilled it and were distinguished in their time. We read about them today and learn beautiful lessons from their lives.

Therefore, to be distinguished through purpose, here are some important qualities you must possess :

(1). HAVE A VISION:

Vision is derived from the word to see. If a man's vision is blurred, it means that he lacks the ability to see correctly. For one to have a vision the person must have the ability to see clearly what lies ahead. To get ahead in life and live a purposeful, fulfilled and distinguished life, you must be able to see the bigger picture of God's plan for your life. Simply put, vision means to see as God sees i.e being able to see what God has packaged for you. Jeremiah 29:11 KJV - "For I know the thoughts that I think

toward you, saith the Lord , thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end". God entertains good thoughts towards you to give you an expected end.

Proverbs 29:18 KJV - "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he".

So without vision it is impossible to stand out and stand tall in the midst of multitude.

(2). HAVE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT MAKES YOU PECULIAR.

You must have a clear understanding of what makes you distinct,

peculiar and special. You must not be contented just to live and be like every other person. Rather you must express your individual uniqueness. In doing this, you must be willing to endure the process that God would want to take you through. Going with this is the fact that the route God will take you , the mode and means He will get you to your PURPOSE will differ from that of another person. You are unique and peculiar.

Therefore you would need to learn humility, patience and all that is needed to reign, at the appointed time. It is the understanding that you have of yourself that makes you to stand out. The truth is that

God did not create us to compete, but to complement each other. We are all suppose to supply what others lack. God has created each of us as a solution to a malignant problem, which we are better equipped to solve. Joseph had the understanding that God created him with the ability to interpret dreams thereby solving people's

problems. He was busy doing this even in difficult situation and this unique ability later distinguished him. Gen 41:39-40.

(3). BE COMMITTED

Commitment to a God given purpose, vision, or dream is the only road to its fulfillment. David's mighty men were committed to his

vision that made them to team up with him. In the process of time they themselves became mighty men because they were committed to the dreams of their master. In Acts 26:19-22, Paul said, "whereupon, o king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision. But shewed first unto the of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout the coast of Judea, and them to the

Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do works meet for repentance. For this cause the Jews caught me in temple, and went about to kill me. Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to the small and great saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come". The commitment of Paul to his God ordained purpose through thick and thin distinguished him as a great disciple of Christ. Esther was committed to the task of saving the Jews even at the cost of her life. Esther 4:16

(4). MAKE THE NEEDED SACRIFICES AND PAY THE PRICE.

Nothing good comes easy. For your purpose to distinguish you, the needed price and sacrifices must be paid. If you are not willing to pay the price you can never bring about a change or make much difference as a distinguished personality. The purpose of God for Joseph was to be the head of his family and the savior of the Egyptians. God had to process him through years of hatred, slavery, suffering, affliction and prison before he could enter into that which God promised him. Esther showed how resilient she was in saving her people. She didn't mind even if it meant her dying to achieve that purpose. God gave her courage so that she can do the work He ordained her for. The Christian life is a life of sacrifices and blessings as well. Pleasures seekers may not be able to get to the height God

Purposed for them.

God wants you to develop your potentials and skills. He also wants you to have the Godly quality of long suffering, discernment, forgiveness, love, self-acceptance and good character.

(5). BE GUIDED BY THE FEAR OF GOD.

The bible teaches that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. The fear of the Lord is to reverence Him. That is one challenge we have today in the church and in the world. The fear of the Lord has been overlooked and almost forgotten. People carry on as if there is no God, who is the Judge and to whom all are accountable. The fear of the Lord is important in the actualization of your purpose. This is so because regardless of the passion we have towards our God given dreams, God becomes disinterested when His fear is not applied in the pursuit of such dream or purpose. When He is interested in it, He becomes the principal partner while we are his co-laborer, this distinguishes you in purpose. We cannot do it by ourselves, we definitely need the direction and help of God. Psalms 25:12 KJV says: "What man is he that feareth the Lord ? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose". When you fear the Lord, the actualization of God given purpose becomes guaranteed as God begins to direct your course and your step to distinguish you.

CONCLUSION.

We have been placed on this earth at this time in history for God's plan and PURPOSE. He knows all that is going on around us and He will use us to be a Godly influence in the lives of others around us if we choose to follow and obey Him. God bless you.



“Ye are the light of the world”

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“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven”.Matthew 5:14-16

From the scripture above we can see that light has a significant impact and we as believers are called light.

When we say light we refer to the natural agent that stimulates sight and makes things visible. Put in another way you see through light. This means that as the light of the world we are the natural agent that stimulates sight and makes things visible in this dark and wicked world.

The major characteristics of light is to provide visibility and to illuminate our surrounding especially a world that lieth in wickedness. (1 John 5:19)

Therefore, as God's children, we are the light of the World. When Jesus referred to Himself as “the light of the world” in John 9:5, he was simply telling us that our nature must reflect His nature. We as believers must carry His nature, maintain the same relationship like Jesus Christ did during His time on earth.

Now think of this, “How are believers “light of the world”? Light is prominently great in several ways. Christians must have the same characteristics exhibited by light. The importance that light first display is the fact that it provides visibility. Without light, it will be very impossible for us to see.

We are that light that people must see Christ through. The world must see Christ through us. This is only achievable when we shine for the world to see. The world will also see Christ through us when we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through every means possible., beloved please note that the whole world lies in spiritual darkness. (2 Corinthians 4:3-4; John 1:5). The only way the world can catch the glimpse of Christ is through us, which will be done through His reflection in our lives as his own priesthood.

How Comforting can light be to the world? Light is very comforting especially to the one lost in the wilderness, It is like having a personal guiding lamp to guide us to safety through the darkness of a storm-filled night. Light to the souls lost in the wilderness of sin, is having faithful disciples lead them to Christ as they receive help in going through the dangers of this sinful world. (Philp. 3:17)

However, we inherit the essential capacity of

light to heal. For example, sunlight has the capacity to aid in healing and strengthen physically sick and weak bodies. According to the book of Malachi 4:2, "But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings". Therefore, Christians must exhibit that healing light upon sin sickened and wounded souls.

Furthermore, light protects from danger and evil, for darkness is the cover for crime(John3:20). Mature Christians must protect spiritual babes from the pitfalls of sin. Light makes life possible, because the light from the sun gives existence on earth. Without the light of Christ, that shone in and through His disciples, there would not be spiritual life (John1:4).

More also, light reveals hidden secrets in darkness and mitigates problems: That is, reflections of our lives as Christians should expose the deeds of darkness. (Ephesians 5:11-13). In addition, the sinful world lies in the frightening and terrifying condition of spiritual darkness (John3:19). All spiritual light to guide the lost to salvation originated from Jesus Christ our savior (2Corinthians 4:3-6). We are the moon, obtaining all light from the sun. We must live as He did to reflect His light (1Peter 2:21)

In our opening scripture which says "we are a city that is set on a hill". In this manner, Christians are viewed collectively as God's

Church (Hebrew12:22-23). The entire world around is focusing on our claims to be a peculiar people, called out of darkness into his marvellous light; to show forth HIS praise and this what we are called to exhibit(1Peter2:9-10).

Finally, Christians are again likened to "a candle". This eventually clarifies our relationship as individual Christians to the world, that is created to light the world. The words "candle and candlestick" are actually called "Lamp and Stand". The primary duty of the light from the lamp was to be seen. If we as believers appear in our true form of "Light", the world will see us as solution bringers, breakers of demonic bondages, terminators of fear in its track, winners of souls to the kingdom, liberators of destinies from witchcraft covens, preachers of the gospel to the poor; healers, of the brokenhearted, preachers of deliverance to the captives, recoverers of sight to the blind, giving liberty to them that are bruised, and preachers of the acceptable year of the Lord. The question we need to ask ourselves is are we shining as the light of the world or are we hiding.

Arise and shine for the World to see Christ through you.

Stay Blessed

“Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him”.Isaiah 43:7

From the scripture above, there is a definite clarity that every creation of God is with a purpose. So our foremost

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purpose in life is for God's Glory. Therefore, what is Purpose? What, can we understand by this word? What comes to your mind when we ask ourselves what is my purpose of existence?

Purpose can be defined in many ways, but for me Purpose is a journey of discovery, it can be defined as a reason of being or a reason for existence.

Waiting on the other hand could be the action of staying with . That means to keep on with what you are doing. Waiting could also be delaying action until a particular time or until something else happens.

With this in mind,we then know that every purpose for man has a maturity date, so this is a period of gestation before manifestation. Therefore waiting on your purpose is staying until the full maturity begins to unfold. Waiting period can belong or short, it depends on what God has in mind for you.As a result, some are forced into waiting, others find themselves in a waiting room, but waiting on your purpose in life which can also be viewed as waiting on your calling in order to know what to do, is to ensure that we live to fulfil Our purpose in life..

Waiting enable us live a life that impacts the world



around you for good. The time of waiting can bring out the best or worst in a person. Waiting for something can be a frustrating time in someone's life, but with patience you will discover that the wait was worth it. In Genesis 50:20 Joseph told his

brothers“But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, (which means God designed it for me to fulfill my purpose) in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive”. Joseph was sold out into slavery by his own brothers because they got a glimpse of his purpose and they do not want it to materialise. But just as the scripture says all things work together for good, the experience in Portiphars house and in the prison became Joseph's waiting period. Joseph's purpose came to manifestation 12years later, after suffering false accusation, lock up in prison unjustly, forgotten and left to die, he revealed to his brethren, that his purpose of existence is to save mankind from extinction.

Furthermore, the bible encourages us in Isaiah 40:31 that he will renew our strength as we wait on him.The waiting period, should not be seen as a time of anguish as many thought it to be, but as a time of self discovery and personal development.We learn a lot about ourselves,our

strengths,weaknesses,abilities,possibilities, faith,mental preparedness, and more. In this moment of waiting, you have to trust God and his timing. In Proverbs 3:5-6 says “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”.

Ecclesiastes3:11now puts the cap on it that as you wait on the Lord, he will make everything

beautiful in its time. Waiting build Patience in us, In Galatians 5:22 patience is seen as one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, so in the process of waiting for your purpose, you are also developing the fruits of the Holy spirit, which is a major requirement, if we must fulfill our purpose in life. Once we have the understanding that there is no alternative, we will learn to rely totally on God and wait on his timing.

Also it helps us develop our relationship with God as our only source. He is with us every step of the way; He is interested in our journey as he is in our destination. Genesis 39:2 & 21 says "The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. 21 But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. The time of waiting on your purpose can be challenging and sometimes exciting because you have an expectation that needs to be met, and you are hopeful looking forward to the manifestation. The beauty of waiting is that when it eventually comes, we treasure it more, and therefore not destroy it. An example is Hannah in 1 Samuel who waited on God for Samuel, "the child of purpose".

More also, life is constantly about waiting for one thing or the other. Waiting can be passive, where a person just waits and does nothing during the time and they eventually get tired of waiting and give up. The word of God says faith without works is dead. Waiting can also be expectant, here one has something to look forward to with hope that it will surely come to pass. Hebrews 10:35-36 encourages us not to cast away our confidence which hath great recompense of reward; it says we have the need of patience, that after we have done the will of God, we might receive the promise. A person finds fulfillment when they find their purpose.

Finally during the time of waiting on your purpose, you cultivate the habit of constant prayer, pray for direction, wisdom, enlightenment, favor. Praise God and find things to do to glorify him. Hebrews 6:12 tells us not to be slothful, but

followers of them who through Faith and Patience inherit the promises. There are many examples in the bible of people who waited on the Lord for their purpose. Abraham is a good example. He waited for the birth of his son. David also waited thirteen years to become the king of Israel. Zachariah and Elizabeth also waited. Even our Lord Jesus Christ waited 30 years before he started His 3 year's revolutionary ministry, which the world till now can't recover from.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 tells us that to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven. God must work with each of us in a different way, man or woman, young or old. We all begin differently in life and God must compensate for those differences. For instance, when we receive salvation influences our ability to walk with God and learn His will. Also when we begin to study the Word and act upon it is a great influence upon our hearing God and receiving His guidance to discover and develop our life purpose. If you're waiting for your life purpose, you must also realize that God must consider what you're doing at the time. If you begin seeking God as a youth or young adult for example, your life will be more available to serve God completely without encumbrances. You may be led into marriage and family in the process, but you will already be working with God through a strong relationship that you have already developed.

As you wait on your purpose learn to accept the past, embrace your present, and look expectantly toward the future. May the Lord strengthen us as we wait on Him in Jesus Name, Amen.



HELPING OTHERS TO FULFILL THEIR PURPOSE

-By Ehinomen Onwuachi

“For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14

Beloved, we must understand that God created every one of us with a definite purpose and we are have the responsibility of discovering that purpose.

It is good to know also that our definite purpose in life could be attached to another person's purpose and if we refuse to discover and fulfil our part the other person may not be able to fulfil his or her own purpose too.

Sometimes, we find ourselves in difficult situations, and at the end we discover the lesson learnt are helping others.

In the journey of life we meet with people who affect us either positively or negatively, we also come across people who are influenced by our contact with them. God is able to bring us in contact with whosoever he intends to use to take us to the next level, where our purpose will be fulfilled.

One of the most popular scriptures in the bible is John 3.16 which says, For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life”. Jesus came to help us fulfill our own purpose of creation. There was no way we can show forth the praise of God which he created us for, as written in Isaiah 43.21 if we continue to live in Sin. Remember Romans 6:23 says “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”.

Jesus came so that we do not die without fulfilling our purpose on earth. We also have a purpose to help others fulfill their purpose.

Many live and die without fulfilling purpose because they either missed their helpers of destiny, or their helpers of destiny refused to help them, thereby creating a big loss to humanity and a greater loss to the kingdom God. This is a fearful thing as we all will give account one day. Please pray these prayers,

- Helpers of my destiny arise and locate me now in the name of Jesus.
- Powers assigned to prevent me from fulfilling my purpose, be destroyed in the name of Jesus
- Oh Lord, show me my purpose of existence in the name of Jesus
- May I not frustrate Heavenly mission and vision in Jesus name.

Understand this brethren, no man makes it alone, your achievement today is as a product of God directing helper of destiny to you, like wise you are also destined to help others fulfill their purpose in life. Many think once they are in comfort, that's the end of the Journey, but they forget that someone might die if they don't receive their immediate help, and at the end your own life purpose have also be cut short because you have not helped someone fulfill theirs. Deepak said and I quote, "Everyone has a purpose in life ... a unique gift or special talent to give to others. And when we blend this unique talent with service to others we experience the ecstasy and exultation of our own spirit, which is the ultimate goal of all goals."

We will learn a few lessons from the story of Esther here.

Esther was an orphan and a slave girl who became queen, with the help of her Uncle Mordecai who brought her up and taught her what steps to take. So Esther got help by being brought up by the Uncle.

Then in the book of Esther 2:8-9 she met with Hegai the custodian of the women and she obtained his favor; he readily gave beauty preparations to her much more than her allowance. Then seven choice maidservants were provided for her from the king's palace, and he moved her and her maidservants to the best place in the house of the women. This was a major help for Esther in her preparation to look the best for the king's choice. Then in Esther 2:15 the bible says "Now when the turn came for Esther the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her as his daughter, to go in to the king, she requested nothing but what Hegai the king's eunuch, the custodian of the women, advised. And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all who saw her".

This scripture shows that the help she received from Hegai, and the advice she gave her ensured that she got the attention of the King to become queen. The question is who have you helped in life, career, ministry, academic, business etc. to become the best to rise to a position of prominence. I am sure Esther will forever do well onto Hegai in the House of the King.

More also a time came when Esther was to help others, all Jews were about to be killed. She assumed there is nothing she can do, how often have we seen people struggling, suffering and dying, and we often say, "it's not my business", there is nothing I can do" when in fact the better outcome of the situation lies in your hands. In our opening scripture Esther 4:14 Mordecai, had to remind Esther that she should never think that in comfort she can't be touched, that her purpose in life might have been for such a time like this, to rise and prevent the lives of the Jews from been wasted by Haman.

Furthermore, part of true happiness and your personal fulfillment involves you being of help to others in fulfilling their purpose and having a fulfilled life. Without that factor, without helping others, you will never feel totally happy, you will always feel incomplete and somewhat unfulfilled, as if "something" is missing from your life. In 2 Samuel 9, David helped Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul to repose all that he had lost, gave

him servants, set him to eat meat at the king's table forever, and help him regain his prominence as a prince.

Helping others fulfill their purpose is a large and important part of higher and deeper purpose and complete fulfillment. In the church where you are, how are you helping the church fulfill her purpose? in what capacity are you serving to ensure that needs are being met, in what way are you reaching out to lost souls and bringing them to Christ, how many times have you picked up tracts from the Pastor and go on evangelism to help the church fulfill the great commission of preaching the gospel to the world and redeeming souls to fulfill purpose, when last did you give to the hospitality department to assist someone in need in your church to fulfill their lifelong dreams, these are questions you should ask yourself and these are ways you can help others fulfill their purpose in life.

In whatever way you can help others fulfill their purpose, do it gladly, do it selflessly, do it whenever you can. The reward you get for it is fulfillment ... a deep sense of purpose and happiness. Mordecai helped Esther become queen, and then pushed her to fulfilling her purpose of helping other Jews. As Christians, helping others to fulfill their purpose is very important. God has empowered us with the ability to do something; he does not expect us to keep it and not use it. In the parable of the talents (Matt 25:14-30), the servant that did not use his talent had the talent taken away from him and given to the one with the ten talents. Our greatest successes in life are often found in helping others succeed. Our most lasting and fulfilling achievements are often earned by helping others fulfill their God ordained purpose in life. This makes you happy and fulfilled. By this act, you bring about emancipation in the World. Remain Blessed in Jesus name.

Prayers:

*Lord give me the grace to help others fulfill purpose in Life in Jesus name

*Father show me those you have sent me to help in the name of Jesus

*I uproot all from of selfishness out of my life, in Jesus Name.

*Father please help me not to fail you, by refusing to help others in Jesus Name



FIT FOR THIS PURPOSE

By Sis Kate.

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price, so glorify God in your body”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

Beloved the above scripture makes it clear that we don't own ourselves, we are God's property. Also the Spirit of God resides in us, we are His temple.

The implication of this is that part of the reverence we are to give to God includes

doing all within our power to keep our bodies pure spiritually and physically for God's glory.

Living a fit life is not just about losing weight, it's about living a healthy life for God's glory.

We need healthy spirit, healthy soul and healthy body to fulfill God's purpose for our lives. If we do not devote time to doing this, there is the tendency to now spend more time and resources later in life trying to correct the mistakes of earlier years. For some, unfortunately the costs can be deadly

and irreparable.

How do we keep our bodies fit for purpose ?

We have to be conscious of what goes into our bodies.

So many diseases run in families because over the years people cooked and consumed certain foods the same way from generation to generation. We forget the fact that over time a lot of chemicals, especially in the form of fertilizers that are injurious to our health, have silently crept into our food. Our grandmothers cooked with original palm oil for years and lived long and cholesterol free lives. Palm oil as we know it now with all the additives to make it more marketable, is different from the palm oil of old. Apart from this, we are consuming much more now than our bodies actually need and doing little or no physical exercise to burn off all the accrued excesses. We are also bombarded daily through various mediums with adverts of overprocessed food that have little or no nutritional value, we look for easy way out by avoiding cooking from scratch.

The good news is that, no matter how bad the state we are in, with the appropriate diet and exercises we can correct a lot of anomalies. Our bodies have been so programmed by the Almighty Creator that certain cells can be renewed and we can then be fit to achieve God's purpose for our lives.

What then should we do?

1) Balance diet

Take an honest look at the way we eat. Our diets need to be balanced. Most African foods are based on carbohydrates, while the other classes of food are consumed in very little proportion or completely absent. Everything in life requires balancing just as our diet does.

2) Eat your food fresh

We should try as much as possible to consume food the way God made it. By the time we cook and add so many things to our meals, we have virtually destroyed all the natural nutrients in the food. Our

grandparents lived longer and healthier lives because they ate simply freshly made and not over cooked or overloaded meals.

3) Don't skip meals

Some people think that skipping meals is the answer to keeping fit. This is a very wrong assumption. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. You need it to jumpstart the energy to sustain your activities for the day.

4) Meal times

The timing of our eating is also very important for so many reasons.

Meal time

Dinner should not be taken very late. The later into the night before we take dinner, the more difficult it is for our bodies to digest the food in time and still be able to take some rest ahead of the next day. You do not want your system to be busy working the whole night while your organs (like the brain and digestive organs) are technically supposed to have shut down for rest in the night.

5) Fresh vegetables and fruits

We should make fresh vegetables and fruits a big part of our daily diet. Vegetable salads without all the high calorie dressing should be part of our daily diet. If you follow up on this, you will be consuming less of the high calorie food that lead to weight gain, obesity and health issues.

6) Juicing

Juicing is also highly recommended. Most people juice fruits and not vegetables. This should not be so. You can make delicious juices by having more of vegetables with very little fruits added to it. This way, you are not consuming too much sugar that might also not be too good for your body. There are various juicing recipes on the internet that address various ailments.

7) Portion control

Portion control is very important. A lot of people have lost significant amount of

weight and are living healthier lives by simply cutting down on the volume of food they consume per meal thereby cutting down the calories they consume daily.

8) Water Consumption

Water is an indispensable commodity. The body needs water to flush out deadly toxins. For some who cannot consume the recommended glasses of water per day, you can flavor your water by slicing some of your favorite fruits into it to infuse the water. This can make it more palatable.

9) Eat before you leave the house

Another good tip is to eat before you leave your house. You know what goes into your food. You cannot say the same for food consumed outside the house. If you fill up a bit before leaving the house, you are less likely to over indulge on food when you are out of the house.

10) Sleep.

So many people are sleeping far less hours than the body needs daily to enable it rejuvenate its self. With all the stress the body has to cope with daily, the last thing you want to do is not to give the body enough time to rest to enable it prepare for the next day's tasks. The truth is that the quality of sleep directly affects the quality of your waking life, which include your mental, emotional and physical health. The adult body needs an average minimum of eight hours of sleep daily to optimally perform.

11) Exercise

Exercising is something we should try and incorporate into our daily routine. Exercise is not done only when you go to the gym or you go on long walks. You can get your daily exercise, for example, by choosing to take the stairs rather than the lift. You can choose to walk to a nearby grocery store rather than drive there. You can choose to park a bit far away from the entrance to a

building rather than take the closest parking space to the entrance.

12) Setting examples for our children

We owe it a duty as parents to set better standards for our children. The tendency is for our children to copy what they see us doing. If we lay healthy guidelines for them while they are young and still living with us, they are more prone to carry this into adult life. It is far cheaper in the long run to live a healthy lifestyle than to have to spend money on sicknesses.

13) Air your house

Try to air out your house once in a while. Open the windows and let in some fresh air. People tend to ignore this simple exercise. It not only helps with odors, but also brings in much needed fresh air.

14) Acquire knowledge.

The Bible says in Hosea 4: 6 that "my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." There is so much resources out there on the internet to assist you on this journey. It is a journey in which you have to make personal choices daily. You can subscribe to "My Fitness Pal" for example. This APP helps you to know exactly what your body needs in terms of daily calorie intake, taking into consideration every other indices.

15) Be at peace with God and with all men.

We are admonished, in Hebrews 12:14 to "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Daily communion with God in prayers and supplication is very important to living a fit life. Learning to cast our burdens on God takes off the worry of carrying burdens on our shoulders. Also developing healthy relationships with people around us is very important.

God bless you as you keep fit for THIS PURPOSE.



DELIVERED TO FULFILL PURPOSE

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Deliverance means freedom from bondage or captivity.

Purpose is the aim or intention of something. It is the reason why something is made, created or done.

Bondage or Captivity can hinder someone from fulfilling purpose in life. It makes a person to work like elephant and eat like ant. It makes someone to attain certain age without it corresponding with achievement. It makes someone to be where he or she is not ordained to be or become what he or she is not meant to be. In other words, captivity or bondage devalues a man or a woman making him/her to live and perform far below the intention of the creator for his/her life.

Captivity can even hinder someone from discovering purpose. A person can be totally blind towards his or her purpose in life and continue in the journey of life without any focus or goal in mind.

God at the beginning created everything He created for a specific purpose. Eph 1:11. *"In who also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the PURPOSE of Him who worked all things according to the counsel*

of His will'.

However. Millions of people live their life far from the thought and original purpose of God for their life. For example, God raised the Israelites for the purpose of serving the Almighty God, but for 430 years they were serving their tasks masters.

In 1Kings 19:15-17, three people were given God's revelation for the purpose of their existence, only one of them fulfilled the purpose, others have to labour for years before they could realize their God given purpose. This

is because there are hijackers of purpose and forces militating against the realization of divine purpose in life.

HIJACKERS OF PURPOSE/FORCES AGAINST FULFILLMENT OF PURPOSE

There are powers and forces that can hijack and militate against us from discovering and fulfilling divine purpose in life. These among so many includes:-

(1). SIN.

<>. Joseph said how can I do this grievous thing and sin against God. Gen 39:9. Joseph would have missed God's purpose of becoming the prime minister if he had committed adultery with the wife of his master. In 1Sam 15:22-23, Saul missed God's purpose for his house to be the ruling family in Israel. In 1Sam 2:30, Eli missed God's purpose for his family as the priesthood family. Sin is a cankerworm, a destroyer and hijacker of divine purpose. As long as one is in bondage of sin, he can not fulfill divine purpose, hence the need for deliverance from the power of sin. *"Beloved, since we have this promises (God's purpose) let us cleanse ourself from*

every defilement , perfecting holiness in the fear of God". 2Cor 7:1.

(2). LACK OF KNOWLEDGE.

<>. *"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom, and with all thy getting get understanding". Pro 4:7.*

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge". Hosea 4:6.

Vision of God's purpose is the primary requirement to the fulfillment of purpose in life. Vision simply means to see as God sees i.e what God has designed or planned for you.. *Pro 29:18 says that "where there is no vision, the people perish."*

Many are dull in understanding and once the purpose of a thing is not known, abuse is inevitable.

Therefore, every log of wood in the ear must be destroyed, every veil covering the face must be consumed by fire and every power blocking divine revelation of purpose must be

doing extra time in hindering the fulfillment of purpose, because he knows that he has but a short time. Rev 12:12 says *"Therefore rejoice ye heavens and you who dwell in them, Woe to the earth and the sea, for the Devil has come down to you with great fury, because he has a short time"*.

Therefore, every demonic forces and evil agenda of the devil for the children of God must be destroyed.

(4). CURSE AND EVIL COVENANT.

<>. A curse is an evil pronouncement upon a place, thing or person. It is an invitation of all the forces in heaven, earth and under the earth to work against a man.

Covenant is a mutual agreement between two or more people. There are some covenants entered into knowingly and some unknowingly that hinders fulfillment of purpose. Also there are some evil pronouncements upon people's destiny that negates the fulfillment of God's



destroyed.

(3). DEVIL AND ALL HIS AGENTS.

<>. The devil has well organized agents that hinders the fulfillment of purpose. Eph 6:10. *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against power, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places"*. For every good and robust plan of God, the devil has a negative plan. The devil's ministry as stated in John 10:10 is to steal, to kill and to destroy. Sometimes the devil is not in a hurry to kill but can quickly steal and destroys and once he achieves the two the essence of life is lost because life without purpose is life without mission and vision.

In Gen 3:1-7, the devil stole the purpose of God for Adam and Eve and they were driven from the garden. Devil and all his agents are even

purpose. Such curses and evil covenant must be broken
Jud 6:25-27.

(5). HUMAN WICKEDNESS.

<>. *"The heart of man is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it". Jer 17:9.*

Human beings are generally wicked and are ready to do anything to hinder others from fulfilling purpose. How can one explain the action of Ziba over Mepheboostpheth other than wickedness 2Sam 9:1-4. He knows where Mepheboostpheth was and the suffering he was going through, yet he sat on all his inheritance. A slave who was living as a prince. Except God delivers man from human wickedness, he can not fulfill purpose. David said *"Thou prepareth a table before me in the presence of my*

enemies---" Ps 23:5. This means that God must paralyze the enemy for one to be what God has ordained him to be.

(6). SLOTHFULNESS.

- Nothing Good comes easy. There is a spirit behind Slothfulness.

Hard work, dedication and commitment provokes fulfillment of purpose in life. There is need for an individual to work out his/her purpose. For every plan and purpose of God, there is the human part. God is more than ready to play His own part, the problem is always with man. Some people are lazy, full of complaints and excuses for the non fulfillment of their purpose. These are very strong weapons in the hand of the enemy to rub them of God's purpose, hence the need for liberation from the spirit of Slothfulness. Only those who can work hard can fulfill purpose in life. Pro 22:29 says "Seest thou a man diligent in his work' he will stand before kings and not mean men"

In Gen 26:12-14 we were told how Isaac sowed in the land he found himself, he worked hard and was diligent and God blessed him that he became so wealthy.

(7) LACK OF PATIENCE AND UNBELIEF.

<> If we must give birth to that which God has ordained for us, then we can only do so at God's terms not ours. We must allow God to work in us and through us to accomplish His purpose. In Abraham's case, he had to wait for twenty five years to have Isaac. Heb 10:36 says: "*For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might obtain the promise.*" Heb 11:7, Heb 11:33. The vision God gave to you would certainly take some time to fully materialize. Joseph dreamt that he was going to be a great man that his brothers would bow to him. Before he could enter into that which God had showed or promised him, he had to go through some challenges and years passed. It is possible to become despondent and give up on your purpose. It is also possible to conclude that it is hopeless and give up believing. This has been the problem of many with great dreams. The consequences were that their dreams died at birth. It is after you

have patiently endured that you will obtain the promises. Sometimes, people gave up at the threshold of their breakthrough. Instead of experiencing breakthrough, they experience breakdown.

CONCUSSION.

It is important to note that the principal hijacker and force against the fulfillment of purpose is YOU. You are the only person who can revolutionize your life. You are the one who can influence your happiness, your purpose and success. You are the only person who can help yourself. Your life does not change when everything around you changes. Your life changes when YOU change, when you go beyond your limiting beliefs, when you realize that you are the only one responsible for your life under God. 1Chronicles 4:10

Because there are forces militating against the fulfillment of God given purposes, there is need for one to be aggressive in the place of prayer like Jabez, breaking and destroying every power against God ordained purpose through the power of the anointing. Isa 10:27.

PRAYER POINTS.

- Ps 90:14. Father, satisfy me very early in life.
- Every spirit that delay promises and prophesies in my life and family, be consumed by fire now in Jesus name
- By the anointing of God upon my life, I break every power of sin and iniquity operating in my life.
- In the name of Jesus, I demolish and scatter every road block the enemy has placed on my way to hinder the fulfillment of God's purpose for me and my family.
- I Break all known and unknown curses and evil covenants over my life that has been hindering fulfillment of God's purpose.
- Father, incapacitate any man or woman blocking the fulfillment of your purpose in my life.
- Father, help me to fulfill your divine purpose for my life. Help me to influence my generation positively. AMEN.

The role of Godly parents in the fulfillment of divine purpose is seen in various stories in the bible. We shall be looking at a few examples as we learn how we parents can contribute positively to seeing God's purpose established and fulfilled in the lives of our Children. Please

13:3-25

2. Parents can ask God for Children that will be special and that they will surrender back to God for His use. Hannah vowed to give Samuel to God and she did. 1Sam1:11, 24.

HELPING OUR CHILDREN TO FULFILL PURPOSE

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note that we are talking about God's purpose which goes beyond our desires and wishes for our Children.

Looking at a few examples in the bible of Parents who played major role in seeing God's purpose fulfilled in the lives of their Children we can bring out a few points as follow:

1. Parents could be informed by God before conception or at conception of such Children. Examples are Jesus Christ our Lord, John the Baptist and Samson. Lk1:31-33, Lk 1:13-17, Jug
3. Parents can perceive on their own that there is something special about a particular child. Jochebed the mother of Moses perceived that Moses is special. Ex2:2
4. Parents may not know before conception or at birth but as a Child continues to grow, they may discover through talents or the ways of a child that there is something special about this Child that God requires for His use. Example here

is Joseph.

5. Parents may know God's purpose for a Child when a need arises in the house of God or amongst the people of God and they encourage the Child who has the ability to meet the need to rise up and do so. Example here is Esther.

Beloved, Children are our future even in the Christendom. How can we co-operate with God to see God's divine purpose fulfilled in the lives of our Children.

Baby Moses opened his eyes to an unfriendly world. He was born in a powerful Nation, and was of a foreign, oppressed race during a time when all babies were under a royal death sentence. Nevertheless, Moses had something special in his favor: he was the child of Godly parents. "And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months."

As stated in the above scripture Jochebed saw and perceived that Moses is a goodly child. She perceived he is a special child with special assignment from Heaven. Every child is special and unique in their own way, but some children have special calling. God had already separated them for specific or special assignment. It requires parents who will co-operate with God to see God's purpose established and fulfilled through such Children. Beloved it takes a parent that is sensitive to the spirit of God to know what is special spiritually about a particular child. Most Christian parents attention is focused on how their Children can make it in the things of the World only. All prayers for their Children are focused on selfish requests. Even if God is speaking His mind they are too overtaken by what they want and so cannot hear God. We therefore need Godly parents with special Godly Characteristics that God can use to help in

fulfilling God's purpose in the lives of our Children.

CHARACTERISTICS OF GODLY PARENTS.

- Godly parents know God themselves. They are true and genuine believers.
- Godly parents have the fear of God and so are obedient to God in all things.
- Godly parents are engaged in the service of God.
- Godly parents know that Children are God's heritage.
- Godly parents always put God first in all things, even in the affairs of their children.
- Godly parents can discern and they have good understanding of spiritual things.
- Godly parents are always available for God's use.
- Godly parents are promise keepers like Hannah.
- Godly parents obey God no matter the situation.
- Godly parents will show good example in the home.
- Godly parents take risks for God. Jochebed the mother of Moses was a risk taker. She hid Moses for three Months. This was so big a risk to take at such a time. She took that risk for God's purpose to be fulfilled. Mary the mother of Jesus was a risk taker. She risked her life to see that the Saviour comes to us. She surrendered herself to be used, she not care about what people will say. Mordecai the uncle of Esther took the great risk of presenting Esther for the competition that led her to the throne. Fellow parents how much risk are you ready to take in spiritual things. Some of us can take financial risks, academic risks, athletics risks but when it comes to the things of God we find various excuses why we cannot go extra

mile.

- Godly parents are not selfish. It is not just what they want and what will make them proud but most importantly what God wants.
- Godly parents are always determined to see God's will and purpose established. They don't give up easily. When Jochebed could no longer hide Moses she found another way to save his life.
- Godly parents will guard and protect their Children from the swords of the likes of Pharaoh and Herod.
- Godly parents have understanding of God's purpose.
- Godly parents develop a family of purpose. Jochebed sent Miriam to look after Moses in the river. This shows a family united in purpose. She was able to carry her daughter along in the assignment of looking after the chosen one. Our family must be united in purpose.

Beloved we need Godly parents, mothers, and fathers who will display the characteristics listed above. We need parents to accept responsibility for their child's spiritual development. We need fathers and mothers who will make spiritual mentoring a priority over all other things in their children's lives, over their secular education, over and above sport activities, over their physical training, and over their working a part-time job.

Beloved, we give biblical names to our Children and we really want them to be great like those bible characters we named them after, but can we make the sacrifices these bible characters made. Can we be as committed to God as they were. Can we surrender our will and personal program to God.

For every parent today there is but a short window of opportunity to lay the proper foundations for our children. In our grade schools and high schools and colleges kids are taught about everything except God. They are taught about evolution. They are taught that all religions are the same. They are pressured to adopt ungodly behaviors, values, and attitudes. Every moment of every day the internet, television, radio and music around them play hard to lure our Children to the World and wants them to forsake the God of Israel, the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Mom and dad, you have to lay a proper foundation for your children. We must help our Children to fulfill their God ordained purpose. God is counting on us. We must not disappoint Him.

Let us Arise and start with ourselves by surrendering to God and to His purpose for our lives.

God bless you.



Fulfilling Destiny

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God is the master builder. He builds houses. In Exodus 1: 21, we read that because the Israelite midwives feared God, he built houses for them. He also builds cities; in Hebrews 11: 10, we read that Abraham looked for a city that had foundations, whose builder and maker was God. But above all, he specializes in building people. 1 Corinthians 3: 9 says we are God's buildings. Like every master builder, he builds according to plan. God is not only a master builder, he is also a master architect.

The plan of God concerning you, before he started building you, is called your destiny. The Lord spoke to Jeremiah that he knew him and had ordained him to be a prophet before his conception in his mother's womb *"Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations"*

Destiny is the plan of God concerning your life and it had been settled by God before you were born. Destiny has its origin in the sovereignty of God. Psalms 115:3 says God is in heaven and does whatsoever he pleases. God also says that he would have mercy on whom he would have mercy *"For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy"* Rms 9:15

From the above examples, when we talk of

destiny, the destiny of any individual is a settled matter. Occasionally, there might be diversions, there might be a few interferences, but the destiny of an individual is normally settled, even before the individual was born. Psalms 33: 8-11 tells us that

1. When God speaks, it is done.
2. He makes the devices of the people of no effect. No matter the plans of the enemies, God has the power to reduce their plans to nothing.
3. The counsel of the Lord stands for ever.

Another Bible passages to buttress that the destiny of an individual is a settled matter is found in Isaiah 46: 9-10. It says that:

1. God is God, and there is none like him. Because of this, he can declare the end from the beginning, because the end and the beginning meet in him (Revelations 1: 8).
2. He declares from ancient times the things which are not yet done.
3. His counsel stands forever.
4. He would do all his pleasures.

So destiny is the plan of God concerning your life and he made that plan before your father met your mother. The only reason your father and mother met to produce you is because they were the only two people that could produce you.

However, God usually gives a hint about what your destiny would be. He would show you a glimpse of what is his plan for your life, before delays or diversions began to come. A few

examples from the Bible to buttress this.

1. Joseph

In Genesis 37: 5-11, Joseph had two strange dreams, which his brothers interpreted accurately. The first was that his brothers would bow down to him and the second was his brothers and parents would bow down to him. In Genesis 37: 18-28, the enemy decided the dream would not come to pass. He was sold into slavery, and even as a slave, God who had promised him, was there with him. As a slave under Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's and captain of the guard, Potiphar's wife tried to seduce him to commit adultery with her, which he refused. He refused and was subsequently thrown into prison. God allowed him to go to prison because there was someone going to prison who would be a link in his destiny.

2. Moses

In Genesis 15: 13-14 God told Moses, though he was childless, that out of him would come a nation that would be in slavery for 400 years in Egypt. Satan knew this and was also counting the years and spoke to the then Pharaoh to kill all the male children, so that the Messiah would also be killed.

In Exodus 3: 1-12, at the back of the desert where Moses had gone to hide, God met him there and told him his destiny was about to be fulfilled. Moses told God he was too old, but God answered that since he was still breathing, it was not too late.

3. David

In 1 Samuel 16: 1-13, God spoke to the prophet Samuel to go to the house of Jesse to anoint the next king of Israel from one of his eight sons. David, being the youngest was kept out, because by human standard, he was not reckoned with, but God picked him from his many senior brethren. The lesson from this is that, anywhere you are, destiny would locate you when your time comes. David was only 17 years when the oil touched his head, but he did not ascend the throne until 13 years later. The devil tried to kill him, by sending a lion, a bear and Goliath, but they all died. King Saul, who was adept at throwing the javelin, threw the javelin three times at David and missed all the

three times, because the Lord was with David and the devil could not truncate his destiny. King David reigned for 40 years.

4. Apostle Paul

In Galatians 1: 13-17, Apostle Paul who said he had been chosen from his mother's womb, was previously the chairman at the stoning to death ceremony of Stephen in Acts 7: 57-59, because the devil wanted to truncate his destiny. In Acts 9: 1-30, he was arrested on the way by the only one who can bring destiny to pass. So the one who was the chief of those persecuting Christians, would become the chief of those who would lead people to Christ because that was his destiny.

DESTINY CAN BE TRUNCATED

Once God has spoken, it is done. God is the one who can fulfil destiny because he is the master builder, but if he discovers that the person he is trying to build is not yielding to him, after a lot of persuasion, he may tear the plan. Some examples in the Bible were:

1. Samson

In Judges 16: 1-30, we read the story of Samson. A hint concerning the future of Samson was given before his birth. The Lord sent an angel to tell his mother that the child she was going to give birth to would be powerful and filled with the Holy Spirit right from his mother's womb. But then, after Samson was born and the power of God started to manifest in his life, he began to do as if he could do without God. Every law, every rule that God said he was to obey, he broke them all. He was not to touch the dead body of any kind, but he killed a lion and ate the honey in the carcass of the lion. He was not supposed to marry strangers and was warned by his parents, but would not listen. He went with harlots, and finally, God withdrew and he died a young man.

2. King Saul

In 1 Samuel 9: 25-27 and 1 Samuel 10: 1-9, God chose King Saul, an ordinary farmer's boy to be the first king over Israel. He began to reign and began to be very popular with the people. In 1 Samuel 15: 1-29, God sent him on an errand to go and destroy the Amalekites for their trespass against the children of Israel when they left Egypt. Rather than obeying God, he decided to

please the people and God tore the plan for his life.

DESTINY CAN BE TOTALLY REVERSED

In 1 Samuel 2: 30, God told Eli that he and his father's house would stand before him forever. God later erased the original plan because of the misdeeds of his children which he did not correct. My prayer is that God's plan for us should not be reversed for evil. Some examples in the Bible of those who had their destinies reversed:

1. Ephraim

Manasseh and Ephraim were brought to Israel by Joseph to be blessed. Joseph placed Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand. But then, Israel crossed his hands and laid his right hand upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, who was the first born. When Joseph tried to correct him, he told Joseph to leave him alone, that he knew what he was doing.

In Deuteronomy 33: 17, within years, the younger had prospered 10 times more than his brother, because that was the destiny God had for him.

But then, as soon Ephraim prospered, he ignored God and began to worship idols. In Hosea 4: 2. 17, God said that Ephraim had joined himself to idols and should be left alone. When God had had enough, in Hosea 5: 9, God said that Ephraim would be desolate, that he would reverse what he had originally planned for him. Destiny can be reversed in a negative or positive way.

2. Levi

In Genesis 49: 1-7, Levi offended Jacob, his father some years earlier. Jacob said nothing, but waited until he was going to die before pronouncing a curse on him and died, but God later reversed the curse that changed Levi's destiny in Exodus 32: 25-26, because Levi identified with Moses. In Numbers 3: 11-13, God told Moses that Levi had been chosen to be his first born. This tells us that God does not act arbitrarily. Proverbs 8: 17 says those who seek

God early would find him and in James 4: 7, he tells us that if we draw near God, he would draw near us.

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT IS IN MY DESTINY?

God has spoken to us in the past in parables, in prophecies, given us hints. According to the word of God, what are the things that are in our destinies? If you are a true child of God, the following things are in your destiny:

1. Healing: By his stripes, you are healed. Your healing had been settled more than 2000 years ago (1 Peter 2: 24).
2. Divine Health: If only you will obey God, you will not know sickness again (Exodus 15: 26).
3. Deliverance: The truth shall make you free. If you know Jesus, every force holding you would let go of you (John 8: 32).
4. Protection: God made a promise years ago and got King David to write it down, that a thousand may fall at our left or right hand, but it would not come near us (Psalms 1: 5-8).
5. Security: God had prepared a table before us. The Almighty God has decreed it, to enjoy his abundance (Psalms 23: 5).
6. Anointing: He anoints my head with oil (Psalms 23: 5).
7. Long life: With long life will he satisfy me. Long life is in my destiny (Psalms 91: 16).
8. Honor: Honor is in your destiny (Psalms 91: 15).
9. Joy : In the presence of God, there is fullness of God (Psalm 16: 11).
10. Peace : Jesus said peace I give unto you (John 14: 27).
11. Abundance: God will bless you and you would lend to nations (Deuteronomy 28: 11-12).
12. Promotion: You shall be head and not tail (Deuteronomy 28: 13).
13. Fruitfulness: Jesus said he is the vine and we are the branches and if we abide in him, we would bring forth much fruit (John 15: 5).
14. Heaven is in your destiny: We should believe in God and in Jesus so we can make heaven (John 14: 1-3).

WHAT MUST I DO TO FULFILL MY DESTINY?

1. Find out what those who fulfilled their destinies did and do it.
2. Find out those who did not fulfil their destinies did and avoid their mistakes.

Some examples in the Bible of those who fulfilled their destinies and those who did not fulfil their destinies

1. Joseph

In Genesis 39: 7-12, we were told that Joseph refused to commit adultery with Potiphar's wife. He said how could he do this thing and sin against God. In other words, he was saying he knew who gave him the vision of what he was to become and he could not afford to offend God. 2 Timothy 2: 22 warns us to flee youthful lusts. If we do not offend God, there is nothing the enemy can do against us. We should flee from sin.

2. Moses

The plan of God for Moses, was for him to lead the children of God into the promise land (Numbers 20: 1-12). The people annoyed him and he disobeyed God by striking the rock twice instead of speaking to the rock, because he lost his temper. Watch your temper!

3. Eli

Eli had his destiny reversed, as earlier mentioned, because he did not correct his children. God says those who honor him would be honored and those who despise him would be lightly esteemed (1 Samuel 2: 30). Proverbs 3: 9, 10 says we should honor God with our first fruits. A lot of people do not honor God with their substance or first fruits. Our destiny is more important than money.

4. Saul

His obedience to God was incomplete. In 1 Samuel 15: 1-9, God asked him to wipe out the Amalekites and their substance, but he obeyed partially and had his destiny truncated. Obey God fully in all things. God says we should bring all the tithes into his house, not half or part.

5. David

David never became what God wanted him to become. In 2 Samuel 11: 1 - 2 Samuel 12: 14, David committed adultery with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite and subsequently killed her husband and married her. God added the sword to his destiny and the sword never departed from him until his death.

One of the greatest problems of success, of prosperity is that it may bring you comfort, which might hinder you from God. Don't rest until you reach your goal. In Philippians 3: 7-14, the Apostle Paul said he forgot those things which were behind him while he kept on reaching forward. Most people do not reach their destinies because they stop too soon. It does not matter how high you are now, you can go higher.

Finally, in Deuteronomy 30: 19, 20, God gave us the choice between two destinies - good and bad, but advised us to choose the good and he would back it up. The choice is yours!

PRAYER POINTS.

1. Think back, consider in the ways you have disobeyed God and ask for forgiveness so that your destinies would not be tampered with.
2. Let's look back and think of ways we have robbed God of our first fruits or tithes and begin to ask for forgiveness and the grace to retribute.
3. Praise God that He has kept you alive till this moment.
4. Father, let me fulfill my destiny.
5. Father, if there is any evil in my future, please cancel it today.
6. Father, if there is any storm coming my way, please divert it.
7. Father, all opportunities I have lost (that would have helped me to reach my goal) please restore to me fully.
6. Father, with your mighty hand, eradicate all destiny destroyers in my life.
7. Father, all those great dreams which I had in the past, let them be fulfilled this year.

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