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Finding Your Purpose

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Many people do not have a purpose in life, no idea where they are going or what their future might be, but in order for people to know, they must have a dream, or desire on the inside of them. This dream or desire must be prayed over in order for us to reach our destiny, and this is not something that is arrived at overnight. We begin the journey and endeavor to stay on course. God is encouraging us to keep running even though we sometimes take the wrong road. We cannot allow ourselves to get discouraged or tired, but keep on course, not quitting. There are principles that will help us to fulfill our dreams and keep us on the path to success.

The dreams that we thought had been lost, have been restored, but what are we going to do with them? They have become our responsibility, will we be good stewards or will we just set idly by and do nothing?

A story regarding two frogs which had fallen into a can of cream was given, allowing us to understand that perseverance and endurance will help us to overcome our situations. "They asked, how do we get out?" One decided there was no way and just drown, however, the other one began to kick around and eventually churned the cream into butter and hopped out over the side. The lesson being, just keep kicking and you'll be all right, just don't quit.

In 1st Timothy, Paul tells us that there was much success in the church, however in 2nd Timothy it is a different story, the church was falling apart and people were leaving. Paul began to encourage Timothy reminding him of the things that had been said over him, the faith that his Mother and Grandmother had spoken into his life and that he had that same faith. God had not given him a spirit of fear, but a power, love and a calm, well balanced mind, he needed to stir up that gift that was in him.

When we realize that our dreams are back in our lives, we must stir them up, pursue them.

2 Tim 1:9 "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began," KJV

When God saved us, He had a purpose in mind for us. Are we able to write down what our gift or purpose is? It is usually seen in those having the gift of helps or serving. Regardless of what our jobs may be, where we are in the world, we will be influencing people around us because of that gift. We will be holding a banner of righteousness which others will be able to see, the banner of Jesus.

Eph 2:10 "For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that

we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]." AMP

We see in this scripture that God has made everything ready for us because of what Jesus did for us. We must drive a stake and stand our ground. We cannot let the enemy take away what has been given to us.

How can we make our dreams come to pass? Gods DNA has been stamped on us and there is no one else like us. There are no copy cats; we must be ourselves after we are born again.

Psa 37:4 "Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." KJV

Desire without knowledge is not good and to be over hasty is to sin and miss the mark. When the desire comes we are to get some knowledge in that area. Priorities must be in order, putting Jesus first not neglecting our responsibility, it is a relationship with Jesus, and as a result we receive the desires of the heart. Delight means to be soft, smooth or expandable. The dreams and desires that God has given us are bigger than we are.

Don't allow other people to try and pull you down, telling you that you can't do anything. Learn to be around people with the same goals who will be an encouragement to you. Those people, who say that you won't make it, don't understand the anointing that comes with Gods plan for you.

Proverbs 13 and 14 tells us that if we want to be wise, that we should hang around with those kinds of people. If you see that they don't have knowledge, get away from them.

Mary was an example, when she was told that she would be having Jesus, people told her that it wasn't possible, but she chose to seek out Elizabeth who was pregnant with John, having already gone through menopause and should not have been able to conceive, but all things are possible with God.

A tragedy in life is not when a man dies, if he is born again, but what dies in a man while he lives. Hope has no purpose in life if it has been jerked out from under him, don't let the dream die.

It is really important for the inner man, that we allow our heart to grow ears. We cannot allow things that are told to us by the Holy Spirit for the future to be ignored; doing so will cause great problems. Trying to build our house during the storms of life will be extremely hard if we have not made preparations first.

2 Cor 4:17-18 "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." KJV

Affliction which works against us seems like it takes a long time, but don't look at the circumstances, instead look at the things that are eternal. Quit meditating on the impossibilities. Many times it is hard to see victory when defeat is all around us with such a loud voice, but it is subject to change.

A nugget: "Within the seed, of the word of God is prerecorded who we are in Jesus. He meets all our needs, we are the healed and not the sick, we are more than conquerors, no weapon formed against us may prosper and any tongues raised against us will fail." We are His righteousness, He paid the full price, it is prerecorded in the Word of God and is to be played back at a later date.

Looking at the life of Joseph as seen in Genesis, he was told by all his family that he was a dreamer, he was put down by his brothers, he was his father's favorite and consequently they tried to destroy him, put in a pit, which became protection for him, sold into slavery, but this put him into a place which God had prepared for him where he was able to prosper and be used of God. He was able to interrupt the dreams of the two men from Pharaoh's house and the interpretation was correct. He was called before Pharaoh and was able to interrupt the dreams that the Pharaoh had. It was recognized that the hand of God was on him and he was promoted to be in charge of the survival of Egypt and consequently was able to bring his family to live there, provide for them and he had two sons, he had double prosperity and was forgiving of his brothers. He never turned loose of his dream.

Gen 41:46-52 "And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. 52 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction." KJV

God can see ahead of time and what needs to be done. God is not limited and will bless us where we are. We will have to learn lessons of forgiveness. God is greater than any adversity, greater than any mistake we have made, we cannot be lazy, we will not reach our destiny, and hard work is involved. Don't let the dreams die on the inside of you, run with the vision, which gives us energy. Your dreams are important.