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## **How to Change Your Destiny in Life** **Pastor Charles Mendenhall**

If you are a born again you are a part of and in the kingdom of God. Within the kingdom of God there are principles that work and are beneficial to us. If we follow and adhere to them and we will have a favorable outcome and success in life. There are different systems we work at any level and if we follow the system we get results.

This also holds true with the Word of God. God has laid out kingdom principles that if we work them we are going to be a winner in life. We will be champions in life, and that is God's plan for us.

### **1 John 5:4 (KJV)**

*<sup>4</sup> For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

In God's kingdom to live an overcoming life and be a winner will over time learn to operate by faith and in the principles thereof that are in the Bible and that will determine our destiny.

Walking in victory to become a winner in life and a champion, there are things we do.

Champions do things they don't want to do, so they are able to do what they want to do, when they need to do it.

Until you understand your purpose in life, and that God has a mission and purpose for you, it will be challenging for us to have the tenacity to get back up and stay in life. When you understand your mission and purpose in life there will be no quit in you.

There are examples in the bible of people who determined their outcome. Jesus was involved but it was the individual that determined their outcome. We must learn how to possess what God has already given us. We know it is God's plan for us to be conquerors in life because scripture tells us so.

### **2 Corinthians 2:14 King James Version (KJV)**

*<sup>14</sup> Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.*

God has done all he is going to do through his son Jesus Christ, and we learn from reading and learning God's word how to possess and take what Jesus has provided for us.

Side note: You will find in gospels that Jesus would always teach first, then he would preach, then he would demonstrate (healings, deliverance). Preaching will bring some excitement but you must have knowledge to act upon to benefit us.

### **Luke 5:17-25 (KJV)**

*<sup>17</sup> And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.*

*<sup>18</sup> And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.*

*<sup>19</sup> And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.*

*<sup>20</sup> And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.*

*<sup>21</sup> And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?*

*<sup>22</sup> But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?*

*<sup>23</sup> Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?*

*<sup>24</sup> But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.*

*<sup>25</sup> And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.*

The religious mind might think, the crowd was too big, I will never get to Jesus. The men had a purpose in getting the man to Jesus. In verse 20 it states that when he saw THEIR faith. Faith is something we can see at times because faith has corresponding actions in relationship to what it is believing. Always.

That was an account of a man who didn't have the ability to get into the presence of Jesus, but he had some friends that had faith in Jesus Christ. They had been hearing of the miracles he was doing in the book of Luke. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. If you are hearing testimonies of how God did something for others consistently it is going to inspire faith in you.

Jesus saw their faith and it determined the outcome of the paralytic.

Somewhere along our journey of faith you will have corresponding actions. We cannot be double-minded.

**James 1:6-8 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup> *But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.*

<sup>7</sup> *For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.*

<sup>8</sup> *A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*

Those men were being single-minded and they had corresponding actions. They were on a journey, they had purpose, and faith always has purpose, and direction. Aiming at a mark.

**Mark 11:23 (KJV)**

<sup>23</sup> *For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

**Matthew 17:20 (KJV)**

<sup>20</sup> *And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.*

Faith always has a voice.

**Matthew 15:22-23 (KJV)**

<sup>22</sup> *And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.*

<sup>23</sup> *But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.*

Would you be offended if you came to church on Sunday and the ushers told you that you weren't welcome? This is what was happening to this woman. She was not a Jew and was considered an outsider.

**Matthew 15:24-25 (KJV)**

<sup>24</sup> *But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*

<sup>25</sup> *Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.*

There was a mountain between this woman and what she was desiring. She came and worshipped.

**Matthew 15:26-28 (KJV)**

<sup>26</sup> *But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.*

<sup>27</sup> *And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.*

<sup>28</sup> *Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.*

Who is determining whether she wins or loses? It is in her hands. She kept pressing in. Faith is the victory that overcomes. She determined her outcome.

**Matthew 8:5-10 (KJV)**

<sup>5</sup> *And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeking him,*

<sup>6</sup> *And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.*

<sup>7</sup> *And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.*

<sup>8</sup> *The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.*

<sup>9</sup> *For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.*

<sup>10</sup> *When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.*

No, not in Israel is not even in the church. Even Jesus's followers didn't have that great faith.

**Matthew 8:13 (KJV)**

<sup>13</sup> *And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.*

Who is determining the outcome?

Jesus is no respecter of persons. He wants us to be a partaker of all He has. There is a system to work, procedures to follow to possess it and it is called faith. It's about learning to believe, trust.

In due season we will reap and experience what we have been believing God for. He always causes us to win.

**Mark 10:46-52 (KJV)**

<sup>46</sup> *And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.*

<sup>47</sup> *And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.*

<sup>48</sup> *And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me.*

<sup>49</sup> *And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.*

<sup>50</sup> *And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.*

<sup>51</sup> *And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.*

<sup>52</sup> *And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.*

When the man heard the voice of Jesus his purpose became to be fulfilled. Notice, Jesus said to him that his faith made him whole.

What level is your faith on? Do you have the faith of a champion, a winner in life?

Mark chapter 5 shows the greatness of Jesus. We see him lord over demonic forces, lord over terminal illness and sickness, and lord over death.

And in Mark chapter 5 the woman with the issue of blood is faced with a choice, get ready to die or pursue her dream of health and wholeness. Over the 12 years she is only getting worse.

**Mark 5:25-27 (KJV)**

<sup>25</sup> *And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,*

<sup>26</sup> *And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,*

<sup>27</sup> *When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.*

In verse 28 her faith had a voice,

**Mark 5:28 (KJV)**

<sup>28</sup> *For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.*

She didn't say she was going to die, that there isn't any hope or that no one was helping her. She released her faith.

When you have a purpose in life you will pursue it. Jesus can enable you to be a champion and a winner.

**Mark 5:29-34 (KJV)**

<sup>29</sup> *And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.*

<sup>30</sup> *And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?*

<sup>31</sup> *And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?*

<sup>32</sup> *And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.*

<sup>33</sup> *But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.*

<sup>34</sup> *And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

Notice in v.34, Jesus states that thy faith hath made thee whole. She had tried everything in the natural but she ended with one purpose. She didn't care and that purpose was to get in the presence of Jesus and be made whole. She determined her outcome with her faith in Jesus Christ.

There is hope in Jesus Christ !!!