

Discipleship - Session 24

You Have A Destiny

Things we will cover this lesson:

1. God made man with a purpose in mind.
2. God has plans for all people.
3. Jesus has restored man so he can find his destiny.
4. What your destiny is.
5. What your destiny is not.

Assignment:

1. Continue with a quality intimate time with God every day for the rest of your life.
2. Always be growing and maturing as a complete disciple of Jesus.
3. Take this manual and go make disciples for the rest of your life.

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Psalm 139:13-18 ¹³ For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. **And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.** ¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! ¹⁸ *If* I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You. (NKJV)

Psalm 40:6-8 ⁶ Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require. ⁷ Then I said, "Behold, I come; **In the scroll of the book it is written of me.** ⁸ I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law *is* within my heart." (NKJV)

Destiny - The state or condition appointed or predetermined; ultimate fate.

Note these scriptures: Jeremiah 1:5 and Isaiah 49:1. These men knew their birth was not an accident. They had a sense of destiny. Consider also the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus Christ. It is clear that they had a destiny.

I believe we all have a destiny. We were made with a purpose. (Psalm 139:16) We are not a product of "slime + time". We are not on a spherical pattern (reincarnation - where we die and come back as something else) that most of the world's religions teach. We are on a straight line of destiny. God has a plan for us! But something happened along the way to mess it up and God has intervened to set it back on course.

You do have a destiny!

Consider these thoughts on man having a destiny:

I. God's Plan For Man

A. The Making Of Man

God made man with a Spirit, Soul, Body

Man had a rule - Genesis 1:26 - **destiny.**

B. The Fall Of Man - Genesis 3:1-7

What happened to his Spirit, Soul, Body

Satan took man's domain - Luke 4:6 - **destiny stolen.**

C. Jesus Christ Came To Deliver Man

What Jesus came to do for man's Spirit, Soul, Body

Hebrews 2:14

Colossians 1:13

Acts 26:18

Thus: Luke 4:18-19

Therefore, the resurrection of Christ is the most important event in all of history!
Revelation 1:17-18 - **destiny returned.**

Review the chart at the beginning of session 3.

II. What Your Destiny Is - 2 Timothy 4:6-8

A. A War To Fight - 2 Timothy 4:7

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

1 Timothy 6:12

2 Timothy 2:3-4

Ephesians 6:12-13

Our weapons: prayer, faith, suffering, dying to self, the blood of Christ, the word of our testimony - Revelation 12:10-11

THERE IS A PRIZE TO BE WON!!! - 2 Timothy 4:8; Philippians 3:14;

B. A Race To Run - 2 Timothy 4:7

Hebrews 12:1-3

2 Timothy 1:8-9 - according to His own purpose

Ephesians 1:3-6, 12, - to the praise of His glory

Ephesians 1:18 - Deuteronomy 32:9 - His inheritance in the saints

C. A Faith To Keep - 2 Timothy 4:7

Romans 8:28-30 - purpose, predestination, providence

Philippians 2:5-8

D. To Prepare For Ruling With Christ

Revelation 20:6

Romans 5:17

E. To Discover God's Special Call On Your Life - Romans 12:2

God's will for you. Discover it. Do it. Fulfill your destiny.

How? In the Word, Prayer, Obedience, Being with God's people.

III. What Your Destiny Is NOT

A. Prosperity For Your Self -- Riches just for me -- NOW.

B. Peace Without A War -- All peace but no battles to fight.

C. Heaven On Earth Now -- Never a problem while on earth.

SUMMATION STATEMENT: God did not create us to be casual observers of history while we are here. He created us to make history while we are here. In Hebrews 11 we have what some call "God's Hall of Faith". You cannot be listed in Hebrews 11, but you should still be in "God's Hall of Faith" for today. Your destiny is what the resurrection of Christ was really all about. Without the resurrection and victory of Christ, we could not fight and win. Since Jesus did rise from the dead, then let us rise up and go on the offensive! The gates of hell cannot prevail against us!

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I, _____, **am the Lord's disciple.** I am committed to my Lord Jesus Christ and to my fellow saints in the Lord; therefore, expect me:

- to live by **faith**,
- to walk in **virtue**,
- to grow in **knowledge** of my Lord and His Word,
- to be a person of **self-control**.
- to **persevere** when others might quit,
- to live a **godly** life,
- to show **brotherly kindness** by having affection for my church family as my own,
- to constantly move toward the goal of **LOVE** being the motivating factor of my life.

By **LOVE** I mean the following:

- To love God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength.
- To love my neighbor as myself.
- To love the people in the Kingdom of God as Jesus has loved me.

To accomplish this "Declaration Of Commitment":

- I will make **wise choices** in life based on the fact that Jesus Christ is Lord of my life.
- I will **die daily** to my selfish desires so I can put what God wants as first in my life.
- I will **forsake all that I have** in order to know my Lord completely.
- I will **abide in the Word of God** by reading it, loving it and obeying it daily.
- I will **live out the LOVE** relationships.
- I will **bear much fruit**, thereby, glorifying my loving heavenly Father.

My purpose and mission in life is:

- To **know** God and **walk** in His peace.
- To **know** Christ and **be conformed** to His image.
- To **love** and **see the value** of all people.
- To **discover** and **fulfill** my God ordained destiny.
- To **share** my faith with as many people as possible.
- To **disciple** those who want to follow Christ.

I am the Lord's disciple.

Make copies of this **DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT** for yourself. Put one in your Bible. Read over this often. State it to the Lord. State it to fellow believers who have the same desire to walk in deep commitment. Give a copy to a Christian friend.

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IN CONCLUSION

To The Teacher:

You have now been obedient to the heavenly call of Jesus to go and “make disciples.” There should be a good feeling of accomplishment in you. It is a worthy task that you have completed. God delights in what you have done.

Now as your final lesson to your disciple, wash his/her feet. (See the next to the last point under “TO THE TEACHER” at the beginning of this manual.) As you do this, commission him (her):

- to go make disciples.
- to walk humbly before God
- to walk in the peace of God
- to be conformed to the image of Jesus
- to love all people as Jesus did
- to fulfill their destiny

If God gives you a prophetic word for your disciple, it would be good to tape it and submit it to recognized leadership in the church. Encourage your disciple to look over this manual often and to pray the eight characteristics and the six marks of a disciple into their life. Call them from time to time and offer to help them anytime they are discipling another person in the Kingdom of God.

God richly bless you as you now seek whom He would have you to disciple next.

To The Disciple:

You have now completed twenty four lessons that will help you become a complete disciple. A complete disciple is one who is learning to love God with **all** their heart, soul, and strength. You are to be commended for your perseverance.

You began by learning to pray like a disciple. Next you had eight lessons on the characteristics of a true disciple. If you will do these eight things, God promises you will never stumble. After that you had six lessons on what Jesus calls “My disciples.” And finally you had six lessons on maturing as the Lord’s disciple.

I (Gary Stewart) have been teaching God’s children for over 30 years. These twenty four lessons are the best of what I have learned that will help you the most. God richly bless you as you practice these things in your daily living of life. If you do these, you will be a victorious child of God. To God be the glory!

Go over this manual often. If these lessons are being firmly planted in your life, then you are ready to “go make disciples.” Understand this: You **can** teach what you have learned and what you are in the process of now learning. You do not have to be perfect, but you must be making forward progress. So take this manual and “go make disciples.” You will then be a “doer of the word and not a hearer only.” You are now solidly on the right track in the Christian race (Hebrews 12:1-2) to become all God has destined you to become. God richly bless you as you go and disciple others.