

# YOUR Purpose & VISION

*Discover God's Design for Your Life*

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This EBook is designed to help you discover God's purpose and vision for your life. I feel it is important to reaffirm that your Heavenly Father truly loves you, mistakes and all. That is very important in understanding purpose and vision. It is hard to hear from someone who you think is mad at you. So relax, as you get insight to all that you are called to do, your life will become more joyful and meaningful.

Again I say the most important thing you may hear today is that God loves you, He has a plan for you. You are loved unconditionally by God, and there is nothing that you can do about it. He will not change His mind about you - ever. As you have received Jesus as Lord and Savior, you have a supernatural life like no other.

To thrive "IN CHRIST" you must know who you are in Christ. What that means is when you have revelation knowledge of who you are in Christ, you will live from that position. When your "knowing" gets to the automatic stage, like tying your shoe, your supernatural life in Christ becomes natural and just flows from you. From this position of knowing who we are in Christ, we can look to 'Vision and Purpose'.

You see, you are not trying to be something - *you already are something*. You are a new species in Christ, a species that never existed before Jesus Christ. Your actual life is hid in Him. From this discovery, God will want to show you your giftings and talents that He has put within you to fulfill your purpose and vision.

God is the Master of your life and my life too. He is the lover of our soul. He has a master plan for every person on this planet. Ours is to discover what He has in store for us. It is tailor-made for our lives to bring us great joy. It is also tailor made to bring joy to others.

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Many get caught up in the purpose; many get caught up in the vision. Let's be wise, let's get caught up in Jesus (Yeshua), and build a solid relationship with Him, and then let's get vision and purpose directly from. When the purpose and the vision get ahead of relationship with God, you are off balance. That being said, let's move on.

There was a twenty year study done at Harvard University in the 70's. I don't remember the exact statistics, but those who wrote down their dreams and goals (5%) obtained them and made more money combined, than all the other students who did not. Please note that this study was only in one area of which goals of finances were addressed, we have so much more in Christ. Vision and purpose affect every area of our lives.

YES - THIS WAS A NATURAL MEANS OF OBTAINING GOALS... BUT they did use Supernatural Principles to obtain them. The Laws of Heaven work for the justified and the unjust when applied. The Laws of Heaven are like gravity, they work for everyone.

Many people are miserable, lonely and depressed because they have not discovered who they are and what their destiny is - in Christ. Now, we know we will not necessarily be told everything, (except for a few outstanding prophets) who hear everything. (I say that with a smile). If we knew everything, we could get into pride, or even fear at the immensity of the work.

Many believers get caught up in only doing work, without defined goals or objectives. They have not found their personal purpose with God, because they have not known that it existed or were taught about God's ways regarding purpose. Some are just doing the wrong work and feeling very uncomfortable. It's like being a knee in the body of Christ, but operating as a baby finger. You feel "out of joint" in some way.

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Every person has a destiny in God. Every person has a part to play in the body of Christ. Every part must supply! When we are not doing our "work" in the body of Christ, the whole body is lacking.

When we have purpose and vision, we can focus. These two are greatly intertwined. Vision and purpose are like your right and left hand they work together in your life. Some get the two mixed up and even reverse each other's place.

When we have vision and purpose, we can set our faces as flint toward God and keep on track. Everything we do can be assessed and adjusted with the purpose and vision that we are given by God. For instance, as born again believers, we are all commissioned by God to go and be ministers of reconciliation. We are to reconcile them to God through Jesus Christ. That is our main purpose and mandate, the Great Commission. I have taken two examples one from the book of Matthew, the other from the book of Mark to give you insight:

## **The Great Commission**

### **Matthew 28:16-20**

*16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.*

*17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.*

*18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.*

*19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

*20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

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## **Mark 16:15-20**

*14 Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.*

*15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.*

*16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.*

*17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;*

*18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

Clearly God has commissioned us to do great works. We have been given authority to cast out devils. Before Jesus, there never this level of authority on earth. Yes, we saw the Prophet Samuel or even Elijah or Elisha, but now, we have the great Prophet Jesus. Jesus is God in the flesh – yes – the King of Kings is His name, declaring we can do many things in His name. We are to lay hands on the sick and they will recover. If we drink poisonous things, they will not harm us. We will speak with new tongues; that is pray in the tongues of the Holy Ghost. This is huge! The great commission is our launching point. This is our launching point of purpose in Christ.

Let's look at a word God gave Joshua. Yes, this word was for Joshua, but it is also for you and I. Let's look at what God says:

## **Joshua 1:4-6 NKJV**

*From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.*

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*<sup>5</sup> No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.*

*<sup>6</sup> Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.*

*<sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.*

In Christ, we have this same victory. God is going to be with you through it all. God encourages us to be strong and of a “good courage” which means we will need it. On days, when it is tough, trust the Lord, take this imparted courage and use it for your breakthrough! As we follow God’s laws, we shall be blessed. Jesus said we are to love our God with all our mind, will and strength, and to love our brother as ourselves. This fulfills the law and the prophets. Jesus said that He has conquered the world for us. We can have confidence that any situation has already been taken care of by Jesus. We just need to see the victory in our heart and act in faith. We must use the supernatural weapons provided for us as set out in our bible to do this.

## **John 16:33 AMPC**

*I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]*

You have been formed by God, and He will continue to form you. He wants to put you at ease and rest knowing He has made you a one-of-a-kind original.

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## **Jeremiah 1:4-10 NKJV**

*<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:*

*<sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;*

*Before you were born I sanctified you;*

*I ordained you a prophet to the nations."*

*<sup>6</sup> Then said I:*

*"Ah, Lord GOD!*

*Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth."*

*<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to me:*

*"Do not say, 'I am a youth,'*

*For you shall go to all to whom I send you,*

*And whatever I command you, you shall speak.*

*<sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of their faces,*

*For I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD.*

*<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me:*

*"Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.*

*<sup>10</sup> See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms,*

*To root out and to pull down,*

*To destroy and to throw down,*

*To build and to plant."*

Here we see in the scripture above, that Jeremiah was called to be a prophet. He had insecurities and many concerns. You too may have these same concerns. We see this prophet was encouraged by the Lord. We, as believers, have the ability to prophesy as Jeremiah did over our own lives. You may not be called to the office of a prophet but you can speak to all situations with God's word knowing that God will back you up.

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Getting back to your purpose, it is the “why” of life. In understanding the great commission as your great “why” which is foundational, God will give you more, more about your specific purpose. YOUR purpose is the reason you are fulfilling the vision.

For example, your purpose is still the Great Commission but you may also have a purpose of wanting to impact children’s lives.

The vision for that purpose could be:

A mother who raises her children, or perhaps a school teacher, or a care giver, God will give you the vision, to fulfill your purpose in life.

Another example - for instance, let’s say that you love animals and you are called to help in this area. According to Genesis 1:26, we are to have dominion in the earth which means to take care of the animals and everything in the earth.

## **Genesis 1:26 AMPC**

*God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.*

You may get a vision to be a veterinarian, raise horses, have a cattle farm, manage a ranch, or own a pet store.

When you discover your purpose in life, you will then be able to discover your own personal vision.



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God will speak to you again and again about the vision and purpose for your life. You will not miss your vision and purpose.

Abraham needed purpose and vision. Let's look at how God interacted with Abraham in the scriptures below:

## **Genesis 12:1 AMPC**

*Now [in Haran] the Lord said to Abram, Go for yourself [for your own advantage] away from your country, from your relatives and your father's house, to the land that I will show you.*

## **Genesis 13:14 AMPC**

*The Lord said to Abram after Lot had left him, Lift up now your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;*

## **Genesis 15:1 AMPC**

*After these things, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram, I am your Shield, your abundant compensation, and your reward shall be exceedingly great.*

God will communicate over and over again with you the vision He has for your life. Look with your eyes and hear with your ears: God will show you. He wants the vision He has designed for you expressed in your life.

## **Jacob needed vision.**

Until Jacob had a desire to hear, he did not hear from God. For fourteen years he struggled under the hand of Laban until he made a decision to get Divine Help. We

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must desire to hear from God – it is crucial. When Jacob got help from the Lord, look what happened:

## **Genesis 30:43**

*Thus the man increased and became exceedingly rich, and had many sheep and goats, and maidservants, menservants, camels, and donkeys.*

Jacob made many mistakes but God was there with him. When he asked for the Lord's help, God gave him instructions that produced supernatural results – results that could never be done in the natural.

## **A VISION IS GIVEN AS A RESULT OF YOUR HEART DESIRED PURPOSE**

Vision is having a picture from God of what you are called to do. Therefore it can be defined as the unlocking of God's Divine Plan, whether it is large, or small. Remember there is no vision too large or too small.

## **Determining Vision.**

Your vision has its source in God. Patience is required before it comes to pass. Abraham waited 25 years for his son. Remember the vision will stand.

You must seek your purpose and vision, THROUGH GOD - it must be the vision designed for you. Some may try to implement another person's vision as their own; this will not profit them as well as God's personal plan for their life. God may be able to bless it but God wants the overflow of His Abundance in your life.

## **Proverbs 18:1NKJV**

*A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire;  
He rages against all wise judgment.*

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We must never give up and always walk by faith. Jesus asks, "Will I find faith in the earth?" I say "yes Lord", you will find it in us!

## **Romans 4:20 AMPC**

*[For Abraham, human reason for] hope being gone, hoped in faith that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been promised, So [numberless] shall your descendants be.*

*<sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered the [utter] impotence of his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or [when he considered] the barrenness of Sarah's [deadened] womb.*

*<sup>20</sup> No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God,*

*<sup>21</sup> Fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised.*

*<sup>22</sup> That is why his faith was credited to him as righteousness (right standing with God).*

*<sup>23</sup> But [the words], It was credited to him, were written not for his sake alone,*

*<sup>24</sup> But [they were written] for our sakes too. [Righteousness, standing acceptable to God] will be granted and credited to us also who believe in (trust in, adhere to, and rely on) God, Who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,*

Now, it's time to write that purpose and vision down. It is time for you to get alone with God. Get alone, pray in tongues, sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Stir up the Spirit of God within you. It will take some time to pray and seek the Lord. Please do take all the time you need. This is vital. You need to find time to be alone with the Lord. A prophet may confirm the word, or whosoever the Lord will choose, but you must receive it first for yourself. It must be revealed to your spirit. Saying all that, there are times, when a prophet will give you a word regarding your destiny,

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which you hadn't thought about or heard before. Even in that, your spirit will be in agreement with the prophecy; there will be a peace in your soul.

## **Habakkuk 2:1-3**

*[OH, I know, I have been rash to talk out plainly this way to God!] I will [in my thinking] stand upon my post of observation and station myself on the tower or fortress, and will watch to see what He will say within me and what answer I will make [as His mouthpiece] to the perplexities of my complaint against Him.*

*<sup>2</sup>And the Lord answered me and said, Write the vision and engrave it so plainly upon tablets that everyone who passes may [be able to] read [it easily and quickly] as he hastens by.*

*<sup>3</sup>For the vision is yet for an appointed time and it hastens to the end [fulfillment]; it will not deceive or disappoint. Though it tarry, wait [earnestly] for it, because it will surely come; it will not be behindhand on its appointed day.*

God wants to show you more than you have ever seen or heard. He has created you to hear His voice and to see. You have been created with godly senses, whereby He will teach you His ways, and give you insight and wisdom for today. It is His plan to communicate with His children. Remember you are beloved of God. You are His Child. As He walked with Adam in the cool of the day (every day), He too will walk with you.

Make an appointment to sit down with God. You will have to schedule God into your daily life. When you do that, you are making room for the supernatural.

***NOW - PUT YOUR HAND ON YOUR EYES AND ON YOUR EARS - I COMMAND YOUR EARS AND EYES AND ALL YOUR SPIRITUAL SENSES TO OPEN UP IN JESUS' NAME.***

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When you sit down with God, here are some helper questions you can contemplate to help you find your personal purpose and see your vision. Please come with a pen and paper. Write it all down. More will come; it will get stronger and more fine tuned. I do this at least once a year, most times twice a year, just to make sure I'm on track. Often, in between, God will give me insight and adjustments in all areas of my life.

## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF, AND TO ASK GOD:

What excites me? Why?

What do I need to fix? Why?

What drives me to wake up in the morning? Why?

What irritates me the most? Why?

What brings me joy? Why?

What keeps me awake at night - dreaming good things? Why?

If I had all the money and resources and abilities I needed, what would I do? Why?

What inspires me? Why?

Ask GOD right now - Show me my purpose for which you have made me. Give me the vision, the part you have for me right now.

He will speak to you – His voice is like still crystal waters, He will show you because He loves you. My friend, don't let your heart be troubled, do not fret, but ask, so that

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your joy may be full! This is the prayer of inquiry. We sit at the feet of Jesus and ask questions. God will give you understanding.

Another scripture, which is essential:

## **Psalm 127:1 NKJV**

*Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.*

If we are building something, it will not bear fruit unless God has instructed you to build it. It is vital that you wait on the Lord's instructions, please wait to hear from the Lord on what He wants you to do. We all go through seasons and times nothing stays the same. If you are 'pastoring', you may be called to do something different 10 years from now. The Lord will inspire you, He will give you what you need as you diligently seek Him. Jacob needed help – so do you and I.

## **Job 32:8**

*But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.*

God breathes on our mind, inspiring us forward. Acknowledge these inspirations and move on these inspirations by:

1. Writing them down - Habakkuk 2:2
2. Meditating on them - Joshua 1:8
3. Taking the time to act on them - James 2:20, 26

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4. Sharing them with others who encourage and uplift us - Philemon 1:6

5. Allowing the inspiration and communion with others to add to us - Acts 2:42

His inspiration - God breathed ideas will change your world.

After you receive your vision, you will have to develop a plan of action. This is also crucial. The key is writing it down and reviewing it. When you have it visually in front of you, you can run with it and so can others. Until it is tangibly written out, you will just be going in circles.

The next step in all this is the planning stage, which of course, God will do with you. Jacob needed a plan, Jesus needed a plan, so do you and I. I will be releasing a book on planning in the near future. It is called 'Planning by Godly Design'. It will help you put things together in the right steps and help you get the work done in an orderly fashion, full of the spirit and with much joy.