

Destiny

Destiny simply means God's plan and purpose for us that was conceived long before we were born.

God has a plan and purpose for creating each one of us and he has a life laid out for us to accomplish here on earth as in heaven.

His will and His ways for us are higher than ours and have eternity in mind. When we decide to give our lives to Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us into truth and righteousness we are saying to everyone, including ourselves, that we have laid down our hopes for His, our rights for Him, our call for His, our life for the life He chose for us from before we were born.

That is the amazing piece of our relationship with God. He has known and loved us before we were in our mother's wombs.

You each have a call on your lives. Don't sleep on them.

Time is precious don't let the clock run out on what He's called you to.

Week 1

Talking to God

We walk by faith, not by sight. Talk to God about your faith walk and where he's taking you.

Going Deeper

God will often take you from where you are to where He wants you to be at what can be called a divine intersection. This is a time and/or situation in your life where your gifts, skills, passion, experience and personality come together into either the revealing or walking out of your destiny.

Many times we rush ahead to the intersection, not realizing the importance of God's perfect timing. Until your divine intersection comes, God is preparing you for that moment: the people, tasks and purposes ahead. He is also preparing your destiny, the people and places involved for you.

This is similar to what He did in Canaan when the Israelites entered the promised land. God had already provided for the Israelites because the Canaanites had dug the wells,

cultivated the land and built the communities in that land. It was already prepared like the places, people and times He has prepared for you.

PRAY

Pray a prayer of faith that you will hear God's voice for those divine intersections.

Week 2

Talking to God

Thank God that He motivates you toward your calling. Ask Him to help you bring Him honor through your good choices.

Going Deeper

It's nice when you're noticed for doing good. But you shouldn't do good deeds simply because you want to be noticed by others.

Jesus said, "Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven" - Matthew 6:1.

The reason why you do something is just as important as what you do.

True goodness is motivated by your love for God and your desire to please Him. Your love for Him is the best motivation for doing good because it brings God honor.

Talk to Each Other

Tell your someone from our church family what you do to get noticed instead of doing it to please God - then, stop doing that thing!

Week 3

Talking to God

Thank God for His patience and for helping you to be patient with yourself.

Going Deeper

Think about times when God has been patient with you. In 2 Peter 3:15, the Bible says, "Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation."

God is patient with you not just in the area of salvation, but in every area of your life. He won't give up on you, even when you make mistakes. You need to be as patient with yourself as God is with you.

Instead of becoming frustrated that you aren't reaching your destiny, you should keep trying to do what is right before God, even when you fail, so you can become more like Jesus every day.

Patience is necessary when you deal with the Lord. Our destiny isn't always tied up in what we have to do or the place we need to show up in.

Many times there are others that have a roll to play in your destiny. Most of the time we don't even know these people or have very little interaction with them. Patience doesn't have to be scary. It is key to our maturity and spiritual growth.

Take Action

Look at your last 3 months and see where you have exercised patient and what the outcomes have been.

Week 4

Talking to God

Thank God for being the Lord of your life. Ask Him to show you any areas where you have not yet made Him Lord. Trust Him for help to exercise self- control.

Going Deeper

It's fun to do things you enjoy, like watch your favorite television show or play your favorite games. But it might not be so fun if those things had control over you.

In 1 Corinthians 6:12, the apostle Paul says: "Everything is permissible for me—but not everything is beneficial. 'Everything is permissible for me'— but I will not be mastered by anything."

When something that you enjoy doing becomes something that you are driven to do, it may have control over you. This means that you've given up your ability to choose what is best. It's important to only have one Master - God - and to make sure He comes first in everything He is calling to to be and all He is calling you to do.

Talk to Each Other

- Discuss with someone from the church family some ways that you can develop more self-control
- Name a few characteristics of a “master.” How can you tell if something