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THIS LIFE-changing book is profoundly dedicated to my beautiful, whimsical, splendid wife; Martha T. Muwanguzi and my little daughter Princess Janny Muwanguzi Kwagala Emmanuella.

I also dedicate this book to my siblings; Jude, Kevin and Becky.

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FOREWORD



RICHARD has done it again. This is yet another book that will inspire and change many lives for the glory of God. In a world where many are searching for the meaning of life, where people are constantly plagued with questions of their existence, this book holds and addresses answers to these critical questions from the perspective of man.

The purpose of man in the scheme of human experience is explored through returning to the original process of creation, based on the premise that no one knows the product like the manufacturer. No product can understand its identity by asking the customer, because only and only the manufacturer knows the purpose and the potential of his product.

Therefore, it is imperative that we discover our purpose and understand our true potential, as well as gain lucid understanding of our principle function within human family. I was personally inspired reading this book from

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the first chapter. By pointing to God's original purpose for man, Pastor Richard brings clarity to man's true purpose and destiny. The well thought out and well researched material written in this book will transform your life forever.

Peter J. Wamono

Lead Pastor- Musaale Church.

RECOMMENDATIONS



“This book helped me find my true purpose and then walk in it. I learnt that God thought of mankind long ago before Genesis. I discovered that we have a purpose designed like Spiritual DNA. And God knits it into us while we are still in our mother’s womb. Therefore, It is our assignment to walk and live in our purpose.” **Janny Varland - USA**

★★★

“Too often, we misuse our purpose! This book has enlightened me on what direction I need to go, in order to have true fulfillment in rewarding life. Muwanguzi has mastered the word purpose and what it means. I found myself underlining multiple sentences on every page. This book is so informative on truth. And yes! We need to go to God if we want to know our true reason for being. This book will help get you there. God’s design is perfect and so is His unique purpose for you” **Bronwyn Monger - USA**

RECOMMENDATIONS

“I found Pr. Muwanguzi seemingly by chance, but now I am convinced that it was by God’s design. Richard has been an instrument in my Spiritual awakening and I would implore everyone to receive his teaching. In this book, he shows us that we have a purpose and we need to find it. One that nourishes the Spirit and not just the body. We need to use our potential in the here and now because we can’t take it with us when we go.” **Adam Johnson - USA**

★★★

Reading Pr. Richard’s book showed me the role I play in the story of becoming what God has called me to be and how to become a champion of my own dreams. This book has opened my eyes to the fact that we are all going to have tough times, which is part of life, but it’s the attitude in which we handle those trials while going through them. This book has helped me with my own struggles and has given me strength to focus on God and my Purpose.” **Bobbie Kimmelshue - USA**

INTRODUCTION



DISCOVERING the purpose of God for my life at a very early age is something I am extremely grateful to God for because it has helped me shun wasting time pursuing other less important assignments. I was born in a very humble family contextual. We were so poor that even the poor would call us poor.

No matter who you are or what motherland you live in, you have a personal purpose, for every human being on earth is born with one. God created each person with a unique dream and purpose. He has tremendous plans for you that no one else can accomplish. The tragic thing is that many people live their whole lives without ever identifying their purposes.

From the beginning of man's antiquity as we know it, mankind has been tackling with the age-old quest: Why am I here? What is the reason for my existence? What is the meaning of my life? Is there a reason for the world, the creation

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and man? These questions are universal and collective. They prowl deep within the secret chambers and cavities of every human being on earth regardless of their race, color, ethnic heritage, socioeconomic status or nationality. The great renown philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Socrates and others throughout the ages have attempted to explore these seemingly illusive questions. For the most part, their efforts have ended in more questions than answers.

In life, you must always seek to associate with people who have a God-given vision and are driven by it. The devil only attacks people who carry supernatural grace and favor. The extent to which you know God is directly dependent on the level to which God will reveal Himself to you. Never allow repeated failures and defeats to prevent you from pursuing your purpose and progressing in life. If you have passion to see your God-given vision come to fruition you will not allow any limitation or hindrance.

God is never limited by time, space or circumstances. He is a God of no boundaries. God has answers to all questions of life. He has solutions prepared in advance for all problems. He is never confused or dumbfounded by issues of life. He has power to elongate and shrink time in order to fulfill His purpose and will in a man's life.

God is never limited or bound by any means. He does not need five thousand loaves of bread and five thousand fishes

to feed five thousand people. He only needs five loaves and two fishes.

There is nothing about a product that is a mystery to the manufacturer. The manufacturer has power and control over his product. God has control and power over everything, everybody and every circumstance. There is fullness of grace, favor and blessings in the Lord but there are people who cannot reach out to enjoy of all these goodies in the Lord.

Discovering the Purpose of your existence book was written as a result of my long chase and pursuit in the ultimate discovery of my purpose in life. I have come to realize the essential nature of this exploration for every man, woman, youth and child, and have, therefore, set forth some of the indispensable principles, precepts and concepts that you must understand as you embark or continue on your journey of discovering your purpose.

Remember, purpose is the only source of individual and corporate fulfillment. Join me on a journey that I know you will enjoy. It will make you ask yourself some deep, searching questions, it will challenge your tenacity, and it will encourage you to check your definitions and descriptions of life, success and effectiveness.

Trail me carefully as we press towards your glorious destiny in life and get ready to leave behind a life of boredom

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and drudgery. Read this book prayerfully and also study the scriptural references. Afterwards, apply them to your life. Finally, take action on what you discover. I believe God that this book is going to be a life-changing encounter for you.

CHAPTER 1



Principles of Purpose

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*“Many are the plans in man’s heart, but only God’s
purpose prevails.” **Proverbs 19:21***
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UNTIL purpose is discovered, human existence has no meaning, for purpose is the source of fulfillment. Purpose is more important than plan. It is so powerful than plan and if you understand it, it finally becomes personal.

Everything in this life has a purpose. Everyone on this planet was born with and for a purpose. It is this purpose that is the only foundation and source of meaning. Without purpose, life is experimentation and a slapdash expedition that results in frustration, disappointment and failure.

Without purpose, life is idiosyncratic, or it is a trial and

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error game that is governed by environmental influences and the circumstances of the moment. Likewise, in the absence of purpose, time has no meaning, energy has no reason and life has no exactness. Therefore, it is essential that you and I understand and discover our purpose in life so that we can experience an effective, full, replete and rewarding life.

Purpose, therefore, is the original intent in the mind of the creator or manufacturer that motivated him to create a particular item. It is the why that explains the reason for existence. Every product is a child of purpose. In other words, before any product is made, there is a purpose established in the mind of the manufacturer that gives conception to the idea that becomes the substance for the design and production of the product. Thus, purpose precedes production.

Every product is produced by purpose for a purpose. It exists for its original purpose and hence can find its true fulfillment only in performing the purpose for which it was created. I will say it again, again and again, that until purpose is discovered, existence has no meaning.

God desires that every man finds his purpose and fulfills it. If you want to understand who you are and live a fulfilled life of reality, you then need to understand the principles of purpose. You have to learn these anchors for living from the Word of God; otherwise, you will fall in the trap of confusion- where many are right now. Using the gen from one of my fallen gurus and motivational speaker, stay with

me as we reconnoiter on the principles of purpose.

1. God is a God of purpose.
2. God created everything with a purpose.
3. Not every purpose is known to us because we have lost the understanding of God's original intent for us.
4. Where purpose is not known, abuse is inevitable.
5. To discover the purpose of something, never ask the creation; ask the creator.
6. We find our purpose only in the mind of the creator.
7. God's purpose is the key to our fulfillment.

1. God is a God of purpose

God is a purposeful being. He has a purpose for everything He has ever done. He established his purpose before He created what was needed to fulfill it. Whatever He plans is intentional, meaningful and guaranteed to succeed.

*"The lord of hosts has sworn, saying; "surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass. And as I have purposed, so it shall stand." **Isaiah 14:24***

"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread

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to the eater. So shall My Word be that goes forth from my mouth: it shall not return to me void; but it shall accomplish what I please. And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.” **Isaiah 55:10-11**

“The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.” **Psalms 33:11** (NKJV)

God has a purpose that He determines beforehand and then carries out. God does not do anything on a caprice or without knowing the end results. God finishes things before He begins them. He will never begin what He has not finished. God never begins with beginnings. He begins with the end then he begins. Beginnings begin when God begins them. Therefore, He is before any beginning. In other words, He is the beginner of beginnings. Long before God became the Creator, He was planning and designing the many things He would speak into existence.

He finishes things before He begins them. He is out of alpha and omega because He began the alpha and ended the omega. He finishes what He is to begin first before He begins what He has already finished. So, God finished you before He began you. And in that context, He will never ask you to begin what He has not finished.

After the purpose/the reason of the product has been determined, then production follows, which is the

development of a design to produce the function that will fulfill the purpose. You need to note that the design dictates the necessary components and materials for production, which is then incorporated into the product's specifications. When all the drawings, specifications and designs are completed and the materials have been procured, production can begin.

It is also critical to note that the production of the product does not begin until the purpose for the product has been established, and the success of the project is not determined until the product does exactly what its purpose requires. Thus, all things begin and end with purpose.

This principle saturates all creation. Nature abounds with evidence of this perpetual law. The Master Manufacturer of all created things has made all His creations for a definite purpose and has established that purpose as the ultimate definition of success. You and I are products of His purposeful creating.

You don't commence a house when you build the foundation, but you commence building it when you conceive the idea. This means that the finished house is already in the unseen. People pass-by the property and they don't see it. However, to you who understand and know what is going to happen, it is already finished. Digging the foundation is the beginning of the implementation of your purpose. So after you dig the foundation, when someone

asks you, “what are you doing?” your answer is very definite. You point to the architect’s rendering of the house and say, “I am building this.”

Likewise, God in his wisdom is not guessing about His purpose for us- for humanity as a whole or for each of us individually. God has already decided on His purpose. He has the complete picture. It is His vision for us. It is not an afterthought. In Genesis chapter one, we read how He began to dig the foundation of humanity. God is a God of purpose!

2. God created everything with a purpose.

God created everything with a purpose in mind and He also created it with the ability and the aptitude to fulfill its purpose. Everything God has made is the way it is, because of why it was created. The why dictates its makeup. The purpose and the meaning of a thing determines its nature. I am who I am because of why I was created and so are you.

You don’t make something until you know what you want and why you want it. You will never find a manufacturer starting a project, hoping it will turn out to be something useful. Its purpose and design are complete before production starts. Since God created everything with purpose, we need

to go to Him if we want to know our true reason for being.

Concern for doing the right thing rather than a desire to do things right must always guide you. That right thing is the purpose for which God created you and gave you breath. You are special and exceptional. God made you from an original mold, then threw it away when you were completed.

The lice we abhor and the snakes we fear were made by God to fulfill a specific purpose, as were mosquitoes, birds and trees. God took as much time putting together spiders and ants as He did creating butterflies and flowers. Just because we don't understand a creature's purpose doesn't mean that it is purposeless. Our reactions of fear or antipathy do not refute their reasons for existence, because everything serves a purpose. In essence, ignorance of purpose does not cancel purpose.

Mankind lately discovered that every animal and every plant was created to balance the ecosystem. Any interference in its purpose affects everything else. The ozone layer of the upper atmosphere has recently been discovered to have a serious purpose to perform. It was designed to help preserve life on our planet by regulating the intensity of the ultraviolet rays from the sun. The plants themselves absorb the ultraviolet rays of the sun and produce chlorophyll for their food, while releasing oxygen for us to breathe. Their purpose involves keeping us alive by providing both food and oxygen. We, in turn, inspire oxygen and expire carbon

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dioxide, which the plant absorbs to make its food. Therefore, we need their purpose and they need ours.

Check out your uniqueness and inimitability and find out what differentiates you from the 6.7 billion people who inhabit this planet. Then pursue your aspiration deliberately, consciously and consistently. Be what you are. Capitalize on the natural skills and talents with which you were born, and don't lose them. When others belittle your special gifts and try to re-make you according to their plans and purposes, reject to yield to their domination.

Don't let anyone prevent you from becoming and doing all that you were born to be and do. Remember, if you don't deploy yourself, others will soon employ you and you will never manifest your true self as long as you are under employment. Above all else, pursue your purpose with a craving and a passion and experience the reason for your life.

*"The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out." **Proverbs 20:5***

3. Not every purpose is known to us.

Although everyone and everything on earth has a purpose, this does not mean that we are aware of their purposes. When human beings as a race turned their backs against God and

His ways, as we learn about in Genesis 3, they ended up losing their knowledge of God's intent for themselves and the world.

Rejecting God was the equivalent of buying a sophisticated and intricate piece of equipment and then throwing away the user's manual. If you get something to work under such circumstances, it is only by pure chance. The more likely scenario is that you will never get it to function properly. You will also miss out on the many features and functions it has to offer. It will never fulfill its complete purpose.

As you discover who you are, you will learn that your purpose, your identity, your uniqueness and your potential are interdependent. You cannot truly "know thyself," as the great Greek philosophers reprimanded, until you discover your purpose. This is true because known purpose reveals the particular components God built into you to enable you to achieve all that He prepared for you.

Our world is plagued by the desire to have more and more and more. But having something is not really the most important thing. Knowing the reason for what you have is much more important. Nothing is truly yours until you understand it—not even yourself. Some people are born knowing what they want to do and even how to do it. The rest of us must spend hours figuring out what to do with our lives. Unclear goals such as "I want to be happy," "I want to make the world a better place to live," or even "I want to be

rich” are nearly useless. We must ask the primary question: “Why am I here?”—and reply with an unqualified answer—“To be myself and to express myself fully.”

Humanity has not respected the fact that God’s creation and His direction for living were established for a specific reason and that, if that purpose continues to be abandoned; mankind will never function properly as human beings. Unknown purpose always wastes time and gives the possibility of danger. This is a very dangerous situation for mankind to be in, because it leads right to the next principle.

4. Where Purpose is not known, abuse is inevitable.

Whenever purpose is not known, abuse is inevitable. Here is an aspect of this principle: The penalty for drinking poison is death from poisoning. You don’t need God to kill you after you have swallowed poison. What this means for us is that God does not have to do anything to judge us for abusing our lives. Abuse occurs whenever we don’t use something according to its creator’s intentions. Ignorance of purpose violates the laws of sanity and function.

In other words, if you don’t know the purpose for something (or you choose to ignore that purpose), you can’t do anything other than abuse it. No matter how good your intents may be, they are negated by your ignorance. You may

be sincere and dedicated toward your husband, your child or your boss, but your sincerity and dedication cannot make up for your lack of knowledge of their purpose. Abuse remains inevitable, and you put them in danger.

The word abuse means “abnormal use.” Or to put it another way, if you don’t know the appropriate use for something, you will use it in a fitful, muddled and disorderly manner. Unknown purpose also leads to misuse, which is a stronger form of abuse. To misuse something means that you miss the envisioned use. Although the product has a purpose, you miss knowing it and therefore, use it for something other than what the creator had in mind when he designed and made it.

If you don’t know the purpose for a baby, you will misuse the child. We call that child abuse. If you don’t know the purpose for money, you will abuse the money. If you don’t know the purpose for a job, you’ll misuse the job. If you don’t know the purpose for your mate, you’ll abuse your spouse. We call that wife abuse or husband abuse.

It is therefore very imperative that you either discover the purpose for everything you encounter in life or desist from using that person or thing until you gain that knowledge. If, for example, your friend asks you to marry him, but he doesn’t know the purpose of marriage, you would be prudent to refuse to marry him until he discovers the God-given purpose for marriage. Otherwise, he will abuse both

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marriage and, as a result, you. Before I married my wife Martha, it took me years and eons of studying God's word to understand the creator's purpose for marriage. I read a lot of books on marriage. I attended numerous singles' summits. In other words, I gained knowledge of why before I considered who to marry. And today, I have the most wonderful marriage life in the world because I first answered why before who. Why is the purpose; who is the partner and until you answer why, you will never enjoy who.

Many of us have been victims because others have abused the very things that God Himself created. That's why it is very important that we not move into marriage, new job appointment and so forth until we know God's purpose for giving us that relationship or position. It is the abuse of this principle that is the number one cause of all our social problems today. The drug problem is not a substance problem, but a substance abuse problem. We abuse the godly gift of sex and experience the fatal consequences because we don't seek the purpose for these things.

That is why it possible to be sincerely wrong. It is possible to be faithfully wrong. It is possible to be seriously wrong. You are serious but you are wrong because you don't know the purpose for the thing you are involved in. This principle holds true for everything, including people.

5. To Discover Purpose, Never Ask the Creation; Ask The Creator.

If you want to know the purpose of something, don't ask the thing itself. Why? It didn't plan, design or build itself. Only the manufacturer knows the why and how of his product. That is why he can claim perfect relationship with his product.

Therefore, if you are going to use something, the first question to ask is, "Who made this?" if you buy a certain kind of guitar, you need to consult the manufacturer who made that particular guitar. That is why the company includes an instructional booklet with an instrument; the booklet tells you how to use the guitar based on its purpose. You don't use it to play baseball. You don't use it to paddle a boat. In other words, the manufacturer sent you the manual to protect you from abusing the product and so you could have the full enjoyment of it.

The point is: To understand how we function as human beings, we need to go to the manual given to us by the designer and manufacturer who created us: The Bible. God knew exactly what He wanted when He thought of you. He is the only one who knows how humanity is intended to function. If you have any questions about why you are here, you should check the manual. If you don't know the purpose of a thing, all you can do is experiment. Everybody who does

not know his or her purpose is just experimenting with life.

When I was a teenager in my high school, I was almost tempted to experiment in order to find out about life. I am grateful to God that He protected me from much of that. But many of my teenagers whom I grew up with did not make it through their experiments. The experiment blew up. Some are dead. The bodies of others are contaminated and wrecked from using destructive substances. They didn't know the purpose of elements they were using.

A created thing can never know what was in the mind of the creator when he planned and built it. As preposterous as the thought of asking a computer or a projector or a keyboard why it exists may be, we have been doing that to each other for years. "Hey, what's happening? Why are you here?" Although your friend may respond to your question, it's perhaps not the right answer because you asked him the wrong question. Asking a friend why you or he exists is like the blind leading the blind. Most men and women don't know why they are here.

I would like to speak to the young people reading this book: if you want to know why you were born, the worst people to ask are your friends, because your friends are also trying to figure out why they are here. If you want to know your reason of existence, don't ask another product; ask the manufacturer. Everyone else is guesstimating.

Life is too precious to be treated like a trial run. The only way to avoid the cost of a trial and error is to learn the purpose of your life. Think about a car mechanic. If he is experimenting, he won't last long in the automotive business. If he says, "I wonder what this part is for. Let me guess what section of the engine I should attach it to." That is experimentation. He does not know what the manufacturer had in mind.

Well, if you would not want an inexperienced mechanic work on your car, what about your life? No university professor knows people well enough to write a definite book about what makes us tick. No psychologist or psychiatrist truly knows me. God wrote a book about His product, and the product is me. Tell yourself, "I am an expensive product. I won't let anyone experiment with me." It is dangerous thing for us to experiment with this precious commodity called life.

Therefore, if a man wants to know His reason for living, he must look to God and His manual-not to other products. If he looks to himself or others, he will travel an unreliable and hazardous course of life.

6. We Find Purpose Only in The Mind of the Creator of the Thing.

If you remember this principle all your life, you will be anodyne: before you buy something, check to see who made it. Right away, you will know what was in the mind of the maker, with the help of the manual. The word manual is literally translated as the maker's mind on paper.

We need to understand the mind of our maker. How do we do this? By learning how He thinks. The only way for us to succeed is by discovering and living in the purpose of our maker, by understanding a transformation in the way we think about ourselves based on His original intentions for us. That transformation comes about by a renewal of our minds:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world; but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." **Romans 12:1-2**

Your mind is a very powerful tool that makes you who you think you are. As earlier mentioned in my first book: *Discovering the Champion in You*; you are what you think you are. In other words, you are what you are today because

of what you thought you were yesterday. Provided you think it, you become it.

The greatest way for you to find purpose is to yield your life to the manufacturer. You should not come to God because it is a religious thing to do. You shouldn't come to God because everyone is doing it neither should you come to God because it is good to be part of a church. Come to God because you want to find out how not to waste your life. No one knows you better than the one who made you. That is the bottom line.

Never use the creation to find out who you are, because the purpose of something is only in the mind of the One who made it. That is one of the reasons why God has a tremendous problem with idol worship. How can you identify your ability by worshipping a snake? How can you find out your worth by believing that you will come back as a rat or a roach? How dare you believe that your purpose for existence can be discovered in a relationship with a wooden statue? You will never know yourself by relating to the creation, only to the Creator. The key to understanding life is in the source of life, not in the life itself.

Many of the inventions man has produced would be misunderstood if only the invention were considered and not the intention of the inventor. In other words, the man who created the refrigerator had in his mind what it was supposed to be used for. He did not intend that it should be

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used for a trap in the backyard for a kid to be locked in and die from asphyxia. Even though thousands of children have died in refrigerators, that was not the inventor's intention. The automobile is tearing out streetlights and bridges all over the world and destroying people's homes and lives. But Mr. Ford, who first developed the assembly line to mass produce the automobile, never thought about it that way. He was thinking about transporting people and helping the human race to become a mobile community. He started us to thinking about trolleys and trains and buses. The many people who die through accidents and derailments were not part of his intention. They were not in his mind when he designed his famous T. Ford automobile.

I will say it again and again and again; if you want to know the purpose of a product, you must ask the manufacturer or his authorized representative. The product, itself, cannot tell you. That's why most manufacturers put a brand somewhere on their products or they give you similar information in an owner's manual. They want to teach you about the product and give you the opportunity to contact them if you have any questions about its purpose, use, operation or maintenance. They know they must give you this information if the product is going to fulfill the purpose for which they made it.

This principle of asking the creator for the purpose of a thing is also palpable in the story of a blind man healed by

Jesus. Jesus and His followers were walking along when they saw a man who had been blind from birth. Jesus' disciples immediately wanted to know why the man had been born blind. Because their custom said such things were the result of sin, they wanted to know if the man or his parents had sinned. Jesus went straight to the root of the matter.

“Neither this man nor his parents sinned...but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life” John 9:3.

After Jesus had healed him, the blind man was interrogated by everyone he met, including the Jewish authorities: “What happened to you?” “Aren’t you the blind man who used to beg by the gate?” “Where is this man who healed you?” “Don’t you know He’s a sinner?” The man didn’t attempt to explain why he had been healed, he basically told what he knew. If the Jewish officials and everyone else wanted to know why he had been healed, they would have asked Jesus like His disciples did, because only the originator of an action knows the purpose behind it. Therefore, if you want to know the purpose of something, including yourself, you must discover who created it and submit to his knowledge. Only God knows the purpose for your life.

We are so special to God that He sent His only son to die for us. There must be something unique about each one of us for God to want us to receive salvation so that we can

fulfill the purpose for which He gave us life. We need to seek Him earnestly in order to discover that purpose.

*“And ye shall seek me, and find [me], when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” **Jeremiah 29:13***

7. God’s Purpose Is the Key to Our Fulfillment.

You can never be totally satisfied and complete until you find your purpose and then live in it. You cannot do what you are supposed to do until you discover what you are supposed to do. And if you do what you are not supposed to do, you are not going to be fulfilled. You are wasting time. You are abusing your life. Just stop it now.

God’s purpose is not hindered by your past. He turned a coward (Gideon) into a colossal leader (**Judges 6-8**), and a murderer (Moses) into a deliverer (**Exodus 3**). He also turned a prostitute (the Samaritan woman Jesus met at the well of Jacob) into a preacher (**John 4:1-42**). Imagine what He could make of you. You are not too old to resume your purpose. Nothing you have done can cancel your purpose. The world is waiting for you to produce your purpose.

*“Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, And the years draw near, when you say, I have no pleasure in them” **Ecclesiastes 12:1***

The Bible is saying to us, “Remember God now”- not when you have finished partying and ruining your health with drugs, alcohol and tobacco, so that you say, ‘Well, I am sick now, I’d better go find God” Don’t wait until after you have messed up your life to remember God. Your manufacturer wants you to remember him early so that He can set you on course for your entire life.

Some of you might not be using harmful substances, but you are still ruining your life. You are working fourteen hours a day trying to be successful but you are not doing what you were put on the earth to do. You are not going to be fulfilled. There is no fulfillment without knowing your purpose.

Naaman was a Syrian combatant who had to learn the importance of purpose. One day his wife’s servant girl told her mistress that a prophet in Samaria could heal her master of the feared disease of leprosy. Believing the girl’s words, Naaman went to Israel. When the king of Israel sent Naaman to the prophet Elisha, Elisha told his servant to tell Naaman to dip seven times in the Jordan River and he would be healed. But Naaman became very fuming and complained that he could have washed in rivers in Syria if that would have cured him. Finally, Naaman’s servants convinced him to do what the prophet had instructed. Seven times Naaman dipped himself in the Jordan River, and when he came up the seventh time, he was utterly cured (**2 Kings 5**).

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Too often we look at life the same way Naaman did. We seek satisfaction in life's activities without considering the purpose behind them. It wasn't the river that healed Naaman, but his obedience to God's purpose through the words of the prophet Elisha. The river was powerless. God's word is all-powerful. When He determines a purpose for our lives, we will find fulfillment only when we are walking toward the end He has set.

God wants us to know His plans and purposes for our lives because He knows that apart from them we cannot know hope, peace and joy. In all things, purpose is the key to fulfillment because it establishes the foundation on which all life must be built.

Purpose Is General

No manufacturer or producer goes to the distress to design, produce and market a product for which he has no purpose. Hence, everything has a purpose. Or, to put it another way, the gift and the aptitude of purpose is universal. Nothing is created without a purpose behind the making. This principle is evident in nature.

Every human being and every living thing on this planet, indeed everything that exists, has been chosen by God to fulfill His purposes. We all have part of this universal

purpose. Let me explain what I mean. When God chose the sun, He chose it for a purpose. Then He created it with the ability to complete its purpose. God also chose the mosquitoes, the roaches, the rodents, the lice and designed into them everything they need to fulfill their reason for being. The oceans, too, were created by God to perform the tasks He dictated for them before they were completed. Nothing is outside God's universal purpose. Whenever this commonness and prevalence of purpose is not recognized, demise occurs.

The Dead Sea is a good example of the inexorable death that occurs when purpose is not fulfilled. The Dead Sea lies to the south of the Sea of Galilee, with the Jordan River connecting the two. It catches the water coming south, but it doesn't let it out. Like all bodies of water that cease to have a current running through them—both giving and receiving—the Dead Sea is well described by its name. It is just dead water.

When you visit the Dead Sea, the guides instruct you to always be very careful that you do not allow a drop of the water to get into your eyes because the water is so salty, it literally burns a hole into your cornea and eventually causes blindness. It is impossible to sink in Dead Sea because the salt content gives the water a resistance that is unnatural. Also, unlike other bodies of water, the Dead Sea contains no plant or aquatic life. There are no fish, neither are there

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algae or other kinds of sea plants. No great creatures of the sea live in its depths; neither do the many living creatures of the sea team in its water. The water is just too salty to sustain life. Sharing the universality of purpose but failing to live up to that purpose, the sea has died. The sea's purpose hasn't changed, but its ability to perform what God intended it to do has never come to reality.

In many ways, the tragedy of the Dead Sea is symptomatic and symbolic of our lives. God has a universal purpose for mankind that goes beyond our abilities to perform it. Before creation, He pre-destined us and chose us to be conformed into the image of His Son. He set Christ as our destination, then backed us up and started us on the journey toward that desired end.

Most of humanity today has lost sight of our universal purpose. Like the Dead Sea, we are not fulfilling all that God purposed for our lives. That failure to live out all that God put us here to do has not changed God's purpose. His desire to see all men and women know life as He intended it is so strong that He has tried again and again throughout the history of man to redirect us into His pre-destined pathway. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is His final attempt. Through Him we can move from death to life. Through Him we can re-discover our God-given universal purpose.

Not one person on this planet is outside that will of God, for He has chosen each of us to share in His glory. Thus, no matter how your life started or how bad it has been, you are not a mistake. God intended for you to live, both physically and spiritually. He would not have allowed you to be born if you were not included in His universal purposes. You are necessary. You are essential.

This universality of purpose is something we can adhere and cohere to when life becomes meaningless and without value. Together with the core, individual, manifold, interdependent, symbiotic, permanent and resilient qualities of purpose, it gives us an assurance that we are not mistakes. God had a purpose for us when He planted us in our mothers' wombs. That purpose has not changed. The challenge that lies before us is to understand the basic principles that underlie purpose so we can recognize purpose at work in our lives and allow it to guide and redirect our paths.

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart ...” **Jeremiah 1:5**

Principles

1. God is a God of purpose.
2. God created everything with a purpose.

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3. Not every purpose is known to us because we have lost the understanding of God's original intent for us.
4. Where purpose is not known, abuse is inevitable.
5. To discover the purpose of something, never ask the creation; ask the creator.
6. We find our purpose only in the mind of the creator.
7. God's purpose is the key to our fulfillment.
8. God's purpose is not hindered by your past.
9. Your manufacturer wants you to remember him early so that He can set you on course for your entire life.
10. The gift and the aptitude of purpose is universal.
11. God had a purpose for us when He formed us in our mothers' womb.

CHAPTER 2



Principles of Success

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*“This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success.” **Joshua 1:8***

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HUMAN beings, no matter who they are or where they live, all want to be “successful.” I have never seen anyone who wants to fail in life. This success is usually defined by the phony rewards that are so lionized by the media: wealth, power, fame, luxury and prestige. The goal of material attainment is drilled into us from an early age. Parents urge their children to work hard so they can be “somebody.” Schools add to the pressure by using competitive grading

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and by offering rewards for outstanding performances. Bookshops are loaded with guides that instruct readers how to get to the top of their fields so they can accumulate power, wealth and influence, and magazines, complete with cover photos that exaggerate the rich and the famous, boldly promise shortcuts to success.

This relentless pursuit of “success” has produced some understated and restrained consequences. Annulment (Divorce), suicide and perversity rates continually hike. Violence, environmental destruction and white collar crime outbreak every community. Emotional depression, particularly in men and women between the ages of twenty-five and forty-four, has multiplied tenfold over the last two generations. The internal yardsticks that symbolize personal and corporate fulfillment are noticeably missing from our world, and a positive sense of direction that encompasses the totality of life is obviously lacking for the majority of people.

As children, we learned to see academic, professional and financial achievements as good, and failures of any kind as bad. Thus, the measures of achievement we received from the previous generations have always been outwardly directed. Success in the eyes of others has been assumed to be personal success, for approval from others is the accepted requirement for receiving the “successful” ticket.

In many cases, the approval of others and our personal assessment do not match. Too often, personal satisfaction has

been sacrificed to the societal standard and norm of making coincidence, imitation and economic urgency, rather than aptitude, passion and a sense of individual purpose, the basis for critical career decisions. In this, our world has missed the item of true value. Career success does not automatically yield the desired end of personal fulfillment, which is the only true measure of success, triumph and accomplishment. Private disillusionment and despair characterize many who have allowed the prescriptions of society to dictate their lives. Fulfilling purpose must be the primary goal of every person. Without a commitment to that purpose, there can be no lasting success.

The greatest enemy of success is fear of failure. Success is the potential destiny of all created things. Every seed has a tree in it and the potential success of that tree is in that seed. And that is how you are. Whatever you were born to do and be is in you and the success of your life depends on you becoming all that is trapped inside of you.

The most important thing about success is defining it. Here is the definition I felt worked for me down the years. "Success is the discovery, completion and fulfillment of the original intent or purpose of your existence" Success is therefore, purpose fulfilled before you die. In the execution of your life's purpose, there are definite principles you must obey in order to be successful. These principles govern the execution of every purpose from God regardless of the field.

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They are universal principles that every product in God's company must observe. These principles guarantee success in your purpose. So stay with me as I unfold some of these principles to guarantee this success that we are all looking forward to.

1. The Principle of overflow.

This principle simply states that success in ministry with men is an overflow of success in relationship with God. All men and women in the Bible and in history who had great and lasting impact on humanity for God had a depth of relationship with the manufacturer, God beyond the ordinary.

Abraham was called the friend of God, Jacob had to prevail with God before he could prevail with men, God spoke to Moses face-to-face as a man speaks to a friend, Joshua received divine strategies as he communed with God, David was a man after God's heart, John was a lover of His presence, Abel worshiped God, Enoch walked with God, Noah worked with God, the list is endless. Their effective ministries to men were overflows of their deep personal encounters with God. Because God knew them and they knew Him, He could trust them with much.

The discovery of purpose is more of allied to Vision.

Purpose is what you were born to do in your life time and vision is when you can see your purpose with the eyes of your heart. Vision is like pregnancy-it is a product of intimacy. As you develop intimacy with the Spirit of God through worship, prayer and meditating on God's Word, the womb of your Spirit is impregnated with the vision of God for your life. It commences to live and grow in you in preparations for its delivery. As you spend time in the presence of God, He begins to infuse in you His own heart, His passion and a burden for a certain segment of His creation- and that becomes your purpose discovered.

If we desire a lasting ministry of impact, then we should not ignore this principle. You cannot give what you don't have. (Acts 3:6) Until God has reached you, you cannot reach anyone. Until He has touched you, you cannot touch anyone. The things you have not seen, touched, nor handled, you can't impart to others. **(1 John 1:1-3).**

God calls us to Himself before He sends us out to others. **(Mark 6:7).** Your ministry is a by-product of your relationship with God-this is the first principle. Obey it. Get back to the garden of Eden; His presence. He wants to sense our presence before we sense His. Commit in pursuing quality fellowship with Him, investing time in prayer and searching His Word. His impact on your life will overflow to nations and generations after you.

2. The Principle of Faith.

This is a very significant principle. I talked about it succinctly in my first book; and I am looking forward to writing another whole book on this principle; Faith. Nevertheless, this principle is not just a principle of ministry but the principle of life itself. Hebrews 10:38; “The Just shall live by Faith...” So faith is the way of life of a believer. Faith is our lifeline, without it, God is not pleased and without it, don’t expect any exploit in your ministry.

Whatever you were born to be and do (Purpose) in your ministry will have to be appropriated by Faith. Faith is what translates heavenly realities into earthly tangibles. Faith makes everything work. Without Faith, prayers are empty words. (**Mark 11:23-24**), access to the divine resources of grace is impossible (**Romans 5:1-2**), there is no victory (**1 John 5:4**), the fiery arrows of the enemy hit their targets (**Ephesians 6:16**) and even salvation is impossible (**Ephesians 2:8**).

Faith is the currency of heaven. Your destiny is a promise and Faith is what delivers those promises to you. Beloved, your level of impact in your purpose is “According to your faith.”

How do you engage this principle in your purpose?

First, you have to build faith and faith is not built by

praying and fasting, not by giving, not by having a lot of love, not by speaking in tongues but simple; by hearing the Word of God. **(Romans 10:17)**. God's Word is pregnant with faith and so when you give it attention by hearing it enough, it will impregnate you with living faith and you will have good success in your purpose.

Secondly, faith must be unconfined and unconfined through corresponding actions, by doing what God's Word says with confident expectation that you have what it promises and this release of faith will then cause things to move from the unseen realm into seen. The last six letters of the word "Satisfaction" read 'Action'. The word 'Satis' is a Latin word that means 'enough'. Amalgamation of the two means that to have "satisfaction" in your purpose, you need 'enough actions' in pursuing it.

Faith is your weapon of success in your purpose. It is your access to your promised destiny. Go for it. Study more about it. Build it and keep it released. I guarantee you that God will honor your confidence in Him.

3. The Principle of Followership.

Followership is the capacity or willingness to follow another person. It is the culture of allowing yourself to be led. Of course it is not a popular concept because it implies

being behind or below some other person. Most people get excited about leadership because it puts you in front and in command, but do you know that, if you want to be a great leader, you must first become great follower?

The greatest leaders are the best followers and true leadership always begins by following. Joshua was the follower of Moses, Elisha followed Elijah, Timothy followed Paul and the early apostles followed Jesus. **(Matthew 4:19-20)**. Jesus, the greatest of all leaders followed His father, to the point of death. He even subjected Himself to follow John the Baptist as His forerunner. A purpose, void of influence is a failure, because it does not impact anyone. I will say it again; to be a great leader you must be a great follower.

There is a proverb in my language that says; Fire is a good servant but a bad master. Every form of power must have control or else it becomes a danger to those exposed to its influence. There is no self-made person. Every person is a product of others. If you want to be a reference in your ministry, then you must have references. If you aspire to be a great teacher, you must remain a dedicated student. If you want to be a role model, then you must follow some model. The legitimacy of your leadership is rooted in your followership.

The only person who is preeminent is God. He is the one who did not begin when the beginning began but He began before the beginning began and therefore, the beginning

began when He began it. He existed before the existence existed and the existence had its own existence in Him. This is very important to understand! Lucifer failed to obey this principle and so he ended up as the scum of creation. He was fired from the company because of insubordination.

He wanted to arrest the boss. He dislocated himself and in pride chose to personally remove himself from following God. Therefore, he is an unemployed cherub. Now, he has to follow even little children who wield the name of Jesus. This is a tragedy of pride.

Mentorship is a reality and corollary of the principle of followership. Everyone who will be successful in his/ her purpose must have models and mentors. A mentor is a wise trusted counselor or teacher. He is someone who trains a person with lesser experience or knowledge than him. Mentors are God's gift to your purpose on earth.

Having a mentor provides you with a model of what you could be or even exceed. It exposes you to a higher level of accomplishment and wisdom. It is protective because you have access to wise counsels that can save you from making costly mistakes.

In **Exodus 24:13**, Joshua accompanied Moses to the Tent of Meeting. This was a special tent that Moses had set up and where he met with God. They would have intimate conversations there, and the only person who went into

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that tent with Moses was Joshua. A mentor can get you into places. The Bible says Moses left the Tent of Meeting, and Joshua stayed (see **Exodus 33:11**). Perhaps he was just basking in the greatness of God. A mentor can get you into the presence of greatness, and you can actually stay there because the great one will start to talk to you. No one knows what, if anything, God said to Joshua during those moments in the Tent of Meeting or if Joshua said anything. Maybe Joshua's experience there was to prepare him for future leadership. Joshua experienced God in a way that no other person did because he was brought into God's presence by his mentor. A mentor can open doors for you that no one else can open. Shared influence and connections are important elements of mentorship and succession.

All the great people I have met and read about always point to someone ahead of them that they follow. Behind every Timothy, there is Paul; behind every Esther, there is Mordecai; behind every Moses, there is Jethro. I thank God for the mentors He has brought in my life down the ages. The following have been exceptional; Pastor David Rongosi, Bishop Joseph Muli, Rev. Billah Mutonyi, Rev. Micheal Mugamba, my mother Alice Namataka and my late father, Mr. James Masaba. Thank you so much for making the accomplishment of my life's purpose realizable through your prayers, guidance, support and corrections. Thumb up!

The Mentee's assignment

In order for you to understand the mentoring experience and the blessing it brings along, I would like to share briefly with you these two incredible principles of mentoring and succession process. I have ten principles that I will write a book about, but I want to give you only two.

A mentee Should discover the power of questions.

As an incipient leader, you must ask questions of the mentor, accessing one of the greatest instruments of mentorship. As an acolyte, you pursue the mind, the approaches, the mechanisms, and the mission of the mentor by initiating questions. Nothing is more powerful as a tool for learning than asking questions and this has worked for me down the trend.

Mentors always know more than they tell you. Mentors can always do more than they show you. They can always take you places you have never been, but you have to initiate the expedition via questions. A mentor is like a tank, full of knowledge and information, experience and wisdom - all wonderful, powerful substances - and you need to pull it out of them. A question is like putting a hole in a dam. The more questions you ask; the more holes you prod. If you ask enough questions, a surge of wisdom will jet forth.

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Good students do not talk much. They ask questions. Whenever I am in the presence of a mentor, I speak little and let the mentor talk. This is usually by the mechanism of questioning. When I studied the process Jesus used to teach the disciples, I was stunned to discover that most of His lessons resulted from a question someone asked. One question is asked and the guy answers in two, three, four chapters. The gospels are full of examples like these:

“Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation...” **Luke 17:20**

“Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?” **Mark 13:4**

Jesus shared His wisdom with those who asked for it. To draw out information from the mentor, you have to ask for it. I have always told my student-teachers I get to train wherever I am around the world that when you are in the presence of a wise or great person, ask questions and be silent. Whenever I individually meet anyone with much more know-how and wisdom and with great accomplishments and success, all I do is asking questions. Questions automatically give you the ability to be the student. Mentees must ask questions. He who speaks, learns only what he knows; he who listens, learns what the other knows. Through listening, you become

wiser. In this way, mentees initiate their own learning.

Sometimes you may be so determined to impress the mentor that you talk too much. If you are always talking, the mentor can become very exasperated. If you want answers, do not tell the mentor what great things you do and how powerful you are, how anointed you are, what a good manager you are. How can you learn if you are talking?

A mentee must sacrifice.

Many and many times a mentor will give the mentee an assignment, an instruction, or a project that may require a sacrifice of time, resources, energy, or relationships. The mentee must trust the mentor to the point of obedience. That is a worrisome word, but you have to submit to the mentor because he knows more than you do. He has been where you plan to go and has already done what you intend to do. If the mentor gives you instructions, just obey them. This is hard for some of us to do because our pride is so tall that God cannot even get above it.

As a mentee, you also have to believe in the mentor's belief in you. It is frightening to do something for the first time. The mentor may give you an opportunity that you never experienced before, but the fact that he gave it to you is evidence that he believes in you, even when you do not. That is the mentor's way of developing your belief in

yourself.

If you want to be mentored, you have to sacrifice. Nevertheless, be careful because some people who say they want to mentor you actually want you to buy them stuffs—clothes, gadgets, for instance. They are not mentors. They are conactors. Good mentors make you spend money on yourself, not on them. You have to be careful about the person who professes to mentor you but wants you to make them rich. That is not a mentor. If so-called mentors take from you, they are not mentors. If they demand that you enhance their lifestyle or that you do anything against God's Word, the Bible, it is not mentoring. It is abuse.

If you want to learn from me, you must be willing to invest your time, money, and resources in pursuit of that knowledge. And I think at this point, I would like to give credit and tribute to my wonderful friend; JannyVarland who has proved exceptional on this principle. Ever since God divinely connected us in 2017, she has invested her resources and time in pursuit of what God has deposited in me. The computer I am using now as I type this book, was as a result of her, investing her coinage in pursuit of the revelations God put in me. Thank you so much my kingdom world changer. I could write a whole book about you.

We need to understand the power of pursuit. If you want to learn from me, then invest your time, your money, and your resources in pursuit of me. I too, invested my everything

in pursuit of what I know. Now, you need to understand this clear concept of what I am talking about. I am not saying that you need to buy me. I am simply saying that you will have to invest in your own life. I have books, CDs, DVDs, Super seminars and Youth/Children's summits and camps.

If you are my mentee, I expect you to buy all of those books, CDs, come to my seminars, send your youth and children to my summits and camps because you need to know my mind, my heart. Twenty years of my experiences are in those books. When you buy the mentor's book, you are not just buying the book. You are buying the person. More credit again to JannyVarland for buying me. I know she understands best what I am talking about.

On juncture in my ministry, a mentee has asked me a question, and I have refused to answer it because I have answered that question in a book I wrote. I tell them to read the book. Invest that five, ten, twenty or thirty dollars to find the answer for yourself. As your mentor, I do not want your money, but I want you to invest in your own improvement and development. Always remember this: the job of a teacher is not to give answers but to stimulate the students to go find the answers themselves. Nothing is yours until you understand it.

Lastly, on this principle, is to be an untiring student. There is nothing new under the sun. Every challenge you are facing now or will face in future has already been faced

and documented by someone. The knowledge you need for the next level in your purpose is already in a particular book or resource somewhere.

Seek out those books or resources. Be an addicted student. Study the work of others. Read books voraciously. Readers are leaders and leaders are readers. Anyone that will make an impact in the world must be a student of those who have gone ahead.

Jesus demonstrated this at age twelve when He was with the doctors and teachers in the temple asking them questions. It is those who ask questions that become answers. It is seekers of knowledge that are eventually sought out. Go ahead. Stock up your library, like I did and immerse yourself in the study of great works. I guarantee you that success will rub off on you and you will find satisfaction in your purpose.

4. The Principle of Integrity.

The strength and foundation of ministry is integrity. Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. A minister without integrity is going nowhere. Without integrity, there is no ascension to the highest levels of God's purpose for your life. (**Psalms 24:3, 4**).

Many mighty men and women of God have fallen because of lack of integrity. Great companies have collapsed because they were compromised.

*“Depart, depart, go out from there, touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; be clean, you who bear the vessels of the LORD.” **Isaiah 52:11***

What are these untouchables? Someone said, “We must not touch His Glory, His girls or His gold!” These symbolize pride, sexual and financial improprieties. These three draggers have struck more ministers than can be counted. If we are going to be successful in pursuit of our purpose, we must keep our ministry pure in every way. Our integrity is seen in who we are when no one is looking. Let me illustrate this by sharing with you this story:

A man hunted jobs for many years but couldn’t find one. So he decided to become a taxi driver to at least feed himself with his poor wife. One day, he carried a woman from the airport to a hotel and the woman forgot her purse in the man’s taxi. The taxi man found a number, called it and it was the woman that answered the phone. The woman told him where to meet her and the taxi driver met her there and gave her purse back to her with everything intact. The woman was so happy because her international passport and return air ticket were in that purse, so she was full of happiness.

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Surprisingly, she was a manager in an oil company so she employed the taxi driver immediately. Today, the taxi driver has fleets of cars and his own personal driver. That is the reward of integrity. (**Galatians 5:16,17,22-23**)

God extends His grace, developing our characters if we let Him. The fruit of the Spirit enumerated by Paul are the contents of Character. Fruits grow. As we commit ourselves to God and allow His spirit to mold us, these traits will begin to grow in our lives and find expression in our affairs. The more this happens, the greater the likelihood of success in our purpose.

5. The Principle of Sacrifice.

Sacrifice is the forfeiture of something highly valued for the sake of one considered having a greater value or claiming. As a student in my high school, I used to give up sleep in hope of becoming a star in final national examinations; I gave up youthful pleasures like sex before marriage in pursuit of the purpose God deposited in men. Athletes give up certain things in order to prepare for the competition with the hope of winning a medal. That is what I call sacrifice.

Your purpose comes with a sacrifice too. The rich young man was told to sell his treasures. The family man was told to let the dead bury their dead. Jesus was clearly telling

these guys that their purpose or call or vision will cost them something. It would of course pay more, but at the outset, some sacrifice will be required.

The purpose of God on your life will sometimes be costly, inconvenient and demanding. It will ask for something you treasure before it releases its treasures to you. Often in trying to fulfill your purpose of existence, you will have to miss something. You will have to miss fighting, you will have to miss quarreling, and you will have to miss the youthful pleasures of this world and many others.

In fulfilling your life assignment, you will also have to leave something. Abraham had to leave his country and relatives. Moses had to forsake the pleasure of being the prince of Egypt, to suffer affliction with God's people in the wilderness. Jesus left the glories of heaven and made himself of no reputation. Peter and other apostles left their homes and vocations. I left my job as well and other comfortable zones of life.

Ministry that costs nothing accomplishes nothing. The measure of a ministry consists of the sacrifice made to carry it out. There can be no life without death; no fruit without seed. You have to give up, to go up. The greatest generals are the ones with the most scars. So brace up yourself to give everything you have got into your call. Be diligent, beloved. Work hard. There is no substitute for hard work and there is no success for laziness. The word 'work' here means to 'to

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become'. Work hard 'to become' what you were born 'to be'. Labor in God's grace. There is a reward on the other side of sacrifice. (**Mark 10:28-30**)

In fulfilling your purpose, it may require you to get out of the boat where life is comfortable. It may ask for your accomplishments and degrees; your personal plans and ambitions. It may demand your finances and possessions. It requires a substantial input of your time and energy. Give it whatever it demands. Your inputs are seeds and according to God's law, seedtime is always followed by harvest time. Remember this! you will never walk on water unless you leave the boat.

6. The Principle of Focus.

In order to be successful in your purpose, you must be a person of one pursuit. The connotation is; you need to be a single-minded person, focused on your life assignment.

*"And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he said unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." **Matthew 4:18-19***

Before Peter met Jesus or rather Jesus meeting him, he was a fisherman. Then he received Jesus' call to leave

everything and follow Him. He left everything in order to pursue his purpose. He made it his one focus. I am aware that you will have many roles and responsibilities to play in life, but your eyes should be fixed on your life's purpose. Everything in life must fit into that purpose or the reason for your existence. Your focus must be to please the one who enlisted you into His army.

“No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.” 2 Timothy 2:4

After discovering your reason of your existence, don't look back or around but look within you. Whatever lies ahead of you and behind you are tiny matters compared to what lies within you. The future of your purpose is not ahead of you but is trapped inside you. (Philippians 3:12-14)

There are many distractions on the path of purpose, many of them legitimate. You will have plenty of opportunities to deviate, to do other things instead of what you were born to do. But you will need to set your face like a flint. Refuse to be moved off the way. Your purpose in life requires your complete focus.

7. The Principle of Specialization.

This principle says that there is a pattern of God for every divine purpose and building according to that pattern will ensure His unreserved backing. The aligned you are with Him in your pursuit, the more of His blessings you will see in your ministry. **(Exodus 25:40)**

God's pattern of your purpose is very unique. Of course you can be inspired by others and motivated by what they are doing or have done, however, you cannot just copy everything you see others doing. Life is the most difficult exam. Everyone is trying to copy the other not realizing that everyone has a different question paper. God's army is ordered with everyone having their places and unique assignment. **(Joel 2:7)**

Find your level and be positioned there. Crossing lanes in the race leads to disqualification. Intrusion in a purpose that is not yours is demising. **(1 Samuel 13:11-14)**

God is a God of decency and order. Combat doing things as convenient and do things as commanded.

8. The Principle of the Word.

Every product from any company comes along with the manufacturers' manual. The manual is the maker's mind on

paper. It is a book of promises and laws. If you are going to operate the product successfully, you must read and adhere to the manual. You are a product. God is the manufacturer and the Bible, which is His Word, is the manual. He gave it to you to guarantee your success. Everything in your ministry must have its origin in the Word and be founded and built on it. It must be the final authority.

I like the Bible description given in the preface of the Gideon's international Bible, which states: The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good the design and glory of God its end.

It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at judgment and remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility and will reward the greatest labor and condemn all those who trifle with

its sacred content. If your ministry is from the Word, and remains in the Word, it is bound to succeed. The word of God is the power and the promise.

9. The Principle of Compassion.

A graduate hunted for a job, for almost fifteen good years. No means to get money. Then one day she had only but one dollar with her, she entered restaurant and bought food with that money but just after she finished praying for the food three people came in looking so skinny and hungry. They asked her for the food, she had compassion on them and gave them the food.

They wanted to pray for her but she told them that they need the prayer more than her. She left them and when she was about to leave they gave her an old coin. She went and lay down under the bridge to sleep, she saw newspaper and picked it and when she was reading it, there was an advert about an old coin that got lost in 1955.

Anybody that brought it was to be paid 10 million dollars. As soon as she saw it, she checked the coin and it was the same. Then she rushed down to the address and they confirmed it and issued her with a paycheck of 10 million dollars. She rushed back to that restaurant to see those three men but she didn't find them. When she asked the waiters,

they gave her a letter that the old men left behind and she opened it, and this is what was written:

“This is the God of the Father, the God of the Son and the God of the Holy spirit. No man who praises God shall be left to suffer, Him, his son and grandsons. They shall live happy under the umbrella of God.” Moral lesson: Blessed is the hand that gives than the hand that receives.

Compassion is love in action. It is active empathy. Compassion is God touching people through you. It is the principle that unleashes the anointing. When true compassion is in play, the power of God surges on the scene. We can never succeed in ministry if our goal is to use people to achieve our ends. Selfishness will not bear God’s stamp of approval.

Principles

1. The Principle of overflow. Success in ministry with men is an overflow of success in relationship with God.
2. The Principle of Faith. Faith is what translates heavenly realities into earthly tangibles. Faith makes everything work.
3. The Principle of Followership. Followership is the capacity or willingness to follow another person,

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4. The Principle of Integrity. The strength and foundation of ministry is integrity.
5. The Principle of Sacrifice. Sacrifice is the forfeiture of something highly valued for the sake of one considered having a greater value or claiming.
6. The Principle of Focus. In order to be successful in your purpose, you must be a person of one pursuit.
7. The Principle of Specialization. This principle says that there is a pattern of God for every divine purpose.
8. The Principle of the Word. Everything in your ministry must have its origin in the Word and be founded and built on it.
9. The Principle of Compassion. Compassion is love in action. It is active empathy. Compassion is God touching people through you.

CHAPTER 3



Your Identity

YEARS ago, God chose a time and place to bring you into His plans and planet earth. He wanted to add some one unique and wonderful to the race of man. And that idea was you. Using the gen from Gary Bergel's booklet, when you were formed in secret, let's imagine what God was up to when he decided it was time to create you.

You began when the sperm cell from your father united with egg cell of your mother. These two particular cells were chosen by God out of millions that participated in the process. God breathed into these chosen cells the breath of life. At this moment of conception, you were smaller than a grain of sand. From two tiny cells, you would explode over some 266 days into a wonderful newborn baby weighing approximately seven-and-a-half pounds and contain-

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ning millions and millions of cells.

God linked 23 chromosomes from the mother with 23 chromosomes from the father, each set carrying 15,000 genes from each parent cell. The color of your eyes, hair and skin; facial features; body type; and qualities of personality and intelligence were determined by his skillful choices.

While causing the cells of your new being to multiply, He gently led you down your mother's fallopian tube to His workshop in the womb. There, He gently implanted you in the soft wall of a uterus which had been specially prepared by a hormone called progesterone. Over the next weeks, God would 'signal' your mother that you were there by causing her to miss a menstrual period.

He continued His skillful work by creating a bubbly sac in which to protect and insulate you, and creating engineering marvel in the umbilical cord to feed you food and oxygen. Each day, he rapturously created more of you at a dizzying rate of speed. He laughed at three weeks as your tiny heart took its first beat. On your 24th day, you had no arms or legs. Before a month had gone by, he carefully crafted your limbs, backbone, spinal column and nervous system. By the end of four weeks, He had molded you in to a marvelous being that was 10,000 times your original size.

During your second and third months of life, the master craftsman, worked on your incredible features. He delicately

formed your nose, lips and tongue. He moved muscle cells into position and soon, 40 sets of muscles began their first exercises. He lengthened your arms to be as long as printed exclamation marks, and carefully formed your fingers and toes, complete with fingerprints to give you a unique identity for the rest of your life.

As your eye lids closed, as thin as butterfly wings, and as God covered you with a translucent skin, you assumed an ethereal, transcendent beauty. You slept. You awoke. From six weeks on, God gave you the ability to experience the sensation of pain. He shaded his first tears over you as he thought about the pains of life you would encounter on the way to your heavenly home.

For the next few months, the Lord God developed and refined your unique characteristics at an astonishing rate of speed. Your umbilical cord was then transporting 300 quarts of fluid a day, at speeds up to four miles an hour. It was as if the master could not wait for you to burst upon his world.

You heard your mother's voice for the first time you sucked your thumb. Meanwhile, the Lord set your oil and sweat glands into motion, and began to cover you with a white, greasy-looking ointment, to protect your skin from amniotic fluid. Your eyes opened. God smiled as the first rays of dim light entered your being.

During the final three months, your loving creator

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carefully prepared you for entrance into this world. Finishing touches were added to your rapidly growing features. He thickened and polished your skin, preparing it for the 3040 degree drop in temperature that you would encounter at birth. He carefully stored a layer of fat beneath your skin, for insulation and as a food supply. Approximately one week before day 260, he lovingly turned your head downwards into the pelvic cavity.

His master piece was now ready. Beginning your mother's labor pains (a reminder of the consequence of Eve's original sin), He put away His tools, looked lovingly and hopefully at your waiting face, and gave the signal. Angels gathered at your side. Humans scurried about, readying a room for the experience called delivery.

You were now ready for the miracle of birth. God smiled with the breadth of eternal understanding. What he had made was awesomely good. Now, God would not spend His energy and time to bring you on this earth if He had no purpose for your life. He would have not allowed you to be conceived if He didn't have something that He had finished for you to begin.

God is love by nature. You can always tell the person full of love. He is never selfish. He wants to share whatever he has with people. Actually, the difference between God and humans is that God gives and gives and forgives; humans get and get and forget. The other part is that God forgives and

forgets; humans forgive but they will never forget. So, God wanted someone who could be the recipient of His love. He wanted someone to be the object of His love and grace. But He did not want animals to take that place, neither did He want angels to take it; but He wanted His own offspring. He wanted someone from him to be the recipient of all that He is and all that He has. He wanted his own children. And that is the primary reason why God loves you no matter what. He conceived the desire and made it a reality. I will say; he was pregnant with that desire. The desire was you. Before there was anything on earth, there was God and God was pregnant with you. Take note of this principle; God will never begin what He has not finished. He finished you before He began you. He will never give you what He has not finished.

You came out of God

When God created the heavens and the earth, He first decided what He wanted to make something out of and then He spoke to that source. When God wanted plants He spoke to the dirt. When God wanted fish He spoke to the waters. When God wanted animals He spoke to the ground. Whatever God spoke to became the source from which the created thing came.

Plants therefore came from the dirt, fish from the water and animals from the ground. Furthermore, plants return

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to the dirt, fish return to the sea and animals return to the ground when they die.

All things have the same components and essence as their source. What God created is, in essence, like the substance from which it came. That means plants are 100 percent dirt because they came from dirt. Animals are 100 percent dirt because they came from the ground. If we would take an animal apart, we would come up with genuine dirt. If we would put a plant under a microscope and decode all the different components, we would find that everything in that plant is in dirt, because the plant is dirt. God called it from the dirt.

Here is another principle to take note of. Not only are all things composed of that from which they came, they must also remain attached to that source in order to live. All things must be maintained and sustained by where they came from. The minute a plant decides it doesn't like the earth anymore, it dies. The minute the fish decide they are tired of water, they die. The minute animals decide, "We don't want to eat any more dirt," they begin to die.

Therefore, whatever God created came from that to which He spoke. All things were created by God's word to a source. The source of the creation also becomes, then, the essence of that creation. All things are composed of whatever they came from and hence contain the potential of that source. That means plants only have the potential of the

soil. Animals only have the potential of dirt.

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When God wanted fish, He spoke to the water. When He wanted animals, He spoke to the dirt. When God created human beings, He spoke to Himself.

*“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, in Our likeness...’ So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” **Genesis 1:26-27.***

God created you by speaking to Himself. You came out of God and therefore bear His image and likeness.

When a woman is pregnant, we say; she is expectant. God was in expectation of your birth so right away, he began to prepare for the ‘Nursery’ of you even before there was any physical evidence of you. God’s desire for you caused Him to create the universe in preparation for your arrival. We have been taught that God first created the universe then He decided to make you. That is not Biblical and it is not what happened. God first decided to make you and that was the reason for the creation of the world. In other words, you were not created for the world but the world was created for you. You are so important to God that He created the whole universe for you.

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If you were created for the world, then the world would have powers over you. Remember that God is a Spirit and you are a spirit too, that was made in God's image but trapped in a timed mobile body.

Man is made up of three persons: Body, soul and the spirit. The Spirit is the real image of God, and that spirit is trapped inside the body to fulfill purpose and the soul is the mind, the emotions and the will. Let me try to illustrate that using this story:

Once upon a time there was a girl who had four boyfriends. She loved the fourth boyfriend the most and adorned him with rich robes and treated him to the finest of delicacies. She gave him nothing but the best.

She also loved the third boyfriend very much and was always showing him off to neighboring kingdoms. However, she feared that one day he would leave her for another. She also loved her second boyfriend.

He was her confidant and was always kind, considerate and patient with her. Whenever this girl faced a problem, she could confide in him, and he would help her get through the difficult times.

The girl's first boyfriend was a very loyal partner and had made great contributions in maintaining her wealth and kingdom. However, she did not love the first boyfriend, although he loved her deeply, she hardly took notice of him!

One day, the girl fell ill and she knew her time was short. She thought of her luxurious life and wondered, 'I now have four boyfriends with me, but when I die, will I be alone?' Thus, she asked the fourth boyfriend, 'I loved you the most, endowed you with the finest clothing and showered great care over you. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?'

'No way!' replied the fourth boyfriend and he walked away without another word. His answer cut like a sharp knife right into her heart. The sad girl then asked the third boyfriend, 'I loved you all my life. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?' 'No!' replied the third boyfriend. 'Life is too good! When you die, I'm going to marry someone else!' Her heart sank and turned cold. She then asked the second boyfriend, 'I have always turned to you for help and you've always been there for me. When I die, will you follow me and keep me company?' 'I'm sorry, I can't help you out this time!', replied the second boyfriend. "At the very most, I can only walk with you to your grave." His answer struck her like a bolt of lightning, and the girl was devastated.

Then a voice called out: 'I'll go with you, I'll follow you no matter where you go.' The girl looked up, and there was her first boyfriend. He was very skinny as he suffered from malnutrition and neglect.

Greatly grieved, the girl said, 'I should have taken much

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better care of you when I had the chance!’ In truth, you all have four boyfriends or girlfriends in your lives. Your fourth boyfriend is your body. No matter how much time and effort you lavish in making it look good, it will leave you when you die. Your third boyfriend is your possessions, status and wealth. When you die, it will all go to others.

Your second boyfriend is your family and friends. No matter how much they have been there for you, the furthest they can stay by you is up to the grave. And your first boyfriend is your Soul. Often neglected in pursuit of wealth, power and pleasures of the world. However, your Soul is the only thing that will follow you wherever you go. I guarantee you to Cultivate strengthen and cherish it now, for it is the only part of you that will follow you to the throne of God and continue with you throughout Eternity.

You only came through your father and mother but you did not come from them. God used them to bring about His purpose here. And that purpose was you. May be your parents may have not planned you, but God did. He was not flabbergasted by your birth; he expected it because you are his offspring. He prescribed every detail of your body and he determined the natural talents you would possess and personality.

You will never discover who you were meant to be if you use another person to find yourself. You will never know what you can do by using what I’ve done to measure your

ability. You will never know why you exist if you use my existence to measure it. All you will see is what I've done or who I am. If you want to know who you are, look at God. The key to understanding life is in the source of life, not in the life itself. You are who you are because God took you out of Himself. If you want to know who you are, you must look at the Creator, not the creation.

There are three words we use to describe God. First, God is omniscient—which means He is all knowing. Second, God is omnipresent—which means God is present everywhere. Third, God is omnipotent—which means God is always potent. God is always full of power—He has in Him the potential for everything. From the beginning, God gave that same ability to be potent to all His creation. He planted within each person or thing He created—including you—the ability to be much more than it is at any one moment. Thus God created you to be omnipotent. I know this sounds heavy for you!

That is not to say we are equal to God. No. What I am saying is that the word omnipotent relates not only to God, but to us as well. We are always full of potential. Our potential is the dormant ability, reserved power, untapped strength and unused success God designed into each of us. What I see when I look at you is not all you are. It is only what you have become so far. Your potential is much greater than what you are right now. What you will become is much more than

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we could ever believe now. You are somebody because you came out of God, and He dripped some of Himself into you.

Never believe what others say about you

Too often we believe the deceptions we are told. We believe that we are “no good” and valueless. Jesus says, “Not so. I came to show you that you are more than you think you are.” You are the image of God.

God always sees what men and women only look at. In a manger, God saw a King...in a servant, a Savior...in a sacrifice, salvation...in a crucifixion, a resurrection. In death, God was working at life; in defeat, He was looking at victory. What you or I, or your country or my country, looks like is not what God sees. God looks beyond the surface to the potential deep within. That is God’s way of thinking about everything. Beyond the instantaneous troubles God sees success, and He continues to call it forth until what He sees becomes reality.

Remember that the seed of every tree is in the fruit of the tree. That means the blessings of Uganda are in Uganda and the prosperity of America is in America. When we become concerned about our individual lives or the commercial life of our countries, we come up with all kinds of schemes and plans to solve the problem. But the answer is not in a multitude of systems and programs. The answer is right inside of us. It’s our attitudes that make the difference. No

one can make you disorderly or careless or inconsiderate. You are disorderly and careless and inconsiderate because you choose to be. So stop it! Stop being disorderly. Stop being careless. Stop being inconsiderate. Only you can control how you act. You've got the potential to be considerate and sensitive.

God saw in Peter something that Peter had never seen in himself. Peter was so busy agreeing with what others called him that he missed his true potential. When we start believing what others call us, we are in big trouble. Then we throw our hands up in misery and refuse to try. People call us lazy, so we become lazy. People call us careless or stupid or awkward, so we become careless or stupid or awkward. Watch it! What others look at is not important. Who we are depends on what we see.

In 2017, God walked in my life one of the greatest leaders and kingdom global regent of change citizen I have ever known; My daughter's namesake; JannyVarland. She is the Administrator of New Creation Church of Meeker; Colorado. She has a wonderful ministry to prisoners in her state. I like her attitude. She has walked into prison and met some of the greatest men and women in the world. Yes, they made mistakes. They made misjudgments. They made poor decisions. But that doesn't nullify and quash their true potential. It doesn't destroy who they can be. I believe in that jail, Janny must havemet murderers on death row. But when

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God looks at those persons, He doesn't see murderers; He sees an author or a leader or a great world changer.

Many times God is in divergence and disagreement with the people closest to us. Shocking enough, He may even be in disagreement with you, because the only person God agrees with is Himself—only He knows your true potential. Have you failed? Go to God. He'll call you "success" and keep calling you "success" until you feel it. That's what Jesus did for Peter.

What does God see in you?

I wonder what God sees as He walks around you. I'm sure He sees beautiful things in you, but you are believing what other people are saying. People say: "You are no good. You'll never be somebody." But God is saying: "I see an ornament." We are diamonds in the rough. Just keep on believing that. Keep on moving forward to your goal. Remember that there is something in you more precious than what others have said about you. The sculptor never gives up until he gets out of the rock what he sees.

As a child, years back, my father did unpremeditated work of loading sacks of grains on trucks and so forth. My mother used to sell firewood while I used to supply water to people's apartments. All these were to make the ends meet because of the poverty we were in. Thus, my school career

was constantly interrupted. One day, a teacher entered our class and asked us to write down what we wanted to be when we grew up. I did not hesitate a minute because I knew what I wanted to become and I wrote my vision down on paper. On that paper, I wrote things like: “I dream of being an author, to travel all over the world, own companies, fore front inventions, be a responsible father to my children and caring husband, build apartments, to be a pastor to children...” and I wrote many other details and drew a location of buildings and apartments and even a detailed house plan. Few days later I received my results back with “Fail” on the front page. I held my peace. After class, I went to my teacher and asked why I had received a “Fail”. The teacher told me: “This dream is so unrealistic for a poor water supplier boy like you, who has no money, no resources and who comes from itinerant family. There is no possibility that you will reach this goal.” That is what my teacher looked.

Well, the story doesn’t end there. The teacher asked me to rewrite the vision with more realistic attitude. I went home and asked my mother, how I should act. This is what my mother told me: “My son, this decision is very important for you. So, you have to make your own mind on this. “After several days of contemplating with this, I brought the same paper to the teacher. No changes were made. And I told my teacher: “Keep the “Fail” and I will keep my “dream”.

Well, today, this book debars and disqualifies my teacher’s

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perception of who I was born to be on earth. My books have travelled to countries I would never think of visiting, all over the world. Beloved! There is something in you more precious than what others have said about you.

Christ is in you

I still wonder what God sees when He looks at you. I believe He sees Christ. When God looks at you, He does not see you. He sees Christ. Paul, when writing to the Colossian church, proclaimed that God had chosen to make known a mystery.

To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (**Colossians 1:27**).

The mystery is that Christ is in you. That is your hope of glory. This suggests, then, that our task is not to get Christ into us, but out of us. Please get this into your minds. What God sees when He looks at you is Christ.

Most of us want to be like Jesus. That's not what God wants. God wants us to be like Christ. Jesus came to show us what Christ looks like when He takes on human form. But it is Christ that God's looking at. God sees Christ in you. That's the hope of glory— Christ in you. Let me explain.

Christ is the image of God. The word image does not mean “a statue of something.” It means “the essence of the being.” Christ is the image of God. That means when God

created you, He created you in His image, and His image is Christ. That's why the Bible never calls us the Body of Jesus. Jesus was the human manifestation of the heavenly Christ. We humans on earth, with all our imperfections and weaknesses—God pronounces on us: “You are the body of Christ.”

In other words, Christ is in us somewhere. Christ is in me. Christ is in you. God knows He is there. His image is there. So God called us Christ.

If we go to God and say, “God, please introduce me to your people,” God will say, “Sure. Here is Christ.” But we'll say, “No. No. No. I want to meet Christ,” to which God will reply, “Sure. Here's Christ” as He shows us the Church. When we want to meet Christ, God will show us the Church. But we can't accept this because we think Christ is in heaven. No, He isn't. Jesus is in heaven. Christ is sitting in your clothes, living in the body of the believer. Christ is the essence of God—He's God Himself. I know your spirit is now struggling to take in this deep mystery.

God intended for you to be created in His image. Although you may say, “I want to be like Jesus,” God says, “There's something deeper.” You were lost and Jesus came to bring you back. God sent Jesus so you could see yourself.

God already knows who He is—He doesn't need your praise to make Him feel like God. God doesn't need you

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to tell Him how great He is—He knew it before you ever thought of praising Him. God wants you to know who you are—who you were supposed to look like. He is after the real person buried under the cover of your sin. Your IQ doesn't measure who you are, God does. Your IQ is spelled H-O-L-Y S-P- I-R-I-T, because you have what God is. Christ is in you. That's who you are.

Principles

1. God is love by nature.
2. When God created the heavens and the earth, He first decided what He wanted to make something out of and then He spoke to that source.
3. Resources must remain attached to that source in order to live.
4. All things are composed of whatever they came from and hence contain the potential of that source.
5. Man is made up of three persons: Body, soul and the spirit.
6. God always sees what men and women only look at.
7. Many times God is in divergence and disagreement with the people closest to us.
8. When God looks at you, He does not see you. He sees Christ.

CHAPTER 4



Your Source

DO YOU remember the process by which God created the world? God first planned what He wanted to create; then He decided what He wanted it to be made from; then He spoke to what He wanted it made from; what He spoke came forth from what He spoke to. When God wanted animals, for example, He spoke to the dirt because that's what He wanted animals to be made of. Obviously, God did not want you and me to be made of dirt or water or the gases of the air, because He did not speak to the ground or the water or the air. He, who is Spirit, spoke to Himself:

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image..."
(Genesis 1:26).

The source to which God spoke when He created man reveals that God wanted us to be like He is.

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Now if we further examine the stories of man's creation as recorded in Genesis chapters one and two, we discover that God used two kinds of operations when He called the world into being. He made things and He created things. The Hebrew word for "make" is *Asah*, which means "to form out of something that is already there." *Barah*, the Hebrew word for "create," means "to form out of nothing." It is interesting, then, that **Genesis 1:26** says, "*Let Us make man in Our image...*" and the following verse says, "*So God created man in His own image...*" The creation of man therefore involved two different operations.

God created man out of nothing, which is Himself, then formed man's house from the dust of the ground. After man's house was completed, God took what He had created and put it inside what He had made. Therefore, man came out of God and is spirit even as God is Spirit. The house, which is your body, will decay and return to the ground from which it came. Your spirit, which is your true essence, will live forever because spirits cannot die. You share God's eternal Spirit, with all the dreams, aspirations, and desires He contains.

"And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. So God created man in his [own] image, in the image

of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

Genesis 1:26-28

The first thing we learn from this passage is that man was created in God's image. When God made man, He essentially drew man out of Himself, so that the essence of man would be just like Him. Since God is Spirit (John 4:24), He created man as spirit. Spirit is eternal.

Therefore, man was created as an eternal being because God is eternal. It is very significant to recognize that we are not yet talking about male and female. It is mankind that God created in His image and not male and female. Man is spirit and spirits have no gender. The Bible never talks about male and female spirit. God did not create any of the animals or plants in His image. He didn't even make angels in His image. Man is the only being of God's creation that is like Him.

I have a belief that God created man for a relationship with Himself-to be His family and His offspring. As I said earlier that the nature of God is to give because He is love, He wanted a being who could be the object of His love and grace. He wanted man to be the recipient of all that He is

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and all that He has.

The fact that man was created in God's image is an awesome revelation about our relationship to Him. God desired children who would be like Himself. Yet He did not just desire then walk away without doing anything about it. He conceived His desire and made it a reality. He became "pregnant" with what He was desiring. Once God conceived, He began to prepare for the "birth" or creation of man. Before there was anything at all on earth, there was God and God was pregnant with us.

Before God revealed to me this mystery, I thought, from my childhood that God first created the universe and then He decided to create man. But that is not the way it happened. God first decided to make man, and that was the reason for the creation of the world.

God created man in His image so that man could also reflect His character and personality. When God created man, heaven and earth stood in awe of this amazing being who manifested the creator's very nature and reflected His glory.

"I said, you are gods, and all of you are children of the highest".

Psalms 82:6

This verse is speaking of mankind. It calls us "gods" and "children of the highest". Why are we called little gods? It is

because as children of the highest God, we have His nature and share His purposes. Physically we are children of men, but spiritually, we are children of God. Let me bring this chapter to an end in this way:

God created man so that He could have someone to love, someone who would work with Him in His purposes for the earth. Yet the earth is a physical entity, and man is spirit. The earth needed someone with a physical body to live in it and take care of it. God knew this would be necessary and that is the primary reason He created the male and the female.

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them”

Genesis 1:27

After God creating man, He placed him in two physical houses: male and female. This means man, the spirit exists within every male and female. All of us male and female alike-are man. The essence of both male and female is the resident spirit within them, called “man”.

“When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female and blessed them and when they were created, He called them man.” **Genesis 5:1-2**

Why did God take man, who is a spirit and put him in two separate physical entities rather than just one? It was because

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He wanted man to fulfill two distinct purposes. Therefore, whether you are male or female, the person who lives inside you-the essential you-is the spirit-man.

Although males and females have differences, they are of the same essence. Since human beings fellowship with God and worship Him through their spirits, this means that men and women both have direct spiritual access to God and are individually responsible to Him.

Your potential is dependent upon God

Some people believe that God is afraid we're going to take His job. When we start talking about what we're going to do for God or what we're going to dream, some people say, "You'd better not think bigger than God." Well, you can never be bigger than your Source. You can't think or plan or imagine something greater than God, because God is the source of your fancy. He dripped part of His latent into you when He pulled you out of Himself. It's like owning a projector. It cannot fulfill its purpose or potential until it is plugged into an electrical source. So it is for every man. We must plug into our Source.

It is very important, then, that you understand the characteristics and qualities of God, as well as the provisions He has made to enable you to fulfill the purpose for which

He created you. Your ability to release your potential is directly related to your knowledge of God and your willingness to stay within the limits He has established for your relationship with Him.

You must know God's laws and obey His commandments.

In the second chapter of Genesis, God set a law about Adam's connection with the trees of the garden: *"...if you eat from [the tree of the knowledge of good and evil] you will surely die"* (**Genesis 2:17**). Because of this law, God also gave Adam a command: *"You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil..."* (**Genesis 2: 16-17**). When Adam disobeyed God, he brought upon himself the authenticity of the law God had set. He died.

Now the book of Genesis makes it clear that Adam did not die physically at the moment of his disobedience. He lived to be 930 years old. Adam's disobedience caused his spiritual death.

Let me try to illustrate for you. The death of an old tree is a good word picture to describe the nature of Adam's death. When a large tree is blown down by a tornado, the tree may lay there for weeks. Although the roots of the tree are torn from the ground and exposed to the air, the tree's leaves do

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not turn brown as soon as the tree is brought down by the wind. The little latex that was in the roots continues to move up the trunk, out the branches and into the leaves. When the latex or sap is gone, the leaves turn brown. But the reality of that tree's death occurred when it fell, not when the leaves showed the evidence of its death.

Adam walked around with green leaves but no roots for many years. He was dead long before his body showed the evidence of his death. All people share Adam's death. Unless your life becomes re-rooted in God through the salvation offered in Jesus Christ, you are going to die an eternal death. That's the law of God.

The laws of God are many and they carry with them natural results. His commandments are given for our good because they caution us not to disregard God's laws. When Adam broke God's commandment, he experienced the natural results of God's law.

Compliance and obedience to God's commandments brings His blessings. If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all His commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God **(Deuteronomy 28:1-2)**.

Your potential is infinite so long as you comprehend God's laws and purpose in your heart to obey His commandments.

You must understand God's potential.

In the book of **Daniel 11:32** promises that *“the people that know their God shall be strong, and do exploits” (KJV)*. This is true because your potential is related to God's potential, and God is omnipotent. The combination of Omni (meaning “always or all full of”) and potent (meaning “power on reserve”- from which we get the word potential) declares that God is always full of power. Or to say it another way, all potential is in God. Thus, people who understand that God contains all the things that He's asking them to do are not afraid to do big things. It's not what you know but who you know that enables you to do great things with God.

God is God whether you choose to use His potential or not. Your decision to live with Him or without Him does not affect who He is or what He can do. He is not diminished when you choose to replace Him with other sources. God still has the stuff you need to fulfill your potential.

When you syndicate the knowledge of God's omnipotence with the knowledge of who you are in God, you can resist all things that seek to overcome you and to wipe out your potential. You can be strong and do great exploits. God is the Source of your potential. He waits to draw from His massive store to enable you to accomplish all that He demands of you.

You must have faith in God.

If I give you a tree as a gift and I tell you it is an Orange tree, you will tell every person who asks you what kind of tree is in your front yard that it's an Orange tree. Now you haven't picked any Orange from that tree, but you still dare to say it's an Orange tree. Why? Because you have faith in me that the tree is what I say it is. You believe that somewhere in that tree there are many Oranges. Faith is simply believing and acting on the words and integrity of another. Faith in God is to believe and act on what He says.

The words of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of Mark admonish us to have faith in God.

“Have faith in God, “Jesus answered, ‘I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him” (Mark 11:22-23).

What Jesus is really saying is, “Have the God kind of faith.” Don't put your faith in your own faith or in the faith of other people or in the mountains or in anything that you expect to happen because of your faith. Put your faith in God, because it's your faith in Him that will accomplish the moving of mountains. You can't speak to the mountain and expect it to move unless you are connected to God. Apart from Him you don't have the power to complete such

colossal tasks.

God designed you to be a limitless person. He pulled you from His Omnipotent Self and transferred to you a portion of His potential. He also wired you to function like He does. When you reconnect with God through faith in Jesus Christ, He empowers you to return to your original mode of operation, which is like His own.

God thinks in terms of potential-of things that are not yet manifested. He relies on what He knows isn't visible yet, instead of what is visible. He is not excited and motivated by what you've already done.

If you've accomplished something, enjoy it and appreciate it. But don't get so hung up on it that you fail to move on to what you yet can do. The Apostle Paul expresses it this way:

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus (**Philippians 3:13-14**).

Paul wasn't satisfied with what he had attained. He was always looking for the next step. Why? Because the past is no longer motivational. Only when you look to the future with its demands and challenges can you release more of your untapped talents and abilities.

If God says you are or have something, it's in your somewhere. He sees what people can't see, and He says what

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He sees. If God says that you are a champion, then you are a champion. The fact that you look more like an undercomer than an overcomer doesn't change the truth that you are an overcomer. Because God says it, it is true.

There is people who are mordantly waiting upon the Lord and yet, in reality, it is God waiting upon them. God's waiting for your potential to be revealed. He says, "You are not what you are acting like. Because you are My child, you have the potential to act better than you are acting. My potential is flowing from Me to you."

You must stay attached to God.

The book of Colossians describes Jesus as "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible..." (**Colossians 1:15-16**). **Hebrews 1:3** tells us that *"the Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word."* The King James Version of this verse says that Jesus upholds all things *"by the word of His power..."* Not the power of His word, but the word of His power. God's power is released in you when you stay alive with His word.

When God created plants, He called them forth from the soil, thereby establishing the law that plants must live off

the soil. If a plant violates that word, it dies. Therefore, God keeps that plant alive by the power of His word. As long as the plant abides by the law God set at creation, it flourishes and grows. If, however, the plant chooses to disregard that law, death is inevitable.

The same is accurate and true in our lives. By taking us out of Himself, God decreed that our lives must be maintained by Him. As long as we obey God's requirement, His power is released within us and we know abundant life. That is why the writer to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the "Word of God's power." There's power in God's Word if we keep it. Jesus, through His obedience unto death, released for us the power of God's Word that brings eternal life.

Jesus looks at this same power from a different perspective when, in the fifteenth chapter of John, He describes Himself as the vine and His disciples as the branches. He used the word picture of the vine because it is the only plant that doesn't have life in its branches. If you pin a branch from a rose bush or a lemon tree, plant it in the soil and give it the proper care, the branch will root and start a new plant. This is not true for the grape vine. There is no life in the branch of a vine. No matter how rich and green it looks, a branch apart from the vine will wither and die.

No branch can bear fruit by itself it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me **(John 15:4)**.

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If you cut yourself off from God, your potential is aborted and terminated. No matter how hard you try to plant yourself in other organizations and activities, God says, “You are dead.” Even if you plant yourself in religion, you are dead unless you know God and draw your nutrients from Him.

Our need for God is not an alternative or an option. Like the plants and the animals, which cannot be maintained without the soil, and the fish, which cannot live outside the water, we cannot flourish and bear fruit apart from God. When Jesus says in **John 14:6**, “*I am the way, the truth and the life...*,” He isn’t trying to convince us that He’s the best way. He didn’t use that word. Life rooted in God is a necessity. There is no option. Although you can say to a plant, “You can either stay in the soil or get out of the pot and sit on the ridge,” the plant doesn’t really have a choice. If the plant chooses the ridge, it will die. There is no alternative to the soil for the plant to meet its basic needs. So it is with human beings and God.

If you stay within God’s Word, His Word takes root in your heart and becomes established. His power is released as you stay alive with His Word. If, however, you pull yourself out of God, you shut down your productivity and forfeit the blessings God wants to give you. You become as limited as the books, people, education, etc. that are feeding your thought patterns.

Do you want joy? Go to God. Do you need peace? Set your roots firmly in the Word and power of God. Do you need help to control your temper? Spend time with God. Jesus promises: “...*with God all things are possible*” (**Matthew 19:26**). God is the soil you unconditionally need.

God is your Source. Without a relationship with God through His Son Jesus, you will forfeit your potential. If you haven't received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, I invite you to pray the following prayer with me in faith:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I understand and accept the truth that You are my Source and the author of my life. I acknowledge that I need You just as the plant needs the soil from which it came. I, therefore, submit myself to Your authorized dealers, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and receive forgiveness of all my sins. I accept Your promise of the Holy Spirit right now and rejoice that I can be reconciled and restored to the author of my life with the full guarantee of eternal life and the unlimited release of my ability.

Thank you Father!

In the name of Jesus, My Lord, Amen!

Principles

1. Man was created as an eternal being because God is eternal.
2. God created man in His image so that man could also reflect His character and personality.
3. God created man so that He could have someone to love, someone who would work with Him in His purposes for the earth.
4. You can never be bigger than your Source.
5. When Adam disobeyed God, he brought upon himself the authenticity of the law God had set. He died.
6. God is God whether you choose to use His potential or not.
7. God designed you to be a limitless person. He pulled you from His Omnipotent Self and transferred to you a portion of His potential.
8. If you cut yourself off from God, your potential is aborted and terminated.

CHAPTER 5



Your Purpose

THIS particular chapter is the cornerstone and the driving force behind writing this book. The greatest tragedy on the planet earth is not dying, but living without purpose. The deadliest sickness on the planet is not AIDS, but living a purposeless life. You are not here by accident. As a matter of fact, some of us, our parents may have never planned for us but God did in ages.

Because God made you with a purpose, he decided when you would be born and how long you would live on this earth. He also planned where you would be born and where you would live for his purpose. Your race, your nationality, your sex is no accident. Regardless of the circumstance of your birth or who your parents are, God had a plan for creating you beloved. Therefore, you are who you are

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because of why you were created. The purpose of something determines its features and design. Therefore, purpose is the original intent of why you were born on this planet earth. Until you discover and start fulfilling that purpose, you are not fulfilled. God established His purpose for you before He began you. Your future is not ahead of you but is inside of you. The success of a product is the joy of every manufacturer.

Every product manufactured in a company is designed to succeed and not to fail. Let me simply define success here so that you can simply understand what I am talking about: Success is the discovery and fulfillment of the original intent of what you were born to do.

Success is not having a lot of money on your bank account; success is not having a powerful house; neither is success driving a powerful wagon in the universe; but success is finding and fulfilling that which you were born to do. Your success is not measured by what you have or have done compared to what others have or have done but it is measured by what you have done compared to what you should have done or ought to do. As the matter of fact; the only person who knows whether you are successful or not is you and your manufacturer.

*“Many are the plans in man’s heart, but only God’s purpose prevails.” **Proverbs 19:21***

From this text: we understand that Purpose is more important than plan and if you fathom it, it becomes personal.

Purpose defined

Purpose is the original intent in the mind of the creator that motivated him to create a particular item. It is the why that explains the reason for existence. Every product is a child of purpose. In other words, before any product is made, there is a purpose established in the mind of the manufacturer that gives conception to the idea that becomes the substance for the design and production of the product. Thus, purpose precedes production.

It also means original reason for creation. Wherever you were born from, God says He has a plan for you. You were created because the creator had a specific purpose that required your presence. You were designed to fulfill a specific assignment on this planet.

Isaiah 46:9-11...God ends before He begins. The fact that you were conceived is a proof or evidence that there is something that was finished for you to begin. God would not allow you to be conceived in your mother's womb if there was nothing that He desired you to fulfill.

I served my country Uganda as a teacher for seven years. I used to teach English, Social Studies and Science in higher

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classes. It is scientifically proven that when a man and a woman come together in sexual intercourse, no less than 600 million sperms are released by the man. All these race, targeting the only one egg released by the woman. As the sperms swim and fly towards this egg, do you know who won? YOU. May I therefore, declare to you that you are not going to be a winner; you are here, because, you are already a winner. You were born with a purpose and for a purpose. The vision God put in you was already finished, but you were born to start it.

The greatest enemy of success is fear of failure. Success, as earlier said, is the completion and fulfillment of the original intent or purpose of why you were created. Success is really very simple; it is you discovering your purpose of your existence. Success is fulfilling your purpose. Success is not measured by you comparing what you have done to what others have done. Success is measured by what you have done compared to what you should have done or ought to do. It is not about you comparing yourself with what others can do or have done. Purpose is the key to success.

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. Looking behind you cannot help you and looking ahead of you may make you get afraid and scared. Whatever you were born to do and become is inside you. Purpose is so powerful and if you understand it, it becomes personal. You were created for a

purpose and with a purpose. (**Job 36:5**).

God does not ignore 7.6 billion people in the world. You exist because God had a purpose. There is something God wants to do with you as per His purpose for you. What a tragedy to be successful in a wrong thing. Purpose is the original reason for the existence of a thing. Success is making it to the end of your purpose. It is making it to the end of why you were born. Every mango tree, apple is the end of a seed. So if the seed does not become an apple tree, it has failed.

Time was made by God. Time has a beginning and the end and this beginning and end is trapped in eternity. Eternity is time without measure. Time has beginning and end. Every entrance has exit. We were placed in time to fulfill a purpose. People who commit suicide instantly simply don't find anything to live for. They live a frustrated life because they have not discovered the original intent or purpose of why they were born. Nevertheless, there are some people who commit suicide slowly by taking drugs, drinking alcohol. They have no purpose in life. They haven't found something more important than taking drugs.

"But as it is written, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love him. But God has revealed them to us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God." **1 Corinthians 2:9-10**

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Purpose is not something that any human can conjure. You do not design or choose your purpose. Rather, you discover it and then cooperate with the manufacturer, in order to fulfill it. Humans may confirm the purpose of God on you, but they do not confer it to you.

Your purpose cannot be determined by your pastor's impression or your spouse's preference. Still more, your purpose is not your preference. It is not a product of your speculations and is not originated in your feelings or desires.

Rick Warren, speaking of purpose in his book; *The Purpose Driven Life*, says, since your purpose in life is not a product of research or speculations, the calling of God for you can only then be discovered through the understanding of the working of God in your heart. God has not left you in the dark concerning His purpose for you, but He has put certain pointers to it in your makeup and in His Word. He hid it in you.

Just like a bank would keep your money for you so that an intruder would not have access to it, God's purpose for your life is a mystery too, a hidden secret. He hid it, not from you, but for you. This hidden treasure can then be withdrawn when you provide certain agreed-upon secret passwords and identifying documents. One of God's avenues for unveiling this secret is revelation, a divine disclosure of hidden truth. **(Ephesians 3:2-3)**

Primary Purpose

Though your purpose is discovered through a life of communion with God, this communion is actually your primary purpose. You were created to bring pleasure to God. You were made to know Him and fellowship with Him. That is why you were made in His image. It takes being of the same class to truly fellowship together. God made you in such a way that you can talk to Him and He to you. You can commune with Him and enjoy each other's presence. It is out of this fellowship, the fulfillment of your primary purpose, that your assignment for your life, secondary purpose, is revealed.

Activities in the womb

I will say what I have said before in the previous chapter. Your purpose is intertwined with who you are as a person.

In fact, God predetermined your purpose before you were formed in the womb. His purpose for you predates, preexists and preludes your conception. He told Jeremiah: **Jeremiah 1:4-5**

Paul also spoke of a pre-birth separation to a purpose.

Galatians 1:15-16. It was also said of John the Baptist; **Luke 1:15, Luke 1:41** And Jacob and Esau: (**Genesis 25:23**)

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I don't support abortion for a number of reasons: If my mother aborted me, you would not be reading my book now; this book would have died a premature death. But what is God's view about life in the womb? God talked to Rebecca about the two boys in her womb, calling them nations and declaring the outcome of their lives before they were born. God saw them as two humans with unique purposes and potentials. The plans for these children predated their conception. This concept of pre-birth purpose is not isolated to one particular passage, but one that runs through the Bible entirety. Psalms also alluded to it: (**Psalms 139:13-16**)

You can see that lots of God-activities go on before a child is born. God knows unborn children and ordains them for a purpose. He declares how their lives should be and can fill them with His spirit from the womb. They can sense things in the womb and react to them. God separates children in the womb for unique purposes to be fulfilled when they are born. He wonderfully creates them to the specifications of what it would take for them to fulfill their purposes.

With so much activity going on in the womb, pregnant women should be seen as destiny carriers. They are carrying the future of the world and God's plan. The future great preachers, scientists, politicians, inventors, problem solvers. People with specific answers to the problems of the world are residing now in pregnant women.

With the termination of any of these lives, the world

loses something. Let this be an encouragement to you if you are pregnant. Bless your unborn child continually. Let it be an admonition if you are considering an abortion. Don't terminate that destiny. Don't kill that Great Pastor. Don't decimate that inventor. God knows more about who you are carrying in your womb than you do.

Let me speak to your spirit. Let it be an inspiration to you reading this book that your life is not without meaning. You are not an accident of unprotected sex. There are no illegitimate children, only illegitimate parents. No matter the circumstances surrounding your conception, you were in His mind. You are not a nuisance. You are special in His plan. Never judge your destiny by the location of your birth. No matter where you were born from, how you were born and who born you, you have a why you were born. And the why is more significant than where, how and who.

God chose to make you and designed you in a particular way. All these relate to your purpose, which is a natural, distinctive, intimate part of who you are. You are designed for your purpose. You are perfect for your purpose.

Your purpose, your abilities and your outlook on life cannot be detached, because your purpose determines how you will function, which establishes how you are designed, which is related to your potential, which is connected to your natural abilities. To eradicate your purpose would be to significantly change who you are, because your purpose both

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updates and reveals your nature and your responsibilities. Everything you naturally have and inherently are is necessary for you to fulfill your purpose. Your height, race, skin color, language, physical features and intellectual capacity are all designed for your purpose. You are who you are because of why you were created. The why dictates the who.

Purpose Is personal but never private

The distinct nature of purpose is best seen in the various parts of a product. Each has a unique function and design that enables it to meet the manufacturer's reason for including it in the product. This uniqueness doesn't make the various parts unequal, just different. In other words, you are the way you are because of why you are.

Your car has about 60,000 parts. The battery might say, "I'm in control of all of them. Nothing starts without me. I'm the battery. I have the power. Power! Power! Power! I'm the one who starts everything. Nothing starts until I arrive. I'm the power. I've got the power to start the engine."

Does that sound like some people you know?

Well, if the battery is the most important part of the car, let's detach the wire. The battery costs about \$200. The little red wire missing from the car costs about \$20. You have 59,999 working parts and only a \$20 wire missing. Without

it, the car will not start. Your car may be worth \$40,000, \$50,000 or \$100,000, but it can be restrained by this \$20 wire. You want to go somewhere. You have something to do! The car says, “I’m ready, but there’s a little \$20 wire missing.”

The battery says, “I’ve got the power.” A spark plug says, “I’ve got the fire.” The engine says, “I am ready to run the car!”

That little wire is very quiet. He does not have to say, “You need me. You can’t start without me.” All the other parts soon realize it, and they say, “Go find the wire.” The terminal wire was created to transmit electrical current from the battery to the generator and to the engine to ignite the spark plugs that provide the fire to turn the pistons and turn the engine over. In essence, the little terminal wire was designed with a purpose in the area of electrical transmission. In the domain of the terminal wire, the terminal wire is in control. It might be just a little wire, but it could shut down the engine. If that spot is empty, the car shuts down.

Each one of the car’s parts has a personal purpose which is never private. A spark plug can never be a battery. A battery can never be a manifold. A manifold can never be a generator. Therefore, in the domain of the battery, the battery is in control. It is unique because only it can be the battery—no matter how jealous the battery or the spark plug gets, no matter how much the steering wheel wishes to be a battery.

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Each part is important. Every component of the car was designed to lead in a specific area and to serve a purpose or function in the context of the whole. Each one has a specific purpose!

This same principle applies to men and women. God needs you because your purpose is unique. He's designed you specifically to meet His requirements. No one has your fingerprint, your personality or your particular combination of natural skills and talents. Oh, they may look like you, but they aren't you, because there's a part of God only you can express. In essence, there is something you came to this planet to do that the world needs in this generation. Your birth is evidence that your purpose is necessary.

Purpose Is Buoyant

Related to the excellence and quality of permanence is the characteristic of buoyancy in purpose. When a manufacturer sets a purpose for a product and develops a plan to achieve that purpose, no amount of problems with the manufacturing process will change the product's purpose. No matter how bad things become, the manufacturer will not say, "We're having trouble getting this product to do what we want it to do, so let's have it do this instead."

Each difficulty that seeks to hinder progress toward the

completion of a product that fulfills the manufacturer's original intent is used to learn more about the product and the way it must naturally function to carry out its purpose. The journey may include collisions and diversions, but eventually it will come to the desired end. In other words, no matter how bad the process becomes, the manufacturer uses the problems for good as he incorporates the insight gained from the challenges to build a superior product that does all it's supposed to do.

I remember after my parents had a temporal separation in 2003, my education was interrupted. Life became tough. I entered the street. I started washing people's cars to earn a living. I started sweeping the streets. I became a tout. I had given my life to Christ a year ago and here I was now on the road to diversion from God's purpose for my life. To make the matters worse, I was initiated into Islam by my uncle who convinced me that he would meet all my school requirements till university, on a condition that I convert to Islam. Fast forward, things didn't work out.

I was a Muslim for three and half months. I had made decision that was going to interfere with God's plan and purpose for my life. He arranged a reformation and a restoration program to redeem the deviations. He used the experiences to refine me as a purposeful part of the whole. Purpose transforms mistakes and blunders into miracles and disappointments into testimonies. It alters messes into

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messages; rejections into directions; purpose modifies trials into triumphs; shakings into shinning.

This buoyancy of purpose is palpable in the lives of many people who have missed their purpose. They had great talent, but they didn't know what they were supposed to do with it. I think of the apostle Paul. He intrigues me. Paul, or Saul as he was known before he met Christ on the road to Damascus, was a very talented person.

First, Paul was a great organizer. He both organized the systematic persecution of the church in Jerusalem and received letters of introduction from the Jewish high priest that permitted him to persecute the followers of Jesus in Damascus (**Acts 8:3; 9:1**). Secondly, he was a leader, as was evident in his role in the stoning of Stephen:

When the blood of your martyr Stephen was shed, I stood there giving my approval and guarding the clothes of those who were killing him (**Acts 22:20**; see also **Acts 7:58; 8:1**).

Third, Paul was a skilled tentmaker who liked to work with his hands (**Acts 18:3**). Fourth, Paul was a communicator. By speaking and by writing, Paul declared what he believed. (Much of the New Testament is the result of his communication skills.)

Although Paul's natural talents and skills were initially used in opposition to his God-given task of carrying the Good News of Jesus to the Gentiles, his purpose did not

change. God changed his name but not his purpose. Purpose remains true no matter what path a person or a thing takes to achieve its intended goal.

God's purpose is not hindered by your past. He turned a coward (Gideon) into a mighty leader (**Judges 6-8**), and a murderer (Moses) into a deliverer (**Exodus 3**). He also turned a prostitute (the Samaritan woman Jesus met at the well of Jacob) into a preacher (**John 4:1-42**). Imagine what He could make of you. You are not too old to resume your purpose. Nothing you have done can cancel your purpose. The world is waiting for you to yield your purpose.

Principles

1. Purpose is the original intent in the mind of the creator that motivated him to create a particular item
2. God made you with a purpose and decided when you would be born and how long you would live on this earth.
3. success is not measured by what you have or have done compared to what others have or have done.
4. You do not design or choose your purpose.
5. You are not an accident of unprotected sex. There are no illegitimate children, only illegitimate parents.

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6. you are the way you are because of why you are.
7. Nothing you have done can cancel your purpose.

CHAPTER 6



Your Ability

WHAT people call work is not what I call work at all but it is a job. You may disagree with me but consent me annotate for fathoming. This attitude toward work has become of great concern to governments, companies, and the media. As major problems with poor quality work, reduced productivity, and declining services cripple economic growth, the need and the desire to offer enticements and motivational exercises grow. Thus, aerobics classes, fitness rooms, and running tracks have become the focus of much effort and expense in the work place.

Beyond these attempts to improve the potency, resilience and stamina of the normal worker, corporate and government leaders are studying the strongest productivity centers of the world. Much of this attention is concentrated on Japan,

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where the art of work has been mastered since the second world war.

After World War II, Japan was a shattered country. Many of her buildings and people had been annihilated by atomic bombs. She was a pile of wreckage. After the war, the United States and other nations helped Japan to rebuild. Computer experts, agricultural specialists, scientists, teachers, and business people went to help the Japanese reconstruct their country. They set up manufacturing plants and demanded that the people work for much less than workers in the United States were paid. Because they were so upset, the Japanese agreed. Today Japan is a power to be reckoned with. Her might is based on economic, not military strength. Her weapon is money.

What rules your life?

No matter how scientists, economists and politicians dissect things, the power in our society can be reduced to two basic elements: God and money. They are the major forces in our world. Jesus warned that we would serve one or the other:

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money

(Matthew 6:24).

Which one you serve has a significant impact on the unleashing of your latent, because the basic power in your life determines what motivates you. If money motivates you, greed will control your actions. If God empowers you, His purposes for your life will control you. The Scriptures promise that God will meet the needs of those who give their first allegiance to Him:

Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well **(Matthew 6:25-26,32-33).**

Do you work or go to a job?

Most of us want jobs, but we don't want to work. We want the money, but we don't want to disburse the energy. Nothing is as disheartening and frustrating as having someone on a job who's not interested in working. People who want a job without the work are an impairment. They are more interested in being job keepers than workers. They

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are more concerned with receiving a paycheck than in doing good work.

This attitude is completely contrary to God's concept of work. God wants you to be a good worker, not a good job keeper. He is more interested in your attitude toward work than the prestige of your checkbook. He has the power to increase your bank account balance, but He can't force you to have a positive attitude toward work.

The word "Work" simply means "To become". So to work means to become what you were born to be. A job is what you are paid to do; but work is what you were born to do. A job is your employment; but work is your deployment. A job depends on your ability; work depends on your availability. In a job, you give something to receive something; in work, you return something that has already been given unto you.

A job is at your choice; but work is at Christ's call. In a job, you expect to receive; in work, you expect to give. You can be fired from a job; but no one can ever fire you from your work. You can resign from a job but you can't resign from work. A job done well brings you praise; work done well brings honor to Christ.

Job is your pre-occupation but work is your true occupation. You were not born to have a job but you were born to have a work. Your purpose in life, the one that no one believes you can fulfill, you can do it. Purpose determines

potential. Whatever you were born to do, you have the potential to do. Your responsibility comes with the ability to respond.

*“And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.” **Genesis 1:11-***

The seed of everything is itself. Whatever He created something to be, it is in itself.

If I got a seed in my hand and I ask you what I am holding, you obviously say a seed. That is the fact. But facts are not always the truth. The fact is that I have the seed in my hand but the truth is; I have a tree in my hand that is going to become a forest. What you see is a fact but not the truth. What you see now is a fact, but the truth is yet to come.

There is a lot of awareness in the church today regarding prosperity but a lot of ignorance regarding work ethics. Many Christians have heard much of the fact that the more you give, the more you get. Whereas this is true, it has been discovered from a practical point of view that many faithful and potential givers are still living in poverty. This is simply true on account of the fact that potential givers have either nothing to give so little that they are even afraid of giving for fear of remaining with almost nothing for personal use. Many people would continue to live in poverty until they

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rose up to the awareness of work ethics. Yes, our work ethic has to change so as to make a difference in our society. This is the most effective way naturally provided by God to change our earning capacity.

Work as God planned it, was given to man before sin entered the world. The account of Adam naming the animals precedes the account of Adam and Eve's disobedience. Work as we know it - with its pain, sweat, and struggle - reveals the desolation of Adam and Eve's disobedience and rebellion.

When God told Adam, "Dominate this world I made. Rule this planet," life was new and fresh, and Adam had no knowledge of the power God had built into his brain. So God required Adam to come up with a different name for every animal. As he started naming the birds of the air and the beasts of the field, Adam discovered his potential. Hence, work is a blessing that reveals what you can do. It is the master key to releasing your potential.

Retirement Is Not Part of God's Strategy

Most people don't understand the significance and implication of work. We prefer rest and relaxation to a good day's work. The unleash and release of our latent requires that we acknowledge and move beyond the fallacies that characterize our view of work.

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We are a rest-oriented society. We believe that holidays, vacation, outings and weekends are better than work days. This adoration of time free from work replicates our assumption that rest is to be preferred over work. This is a false assumption. Rest is not better than work.

A misconception and fallacy that affects our view of work is the assumption that retirement is the goal of work. You were not designed to retire. You came out of God, and God hasn't retired. He has been working ever since He spoke the invisible into the visible. Therefore, retirement is not part of His plan for your life. In fact, the very word 'retirement' does not appear anywhere in scriptures. Because God created man by giving him an immortal spirit with eternal potential, God planned enough work to keep you busy forever. Oh, you may retire from a specific organization or job, but you can never retire from life and work. The minute you quit working, you begin to die, because work is a necessary part of life.

Have you ever met a retired person who was uncomfortable, bitter, raucous, and confused? He became that way because He retired from work. The lack of work made him irrational because it took away his means of finding fulfillment.

Just like a car runs on gasoline, you run on work.

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God created you to feel healthy and happy when you are disbursing energy to reveal all that He put in you. He designed you to find satisfaction in looking at the fruit of your labor. That's why dormancy and laziness often bring depression and discouragement. God didn't intend for you to sit around and mooch.

God rested when He became tired. He didn't retire. So He says to you, 'I'm still working. Why aren't you? There are still things in you that I need.' May God deliver you from the spirit of retirement, because retirement is ungodly, unscriptural, and unbiblical. Retirement is foreign to God's plan for human beings.

Work and Responsibility

The only way to purge yourself of the effects of these misconceptions is to discover that the love of work is the secret to a productive life. Without work, you will lose direction and gradually succumb to waste. Your very existence will be threatened as the various facets of your life fall apart from a lack of purpose. So critical is your need to work that the absence of work is often the issue that underlies problems in interpersonal relationships.

If, for example, a man marries without thinking beyond the preferences and pleasures of marriage to the

responsibilities of a family, he begins to dislike those things that naturally go with marriage and the establishment of a home - things like rent, utility bills and grocery bills; things like the expenses and commitments that go with children. And, in time, the reasonable responsibilities of a home and a family begin to look unreasonable, and the duties of husband and father become burdens. That's when the problems start, because the man begins to look for a way out of his seemingly unbearable situation. That's when he begins to shun being at home because he blames his wife and his kids for his multitude of responsibilities. That's when he begins to act immaturely by chasing a young lady who doesn't require him to pay the bills or to help meet the demands of family life. In essence, he begins to call responsibility pressure and stress.

Work is God's way to lure out your potential. Through work He opens the door into your inner storehouse and teaches you how to use your talents and abilities to meet the many responsibilities of life. Work and the ability to handle responsibility go hand in hand because work requires you to take on new challenges, dares you to risk failure to show your aptitude for success, and stimulates you to take the steps to make your dream a reality.

God wants you to fulfill all that He created you to do and be. That's why He is constantly giving you tasks that reveal more and more of the wealth that lies hidden within you.

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Little by little, He's chipping away at your storehouse of riches, trying to release all that He put in you. But you must collaborate with His efforts. You must refuse to allow the rest/retirement mentality to rob you of your need to work. When you accept your responsibility to work and allow God to change your perceptions of work, you will see a difference in your life because God set work as a priority for personal fulfillment. Work is the master key to unleashing your potential.

God's definition of work

Our definition of work and God's are very different. Work is not the same as a job. Work releases potential; a job provides a paycheck. While you may work at your job, work does not always result in a financial reward. Work arises out of a desire to contribute to the world's wealth and well-being by giving of yourself. It moves beyond effort under the force of another and shuns the "I'm not going to work because you can't make me work" mentality.

Frequently we make work overly chic. We need to get labor back into work. We need to labor in the office, not just go to the office. God didn't say, "Six days you shall go to your job," but "six days you shall work." Until we change our attitude toward work we will not obey this commandment. This is the bitter reality.

Labor isn't so much doing things as delivering hidden stuff. It's delivering the babies you will die with if you don't work them into sight. It doesn't matter what kind of job you have, whether you are an executive, a businessman, a factory worker, or a housewife. Work as though your life depended on it, because it does.

Jesus commanded us to pray for laborers. This term is also used to describe the process of a woman in childbearing. The process of delivering the pride and joy of a new baby-the hidden potential as I like to call, involves conception, time, development, adjustments, labor, pain, and cooperation. All are necessary for the manifestation of a child. This process is the same for all humanity. Labor delivers!

Work is God's way of revealing your talents, abilities, and capabilities. It helps you to discover the satisfaction of accomplishment and the results of persistence. Without work you'll never see the results of your potential. Without effort you'll never feel the satisfaction of accomplishment.

The Greek word *ergon*, which means "to activate," is often translated work. From *ergon* comes our word "energy." Therefore, work is the activation of stored energy. If a car is parked, it is defective. But the minute you jerk the engine, the pistons begin working and the car has the power to move. Work is the God-given method that empowers you to operate. Through work you can do and become all that God intended for your life.

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This concept of becoming is further clarified in another Greek word for work, *energia*, which means “to become.” No matter what God requires of you, if you don’t do it, you can’t become what He sees in you. Potential is the existence of possibilities. Work is the activation of possibilities. Potential without work remains potential—untapped, unused, intact, unexploited, untouched, untested!

God created you to be a genius. He endowed you with enough thoughts, ideas and desires to fulfill every expectation He has for your life. But the presence of potential does not make you a genius. You are not born a genius. You become one by working to release what you have. Prodigies are people who work relentlessly to accomplish what they believe can be done. They try again and again until they receive in the physical what they see in their imaginations. They activate their hidden strength and energy to become what they are and to accomplish what they already possess. Geniuses use God’s gift of work to achieve what no one else has done. God planned for you to be a genius. Remember, “Genius is one percent inspiration, and ninety-nine percent perspiration.”

Potential is what you have. Work is what you do. What you do with what you have makes the difference between a life of strength and energy, and a life of weakness and defeat. God gives you work to activate your power. Through work you become what you are.

Work is bringing something to reality

A fantasy is a dream without labor. It is also a vision without a mission. When God gives the potential for something, He also demands that it be worked out.

Every time God gives you a promise, He also gives you the command to work to receive what He has promised. God doesn't just deliver stuff. You have to fight to get what is yours. The potential to possess what God has given is within you, but you will not obtain the promise until you put forth the effort to claim it.

So if you need money to pay your bills, don't wait for someone to drop the dollars into your hand. Get up and take the job God sends. Use that job to work your work.

Every job, no matter how much you dislike it, is working for you. If you can educate yourself to work no matter what the conditions are, you will learn discipline, because the work is more important than the conditions. Work is also more important than the job. If a child always gets what he wants, he learns to expect his wants to be met without any effort on his part. Our world is full of adults who act like spoiled children. They never learned the value of work.

We do well when we learn the lesson early in life that God requires us to work for what we want. One of the greatest things parents can do for their children is to demand

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that they learn the responsibility of work at an early age. If your child has to work for his spending money, he will soon learn that he can't get something for nothing. Work brings potential to pass. Without work, all you have is potential.

A fantasy once again is a dream without work. It is also a vision without a mission. You can have all the vision you want, but until you get a mission, your vision will be no more than a wishful thought. I love missionaries because they are willing to take the vision and make it a reality. Visionaries, on the other hand, intrude me because they are not willing to put forth the effort to accomplish their dreams. If you don't work, you are fantasizing. You are wasting your time on worthless ideas.

Work is the means to make what you see into what you receive. Visionaries must become missionaries to be effective and successful. That is why I am both a visionary and a missionary. My personal vision is to transform the posterity into Kingdom global regents of change. However, my mission is a commitment to establishing a posterity leadership body, dedicated to setting a pattern, raising a standard, and producing a model of excellence based on kingdom concepts and values.

Work out your potential

Are you ambitious to accomplish something? Are you so committed to a vision that you will do anything to see that vision come to life? Then make plans and follow them.

*“The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty” **Proverbs 21:5***

There’s a difference between plans and haste. Haste is trying to get something for nothing. Haste leads to poverty. But hard work makes plans and disburses the effort to see those plans pay off.

Do you want to be a pilot, a lawyer, a doctor, a teacher, a policeman, a president, a minister, a secretary, an accountant, or a politician? Put some work behind that dream. Burn the midnight oil and study. Make the associate of a person who is working in your chosen field and work with him to learn the skill, business, or profession. The completion of your plans is related to your willingness to work, as is your prosperity. Likewise, the release of your potential is dependent upon your outflow of the necessary effort to change your thoughts into visible realities. Work out and of your own inventiveness. Don’t wait for life to force you to work.

The principle and key of sowing and reaping applies to everybody on earth whether saved or not. It is possible to be

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blessed of God with much strength, intelligence and talent but live a very unproductive life if you do not utilize these God given endowments. Prosperity is a reward of labor (work). (**Ecclesiastes 9:7-9**)

Many believers have ignored established principle of life and ended up in religious hideouts. E.g. it has been known of students who have ignored the reading of their books or have invested little energy into their studies and class work under the pretext of reading the Bible, praying, doing missions, etc. producing poor results. This is also true of brethren who keep on the move with lots of religious activities but ignore investment of energy into income generating activities. They will continue living frustrating lives due to lack.

Work is the significant key to your personal progress, productivity, and fulfillment. Without work you can accomplish nothing. God assigns you work so you can release your possibilities and abilities by putting forth the effort to accomplish each task. A pessimistic attitude toward work raises dissatisfaction and unhappiness. A healthy perspective builds self-esteem and nurtures a positive, confident outlook on life. The responsibilities God gives you are presented to provoke your potential and to challenge you to try new things. Until you stop being a reluctant worker, you will miss the vitality and meaning that God intended work to bring to your life.

Many believers are busy looking for ministries not

knowing that before they jump into ministry, they need to prove that they can handle responsibilities by getting involved in some work. For example, Adam worked in **Genesis 2:15** and in **John 5:17**, Jesus worked. It is a blessing to be associated with work and be in partnership with God.

Accept today God's gracious gift of work. Refuse to allow a pessimistic attitude toward work to rob you of your potential. Then look forward to the joy of accomplishment and the delight of discovering all God put in you for the world. You will truly find that work is a blessing.

Principles

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2. A job is at your choice; but work is at Christ's call.
3. You were not designed to retire. You came out of God, and God hasn't retired.
4. Work is God's way to lure out your potential.
5. You can have all the vision you want, but until you get a mission, your vision will be no more than a wishful thought.
6. Work is the means to make what you see into what you receive. Visionaries must become missionaries

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to be effective and successful.

7. Refuse to allow a pessimistic attitude toward work to rob you of your potential.
8. If you can educate yourself to work no matter what the conditions are, you will learn discipline, because the work is more important than the conditions.

CHAPTER 7



Why you are who you are

TEMPERAMENT is the word used to describe a person's nature which defines or affects the way they think or act or feel. A temperament is an important facet to consider in discovering why you are who you are. It also helps us to explain why people with different personalities are attracted to each other, and to understand why people communicate and behave the way they do.

At the moment of our conception, we all inherited a basic genetic temperament that contains both strengths and weaknesses. This temperament is called several names in the Bible: "the natural man," "the flesh," "the old man," and "the corruptible flesh" to name but a few. It is the basic impulse of our being that seeks to satisfy our wants.

Temperament defined

Temperament is the combination of inborn traits that subconsciously affects our behavior. These traits which are passed on by our genes are based on hereditary factors and arranged at the time of conception. I would like you to understand that six people contribute through the gene pool to the maquillageand makeup of every baby: two parents and four grandparents. Some scientists suggest that we may get more genes from our grandparents than our parents.

It is a person's temperament that makes that person outgoing and extrovert, shy or introvert, music or art fans, sports or industry minded.

Character

Character is the real you. It is the result of your natural temperament modified by childhood training, education and basic attitudes, beliefs, principles and motivations. It is at times referred to as “the soul” of a person. Which is an amalgamation of mind, emotions and will. What you do when you have the freedom to do what you want to do is an expression of true yourself.

Personality

Personality is the outward expression of oneself, which may or may not be the same as person's character, depending

on how genuine that person is. Many are acting a part today on the basis of what they think they should be as a person, rather than what they really are. This is the formula for mental and spiritual confusion. The place to change behavior is inside man but not outside. **(Proverbs 4:23)**

In other words, temperament is the amalgamation of traits we were born with; character is our “civilized” temperament and personality is the “face” we show to others.

The Four Basic Temperaments

About four hundred years before Christ, Hippocrates, the dazzling Greek physician and philosopher, promulgated the theory that there are basically four types of temperaments. He speciously thought these four types were as a result of four liquids that predominated in human body: Blood; “Choler” or “yellow bile;” “melancholy” or “black bile”; and phlegm.

Hippocrates named the temperaments in regards to the liquids he thought were the cause. The Choleric, he thought, is characterized by too much yellow bile, the sanguine must be rich, warm blooded, Melancholies, he saw as having black or dark blood which he called phlegm. To him, these suggested the active (Choleric), the lively (Sanguine), the slow (Phlegmatic) and the black (Melancholy).

They summarize why people behave the way they do. If you will desire to stick with me on this, you will discover great deal about yourself, your partner, your children and co-workers. One of the four temperaments dominates in each personality, but we all have secondary temperament. In other words; one has high temperament and low temperament. For instance, my temperament is Sanguine/Phlegmatic and my wife's is Melancholy/Choleric.

1. THE CHOLERIC:

Choleric are hot-tempered, quick, active, practical and strong willed. They tend to be self-sufficient, independent, decisive and opinionated. They find it easy to make decisions for themselves as well as for others. Adversaries seldom frighten them. Conversely, choleric welcome challenges because they want to prove they are right. Choleric do not need to be stimulated by their environment. They instead stimulate their environment by their endless ideas, plans and ambitions. They possess dogged willpower and often succeed where others fail, not because their plans are better than anyone else's, but because they push long after others have become discouraged and have quit. If there is any truth in the proverb "Leaders are born, not made," then the choleric are born leaders. They always land on their feet.

The motto for these born leaders is, "either I lead you

follow or get out of way.”

They neither suffer fools gladly; they don't sympathize easily with others nor do they naturally show or express kindness. Male choleric are often embarrassed or disgusted by the sight of other men crying. Choleric have a hard time with people's skills. They are often impatient and it is hard for them to adapt their styles to the needs of other people. They are so optimistic, rarely anticipating failure, that they seldom fail-except at home. Love is not usually high on their priority list.

Choleric are difficult people to live with. They are often more appreciated by friends and associates than by members of their family. They are quick to see opportunities and take advantage of them. They have well organized minds, but details bore them.

Once they have started on a goal, they may run rough over individuals that stand in their way. They tend to be domineering and bossy and do not hesitate to use people to accomplish their end.

Their attitude of self-sufficiency and obstinacy make them difficult to reach for Christ in adulthood. That is why I want to encourage my fellow Children's Church Pastors and children's workers that "Never let a choleric teen, below 15 years out of your class until that child has found Christ as Lord and savior." This is also true advice to my fellow

parents. The more choleric your children's temperaments, the more intense should be your prayers for their conversion.

STRENGTHS

Self-Discipline: Choleric are very confident in their own abilities and very aggressive. They are often very busy people and their activities are well-planned and evocative. Their singleness of purpose often results in accomplishments. Their accomplishment is a result of determination rather than supremacy of planning.

Practical: They are quick decision makers and usually the right ones. They often find the most practical solution to any difficulty. Many of their decisions are reached by intuition more than analytical reasoning.

Leader: Their strong will tends to dominate in a group, and they are usually chosen as leaders automatically. If not chosen, they will almost volunteer to lead. They are good judges of people. They are quick and bold in emergencies. If they don't become arrogant and bossy, others respond well to their practical direction and leadership.

Optimistic: They are so confident that they will leave a secure job for the challenge of an unknown future. When assessing a new situation, they rarely see the potential

problems but merely keep their eyes on the goal. Somehow somewhere, they have an unshakable confidence that no matter what difficulties arise, they will be able to solve them. Difficulty does not discourage them; instead, it stimulates their appetite and makes them even more determined to achieve their objectives.

WEAKNESSES

The good characteristics of Choleric carry with them some serious weaknesses. The most obvious ones are their hard, angry and self-sufficient traits. Compassion does not easily come to them and they tend to be unsympathetic to other people.

Hot-tempered: Their angry disposition often causes them to be revengeful; going to almost any length to repay someone for a misdeed which they feel was unjust. That they are often angry makes them unfriendly persons to be around, particularly over a long period of time. Even after explosion, they often continue carrying a grudge.

Physically, they are prone to ulcers before they are old, and spiritually, they grieve the Holy Spirit through bitterness, wrath and anger.

The Bible says that we reap what we sow, and choleric often complain that they are unloved. They have no thought

in them that you have to love to be loved. They often die young, their body parts wearing out from the pressure they create.

Cruel and mean: They do not mind undermining the feelings and rights of others in order to achieve their own purpose. Unless taught a strong moral standard in their youth, they will not hesitate to break the law to succeed. Many of the world's greatest criminals, dictators and rulers have been choleric.

It is very difficult for choleric to apologize or show approval and this is the number one cause of distresses and heartaches in marriage. Some choleric men flog their wives in submission. Women choleric strike their husbands in anger though the husbands may be twice their size and strength. Others can wilt their husbands with a cruel sarcastic tongue. The sad reality is; few people married to un-Spirit-filled Choleric have a good self-image after ten years of marriage.

Domineering: Their strong trend to independence and self-confidence often cause them to be very proud. This frustrates other people and makes them feel that they can never please them. They may launch programs that they regret, but because they are so doers and proud, they stubbornly and tenaciously see the task through. This nature prompts them to blurt out cruel and sarcastic statements that are very hurtful.

Self-Sufficient: The choleric tend to be independent and self-sufficient. A few successes can make them proud to the point that they become obnoxiously self-reliant. These traits become boring to other people and they shun them. I have a friend who falls here. I had to avoid him because he became too proud and started kicking people out of what we started. Those who were forced to work or live with him became frustrated, feeling they could never please him.

This feeling of self-sufficiency carries over into the spiritual realm, causing them to feel they don't need God. Even after conversion to Christ- which is difficult after childhood-they have difficulty realizing that they must depend upon the Lord. When they cultivate a spiritual life by reading the Bible and praying, their minds easily leap to planning the day's activities and they miss the spiritual blessing. Many choleric look on regular Devotional life as a waste of time.

Biblical Example: (Apostle Paul)

Apostle Paul was of the choleric temperament. Who but a choleric would crawl out from under a rock pile and the next day walk 12 miles to preach? May be you fall in this category. I have good news for you. There is no limit to what

a choleric can do when he learns to walk in the spirit and to abide in Christ. **(John 15:5).**

2. THE SANGUINE:

Mr. Sanguine is warm, buoyant, lively, friendly person who draw people like magnet. He is naturally receptive and external impressions simply find their way to his heart. The sanguine enjoy people and shun away from solitude and they are at their best when surrounded with friends. They are never quiet.

Sanguine have an endless repertoire of interesting stories that they tell dramatically, which makes them fun and favorite with children as well as adults and usually gaining them admission at the best parties or social gatherings.

Whenever Mr. Sanguine doesn't know what to do, he talks, though he often speaks without thinking. Sanguine are not lazy, but they tend to jump from one thing to another. They have a short interest span on one subject. By nature, sanguine are very generous. If they see someone in need, their emotional response is usually one of compassion. Many a sanguine will spontaneously lie under pressure rather than face shame or penalty. He will be sorry immediately, but unless strengthened by the Holy Spirit, he will not have enough self-control to keep from doing the same thing again.

Sanguine might forget their resolutions, appointments and obligations. They are on the next exciting adventure, which makes them seem unstable.

Riding in the backseat of a sanguine's car can be totally dangerous. They are so people-oriented that they want to look you-the passenger-in the face while driving.

Sanguine eat everything in sight-and usually look it. Incidentally, in hotels, they almost never look at the menu until the waiter or waitress arrives. They have been enjoying the conversation too much.

STRENGTH:

Enjoying life: Sanguine never cease to enjoy life and the things around them. They forget the unpleasant things of life and can often be found singing or whistling along their way. They are never bored because they always find things that interest them and give them joy. They are persuasive communicators.

Often they early risers and usually wake in a lively mood. Their emotions are so receptive to their environment that the unpleasant things of life can be forgotten by a change of environment. Boredom is never part of their makeup.

Optimistic: They are never frustrated or fearful of future difficulties, because they do not think much about the

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future. They live for today. Their motto is: “Don’t worry! Be happy!”

Sanguine easily forget the past, so their minds are never befogged by the memory of disappointments.

They are usually optimistic that tomorrow, whatever it holds, will be as good as today or even better. They tend to let life unfold naturally without advance planning—which explains why their lives unnecessarily overloaded by the unexpected.

Sanguine easily get inspired to engage in new projects and their boundless enthusiasm often carries others along with them. If yesterday’s project failed, they are optimistic that today’s will definitely succeed.

Friendly: They enjoy being around people and love everyone. They do not like seeing people unhappy, and usually try to do something about it. You will find them going around shaking hands with everyone in the crowd.

They are distressed to see persons who are not enjoying themselves in a party and they will frequently go out of their way to include such individuals in the group.

Compassionate: They have tender and sympathetic hearts, and mean it when they respond to the needs of others. They rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those that weep. They are able to share the emotional experiences

of others.

No one can love you more or forget you faster than sanguine. But if you are forgotten, it is not intentional. These folks simply have the pleasant capacity to live in the present-and you may be a part of the past.

WEAKNESSES:

Restless: Sanguine are often impractical, messy and disorganized. Their emotional nature can get them instantly excited.

They are not always good students because they find it difficult to settle down and study. They spend a lot of time running from one thing to another and as a result, they do not accomplish what they should.

They have a tough time pulling their talents together. Frequently, they spend their lives running from one tangent to another and unless, disciplined, they are unproductive, failing to measure up to their potential.

Weak-willed: They are good starters but poor finishers. When asked to help with something, they will immediately say 'yes', without considering their abilities, the time involved or other priorities. They want to please but soon they realize they can't do the job for which they said yes. Because of

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their weak-will, they get tempted and fall into sin easily.

They don't know their limitation. Without meaning to do so, they easily forget their appointments, resolution and obligations. They usually cannot be depended upon to keep a time schedule or meet a deadline.

No temperament has greater problem with lust than does the sanguine. Since they are "touchers" who communicate charisma and charm, they often face sexual temptations, which they do not have the strength of will to decline. Their ability to live in the present is a danger here, since they tend to think more of the immediate temptation than of their families at home.

Egotistical: Although they have a pleasing personality, they tend to dominate conversation, talking about themselves and things that interest them. They do not think about what is interesting to others.

They frequently appear more mature in their youth than their equals. This often lands them prominent positions early in life, which tends to magnify their egotism.

Emotionally unstable: They have a difficult time with emotional control and are often highly sensitive to any kind of personal criticism. Nevertheless, they bring out sudden outburst of anger and harsh words but forget about it in a very short time and later feel sorry for their anger and easily

apologize. In the spiritual real, sanguine are found repenting for the same thing over and over again.

Biblical Example: (Apostle Peter)

Every time Peter appeared in the pages of the Gospels, he was talking. In fact, Simon Peter talked more than all other disciples put together. Whenever a Sanguine enters a room, mouth first. As for the apostle Peter, everything he said in the Gospels was “wrong” except his great confession of Christ’s deity (Matt 16:16) and his love for him after Christ resurrected. In the book of Acts, everything he said was “Right”- because he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Throughout the Bible, God used Sanguine to carry on His work. Who did Moses want to go with him to persuade Pharaoh to let the nation of Israel go? His sanguine brother Aaron. Who did God establish as the King of Israel at a critical time in history? A sanguine after His heart, David. Who led the first century church? Peter. And who encouraged discouraged disciples? Barnabas. All were sanguine whom God used to persuade and influence His people to follow him.

3. PHLEGMATIC

Everyone wants to be around phlegmatic. They are calm, cool and collective. Life for the phlegmatic is one happy,

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pleasant experience after another, which is why they avoid entanglements with others as much as possible. Phlegmatic are the types who rarely express anger or laugh until tears run down their cheeks. Their temperaments remain steady. Since phlegmatic enjoy people, they do not lack for friends. They are natural-born narrators who love to hear a good story as much as they enjoy telling one.

They tend to be spectator in life, and they try not to get too involved with the activities of others. In their quiet way, they prove to be fulfillers of the dreams of others.

Phlegmatic are definitely not risk takers. They often stay with one company for their entire working career.

The chief weakness of the phlegmatic which often keeps them from fulfilling their potential is their dearth of motivation. Although they are easy companions, phlegmatic have a careless low-pressure way of living which can conflict with a hyperactive partner. They are usually kind-hearted and sympathetic, but seldom show their true feelings.

STRENGTHS:

Dependable: They are good counselors because of their easy-going and slow manner. They don't just blurt out advice but give thoughtful counsel well worth hearing. While the sanguine and the choleric find it difficult to sit still

long enough to hear the heartaches and troubles of others, the phlegmatic is all ears to the problems of others. Theirs is advice you can depend on. Actually, they can be depended upon to fulfill their obligations and keep their promises. They are very faithful friends.

Practical: They are always practical and efficient as they think before they act. They work well under pressure as they take time to find the practical way to accomplish their goals. They work well under pressure. As a matter of fact, they do their best work in circumstances that would cause other temperaments to crumble.

Efficient: Their work is always tidy and efficient. Although they are not perfectionists, they have a high standard for accuracy. Their tidy desks and workspaces are always amazement to the more active temperaments. They are people of orderly habits.

WEAKNESSES:

Slow and lazy: This is the outstanding weakness of the phlegmatic. They are very capable of doing many projects, but they usually just think about them, or watch while someone else does the work.

Bull: Because of their sense of humor and their ability

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to observe others, they often tease others who piss them off. They stay very calm while others become pissed or angry at them.

Stubborn and selfish: They often show selfishness with their money, effort or even emotions and always use this when they don't want to accept changes of any kind. Many times their first question about the situation is, "What is it going to cost me?" or "What is it going to take out of me?" They may love someone but rarely let that person know.

Phlegmatic are generally stubborn, opposing change of any kind. One thing about their stubbornness: They are nice about it. You will never see them stamp their feet and say, "I won't do that!" They are more pertinent to smile and graciously not do it.

Indecisive: As they get older, these guys find it difficult to make decisions, mostly because they do not want to be involved.

They are so indecisive because of their desire to please people. They have a good sense of the best way to do something, but they think; But if I do it, I am sure to offend this person or that relative.

Biblical Example: (Abraham)

Abraham is a perfect example of a Phlegmatic. He is a classic example of how God can transform's natural weakness into a strength. His fear, worry and indecision became resolution, courage and action to the point that more space is given to Abraham in the New Testament than any other Old Testament character.

4. MELANCHOLY

Melancholies are slow paced and task oriented individuals given to overly analyzing everything. These self-described introverts come hard-wired and moody and are often controlled by their emotions. Sometimes, melancholic moods will lift them to heights of ecstasy and in the next instant they can become gloomy and depressed.

When they are in good moods, melancholies are your good friends. These chaps also do not make friends easily. They are initially reserved when meeting people for the first time. Melancholies usually find the greatest meaning in life through personal sacrifice.

They are quite willing to put aside their personal desires if the sacrifice is worth the effort and it accomplishes something for the greater good. They have incredible natural potential. Melancholies make good pastors, missionaries, musicians.

STRENGTHS

Sensitive: They have the most sensitive nature of all the temperaments. They have great appreciation for life's true value and are emotionally responsive. They usually have high IQs and are quite creative and naturally gifted.

Perfectionists: Their requirements of acceptability in any field are often impossibly high for anyone to achieve—including themselves. They have a high value for excellence which leads them to make outstanding accomplishments in life.

Whenever a project is suggested by a Choleric or sanguine temperament, Melancholy can analyze it in a few moments and pick out every potential problem. To put it other way, they often appear to be against things because of their constant reference to potential problems. But to them, that is “Just being realistic”.

Detail oriented: They like details in any task. They easily see a problem in any project and can act accordingly. This ability makes them well qualified in such fields like mathematics, Science, medicine, architecture writing and other vocations that require great attention to detail.

They don't waste words but are usually very precise in stating exactly what they mean.

Faithful: Faithfulness is their nature and although they may not attract a number of friends, they will be faithful to the few. Literally, they will be faithful to their jobs and will always be ready to carry their part of the load.

WEAKNESSES:

Self-centered: They are mainly concerned about their own welfare. As a result, they are easily insulted or offended. If two people are seen whispering, the Melancholy is sure to assume he/she is the subject. In most cases, this kind of thinking can lead to a persecution complex.

Pessimistic: Because of their perfectionist nature, they tend to see all the problems which they believe will outweigh the good of the project. They are hesitant in making decisions as they fear making mistakes.

No one is more critical than melancholy. With unrealistic expectations of others, they cannot happily accept less than the very best. Many perfectionists have ruined good marriages because their partner measured up to only 90% of their expectations. Instead of seeing all the good 90%, they fixate on and amplify the bad 10%. They are as critical of themselves as they are of other people.

Too demanding: Melancholies often expect too much of other people and cannot accept anything less than their

best. When it comes to marriage, my goodness! They will have a difficult time because although they may admire members of the opposite sex from a distance, they cannot accept their faults and weaknesses.

They may love them yet refuse to marry them because of their weakness. If they marry, it is rarely a happy marriage unless married to a fellow melancholy. And this explains why most of the melancholies are still unmarried. They are looking for a perfect partner, who will never come. Here is my advice if you are in this category: If you are single and the only partner you are looking for is a perfect one, I guarantee you that you will never find one. The only thing or solution to that is to look at the other person's imperfection perfectly. In other words, if you don't change the way you look at something, what you look at will not change.

Many unmarried women will admit they have had a number of marriage offers; it's just that "Mr. Perfect never came along"

Moody: No one has a great mood changes than melancholies. They may be extremely ecstatic for no apparent reason, but suddenly, they become gloomy depressed or in great despair. They find it hard to maintain friendships with those who find it difficult to tolerate their moods.

To escape their gloomy moods, Melancholies often start day dreaming. Being dissatisfied with the imperfect present,

they think about memories—the further back, the more pleasant the old days seem. When they tire of memories, the dream of the future.

Vengeful: They are often unforgiving and make decisions on the basis of prejudice. They may try to destroy a very good project simply because the leader of the work once offended them in the past.

They may never put their anger, hatred in action, but they harbor their desire for revenge for years. I call this anger *parafogismos*.

Biblical example: (Moses, John and all the prophets)

Moses was a gifted introvert filled with self-doubt who eventually trusted God to make him one of the greatest leaders in all history. Yet Moses never had victory over his anger, which limited God's use of his life and resulted in his dying before entering the promised land.

Principles

1. Temperament is the combination of inborn traits that subconsciously affects our behavior.
2. Character is the result of your natural temperament modified by childhood training, education and basic

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attitudes, beliefs, principles and motivations.

3. Personality is the outward expression of oneself, which may or may not be the same as person's character, depending on how genuine that person is.
4. Choleric are hot-tempered, quick, active, practical and strong willed.
5. Sanguine is warm, buoyant, lively, friendly person who draw people like magnet.
6. Phlegmatic are calm, cool and collective.
7. Melancholies are slow paced and task oriented individuals given to overly analyzing everything.

CHAPTER 8



Your Destiny

DEATH was walking toward a city and a man stopped death and asked, “What are you going to do?” Death said, “I am going to kill 10,000 people.” The man said, “That is horrible.” Death said, “That is the way it is. That is what I do.” So the day passed. The man met death coming back and he said, “You said you were going to kill 10,000 people but 70,000 were killed.” Death said, “I only killed 10,000. Worry and fear killed the others”. I draw a deduction from this scenario that the fear of death is worse than death itself.

*“So teach [us] to number our days, that we may apply [our] hearts unto wisdom.” **Psalms 90:12***

The fear of death keeps persons from living, not from

dying. The Lord knows that and that's why a part of the mission of Jesus was to deliver us from the fear of death.

Few days, after my lovely Dad, Mr. James Masaba passed on, I went back to my village, to supervise the finishing up of the graveyard. While staring at my Dad's grave, million thoughts and revelations dashed in my mind. I discovered that my father's grave had a message it was sending to me. And this applies to each grave. So, I am going to share with you some of the messages the graveyards send to us.

*"For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him, will not perish but have everlasting life." **John 3:16***

Most of us believe in our doctors more than we can believe in Jesus Christ. The cemetery is one of the places where people avoid. We don't like grave yards but you are going to realize at the end of this chapter that that place has no power at all. The kingdom of God has a vision that cannot be stopped by death. Death is the greatest fear of man.

It is a constant companion for each of us. It is also the most unique motivator I have ever known. You can either fear death- negative motivation—or you can see it as an asset— positive motivation. It doesn't matter which path you take; you will always meet it at the end of the road. God wants you to learn about death so you can use it as a positive

motivation and begin living.

Death to me has an assignment. This is true because God is a God of purpose who creates everything with a purpose. Nothing exists that was not created by God. Because death exists, it must have a purpose. The key, then, to understanding and dealing with death is to discover its purpose.

Death Defined

There are two definitions of death. First, death is “the extinction of vital functions to the point where they cannot be renewed.” This definition applies to the lower order of life. For man, death is either “the separation of the soul and the spirit from the physical body” or “the separation of man, as an entire entity—body, soul and spirit—from God, his Creator.”

The Scriptures tell us that death is the penalty of sin (**Romans 5:12**). We know, however, that Adam lived many years after he was driven from the garden of Eden (**Genesis 5:5**). Death, from God’s perspective, must therefore, be the separation of man from Himself. He isn’t so concerned with the length of your years as the state of your relationship with Him. It would seem, then, that the problem is not death, but the effect of sin on death.

Why you should no longer fear death.

Why does death frighten us so? Dr. Felix Martin Ibanez, M.D., who was once editor of the American Medical Association Journal, said the fear of death is rooted in three things: fear of pain; fear of separation; and fear of the unknown.

How then does Jesus deliver us from these things and thus the fear of death? In three ways:

- (a) He gives us a new concept of death.
- (b) He gives us the prospects of a glad reunion.
- (c) He gives us an understanding of the life beyond.

It is Easy to Die?

First, Jesus delivers us from the fear of pain associated with death by giving us a new concept of death.

Before Jesus came, death had a fearful, penal aspect to it. But Jesus' favorite word, indeed the favorite word of the entire New Testament for death of a Christian changed all that. It is the word "sleep." It is used 13 times in scripture.

What's it like for a Christian to die? It is like going to sleep. Imagine a man coming home at the end of a hard day's work, tired, exhausted. He washes up, takes off his shoes,

leans back in his recliner to rest before supper, and nods off to sleep. There is nothing fearful about that, is there? No! Sleep, to a tired person, is a welcome friend. And that's what it's like for a Christian to die.

Eddie Rickenbacker was an authentic American hero. He first entered the spotlight as a dare-devil race driver. Then he became a legend as America's top flying ace and a recipient of the medal of honor in World War I. Later he became a pioneer in the manufacturing and development of automobiles and airplanes. He endured the most dramatic survival epic of World War II when his plane went down in the Pacific and he and six other men survived 24 days on a raft.

In his dramatic career he had many brushes with death. Seven times, he said, his toes were inside the pearly gates. Rickenbacker was a devout Christian. He was raised in a godly home. He said he had no fear of death because of his confidence that God had led him in life and had prepared a place for him in heaven.

On February 26, 1941, while flying over Atlanta, his plane crashed. For several hours he lay pinned by the wreckage in the cold rain. When he was taken to the hospital he was close to death. He held on for three days, encased in plaster from chin to toe. "But," he said, "I began to die. I felt the presence of death, and I knew that I was going. You may have heard that dying is unpleasant, but don't you believe it. Dying is

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the sweetest, affectionate, most esthetic sensation I have ever experienced. Death comes disguised as a sympathetic friend. All was serene and calm. How wonderful it would be simply to float out of this world. It is easy to die. You have to fight to live.”

Why be afraid of death when the fear of pain is gone? And Jesus delivered us from that fear by giving us a new concept of death.

I'll See You in the Morning

Second, Jesus delivers us from the fear of separation by giving us the prospects of a glad reunion.

In this world we quickly get attached to people and we don't want to be separated from them. That is normal. Death represents separation.

We fear death because we dread leaving our loved ones behind.

But Jesus gave us the hope of a glad reunion and a greater work to do in the life to come. And that hope keeps us from being afraid.

In Catherine Marshall's classic biography of her husband, *A Man Called Peter*, she eloquently describes how dark the night of grief can be—and how bright the new dawn of faith.

During the summer after Dr. Marshall's death she returned to the summer cottage at Cape Cod, where everything from the boat in the yard to his old shoes under the bed spoke of him.

Seeking the solace of the sea, she headed beach ward that first turbulent, lonely evening. As she gazed across the water, she suddenly remembered the last words she had spoken to him. The scene was stamped clearly in her mind. Peter was lying on the stretcher just inside the front door, waiting to be put in the ambulance. She leaned over him and he whispered reassuringly, "Darling, I'll see you in the morning."

Her last line is the best: "And as I stood looking out toward that far horizon, I knew that those words would go singing in my heart down all the years . . . 'see you, darling, see you in the morning . . .'"

That is our hope. When two people are Christians they never say good-bye for the last time. Our Lord gives us the hope of a glad reunion. Why should we be afraid of death?

I have the Keys

Third, Jesus delivers us from the fear of death by giving us a new understanding of the life beyond.

Before Jesus came, death was a mystery. We wondered

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what lay beyond the grave. What was out there? Would we know one another? What would we do? We would never have known, except the strong son of God walked into the grave and shined the searchlight of God into every nook and corner and came out and said, *“Fear not, I am the first and the last. I am he that lived and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, amen; I have the keys of hell and death”* (**Revelation 1:17-18**).

The one with the keys is the one who has control. Jesus wrestled the keys of death from Satan and now he tells us not to be afraid.

What is the life to come like? He said to the thief on the cross, *“Today thou shalt be with me in paradise.”* He said to all of us, *“Out beyond is the father’s house.”* There is still much unknown. Why didn’t God tell us more? No words in any language can convey a true picture of the next life. Can you make a blind person understand what a sunset is like? Or a deaf person what great music is like? Besides, it would utterly spoil this life for us. If we could see it in all of its glory, we would never be happy here again. But we know enough.

There will be no tears there. No death there. No sorrow or pain there. No curse there. Former things will have passed away. It is the world we have dreamed of. With this assurance, why should we be afraid?

Many years ago, Benjamin Harrison who later became the twenty third president of the United States, was asked to deliver an address at a funeral service. When he arose to speak he said, “Last night I was awakened by my little daughter who had arisen from her bed and made her way across the room and was stroking my face with her heavy hands. When I asked what she wanted, she said, ‘Papa, in the great big dark of the night I am lonely and afraid unless I can touch you’. In the great big dark of the night of life’s bereavement, we are afraid unless we can reach out and touch God.”

The land beyond the grave is dark and we would be afraid if we could not, by faith in Jesus, reach out and touch the father. But we can. And when we do, we no longer are afraid

When you leave this earth at last, understand clearly that one of the two likely destinations is possible: Heaven or Hell and that is by personal choice. The world has many things to offer but death has only two things to offer; Hell or Heaven. To finally arrive into heaven there are two possible routes, death called sleep for a believer or rapture, the catching up of living and dead saints.

Death must be defeated to get to heaven, in fact it is the last enemy of our soul as we march on to heaven, so no need to be terrified because it must surely bow down to you if you have a passport and a visa. Look at life support to encourage you as you press on.

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The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. (1 Corinthians 15:26).

He shall swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it. **(Isaiah 25:8)**

“But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel”. 2 Timothy 2:10

“So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory”. 1 Corinthians 15:54

We fear physical pain and suffering. We fear the unknown, we fear leaving loved ones and friends. Today, 80% of the people die from home or familiar surroundings. This in itself creates fear because we do not want to be alone. Cyrus L. Sulzberger in his book, *my brother death*, says, “Men fear death because they don’t understand it.” And in order to understand death, we must deal with our fear of death. Personally, I used to fear death until I discovered its medicine.

Today, I am determined to face death with fearless

confidence because I have studied about it in depth and I am no longer ignorant about it anymore. When my father died in 2014, that was enough to drive me study about death. Of course, while as Christians, I know Christ has removed the sting of death and death cannot kill me for eternity-but death still exists. It is still fearfully ugly and repulsive.

I probably will never be able to regard, imagine death to be a loving friend. Nevertheless, one thing I know is that death became my great motivator. When I think about my death, it makes me work very hard. It motivates me to work very hard because I don't want to die full of my potential or pregnant. I want to utilize all my potential that when I die, I die empty.

Whenever and wherever death and dying connects with us, no matter how strong we are prepared for it, it still slides and slithers into our lives and freezes us with fear. Such is the nature of death. Death separates us from familiar people, places and things. We enter into a journey in which there is no hope of a return visit. We cannot write, phone call or come back. We are fearful because the time of death is uncertain.

The Servant Becomes the Master

Through sin, death began to do something that it was not supposed to do. It began to stop man's life. What God

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intended to be a blessing became a curse through man's disobedience. Sin made death go in antithesis. Instead of ministering dying, it is causing kitting.

Killing is death before the completion of purpose. Dying is death after purpose has been fulfilled. Death before the completion of purpose is murder because it stops you from doing all you came to the earth to do. This was not death's original purpose.

God designed death to produce life, not stop it. When sin entered the picture, death lost its purpose. It ceased serving your life and began to rule it. Jesus came to get rid of sin and to deal with the one who is the source of sin.

Sin is everything that separates us from God. It is not so much what we do or do not do, as it is the attitudes of our hearts and our internal rebellion against the will of God. Hence, a person can be morally impressive but still be a sinner.

Sin caused death to go crazy. Consequently, death is now out of location. No longer the termination of an appointment or the fulfillment of time as God designed it to be, death has become a power that frustrates God's purposes for individual people by claiming their lives before they complete, or even find, their purpose.

Death, when it assumes the role of a servant, is really a graduation from this phase of life to the next. It frees us

from time and pushes us into eternity. The death we now know rules instead of serving. Because it is out of position, death has a sting, a power and a victory that were not part of God's plan and purpose.

If your life is terminated before you discover and fulfill your purpose, you are killed. However, if you know your purpose and complete it, you simply die. Everyone who completes his purpose dies with peace and confidence. Paul, the apostle, at his death, confidently stated,

"... I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" 2 Timothy 4:6.

This statement, like Jesus' declarations, "*No one takes it [My life] from Me, I lay it down of My own accord*" (**John 10:18**) and "*It is finished*" (**John 19:30**), indicates the peace that purpose gives in death.

Satan uses death for termination. God intended death for transition and changeover. The gigantic difference between the two is the result of death's change in position from servant to ruler. Although other violations of position may not have as severe a consequence as this, all deviations from God's intended purpose, and the resulting position, bring destruction and pain. They short-change all involved, causing

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either the loss or the deferment of achieving God's desired end. This is a high penalty for the temporary satisfaction that such infractions bring.

Some anonymities about death

The most common denominator of mankind is death. You may never speak to your neighbor in your life timebut they will be at your funeral when you die. Death does not segregate anyone. It doesn't care who you are. Politicians die, Policemen die, Fishermen die, rich people die, poor people die, old people die, young people die, teenagers die, ministers die, presidents

Die. The list is endless. Death is the only guy who does not care who you are.

The greatest equalizer of mankind is death. Don't be jealousy of millionaire because they will die. Money cannot bribe death,

The only thing man cannot stop, avoid postponed or delay, is death. Death is the only guy who does not respect humanity.

Death is the final solution. No matter how people don't like you, you don't need to care because death will get them. As long as you like you. I discovered that the solution to dictatorship and violence is death. Some people just live too

long. In countries where there is violence, death will solve the problem. There are people who are glad in Uganda that Iddi Amin was taken by death. There are people who are very happy in Libya that death took Muammar Gaddafi.

Death is the only appointment every human must keep. Death is the ultimate fear of mankind? You don't have a choice. Death kills all people no matter how old they are. That is why it is very important that, if you are reading this book and you have not established your personal relationship with God, you need to make things right, regardless of how old you are.

The only thing you can do with death is to prepare for it. The only control or solution you have over death is preparation. God had a response to death and his response was to send His son.

“For he sees that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others. 11 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue forever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.” Psalms 49:10-11

Working so hard to get things is useless. Because all these will go to someone else. The tomb shall be your house. You named the street after you, schools after people. Naming something after you does not stop death from getting you.

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Once you are dead, no kind of program can bring you down. The fate of a person who does not trust in God is senseless death. Death can feed on human bodies.

Each grave has a beginning and an ending date inscribed on it with a dash in between. The dates tell of life's beginning and conclusion. The dash also has philosophical meaning. It represents the sum total of the existence of the departed, their biographies, comprising of pains, joys, accomplishments, opportunities used or lost, and most significantly, their preparedness or lack of it for eternity. The beginning date of birth was the entrance into time, a brief interlude out of eternity and the ending date is the exit from time back into eternity. The dash is the opportunity of life.

Stay with me as we explore these anchors about this commodity called life.

Life is finite

Staring at my father's grave yard, I was reminded that life is a finite asset. It is painful to say, but you are gradually wrapping up in life. Like it goes for the cycle of the day, there is a morning, afternoon and night in a commodity called life. You are either in the morning, afternoon, dusk or evening of life. Each life season has its own opportunities that must be maximized or they may be lost forever.

*“¹Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; ²While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: ³In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, ⁴And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; ⁵Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goes to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: ⁶Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. ⁷Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.” **Ecclesiastes 12:1-7***

I want to challenge you reading this book, regardless of how old you are, that you should never live without the constant awareness that your life in its present form will not last forever. Strive and endeavor to make use of every opportunity the season presents in pursuing your purpose before your life's conclusion. One of my best statements about Death is this: “It is Finished” The guy who said those

words was only 33 years old. 33 is not the best old age to die. He had a purpose and once the purpose or assignment was complete, he made such a remarkable statement. He did not die old, but He died empty. I fell in love with that statement.

I am doing what I am doing now because I don't want to die old, but I want to die empty. In fact, when I think about my death, it makes me work very hard to complete my assignment before I go.

Life is succinct (Brief)

Still at my father's grave yard, I discovered that life is so brief. While finitude has to do with the reality that it has an ending, the brevity of life speaks to how short a time it is we have on earth.

"Go to now, ye that say, today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away." **James 4:13-14**

Life is short beloved and it must be put to its intended use. Discover and fulfill your assignment or the original purpose as to why you were created.

Life is measurable

Another lesson or message that the grave yards send to us is the measurability of life. The dates on my father's grave are measurements. They represent time. They encapsulate the seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years that he used on earth.

Measurability is a necessary ingredient for proper planning. It makes it possible to divide life into discrete chunks that can have values, use, goals and results attached to them.

Life must be emptied

My Dad had great plans and ideas that he used to talk to me about. When he died, some of these ideas he used to talk to me about had never left his mind. Staring at his grave yard, I discovered that the wealthiest part is not the oil fields of the Middle East, nor the diamond mines of South Africa, as the Late Dr. Myles says. But it is the graveyard. Munroe said in one of his messages that graveyard is rich because, it is at the graveyard where unused potentials, unfulfilled missions and untapped potentials lie wasted. The graveyard is a place of buried treasure; treasures that can never be utilized Again- Forever gone.

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In view of this, I made a commitment to die empty—that is to leave this world knowing that every purpose is accomplished, every deed of love to change the world poured out on orders; every talent utilized, until I am emptied out. I made a commitment not to contribute to the wealth of the graveyard.

Paul in his last book, written to Timothy, inserted his valedictory;

“For I am already poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:6-8.

Paul died empty. He finished his race, kept that faith and completed his mission. It should be our goals to have such a valedictory of fulfillment at the end of our lives. That is the best legacy one can leave on earth.

Life is non-renewable

The graveyard also speaks of finality. You have only one life. There is no spare one as you would have a spare tire. Life once ended, cannot be relived. It is an opportunity that comes once and never comes again. Granted, there will be a resurrection and a continuation of life in eternity, but that life is going to be based on how well you utilize the opportunity

of the current life.

“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:” Hebrew 9:27

The next life is a reward based on opportunity used now in this life. Your life in the current form is non-renewable. It is like the minutes you subscribe on “Pakalast” or “combo” on Airtel line. You either use them or lose them. Once it is gone, it is gone forever. Therefore, to shun regrets, reject all distractions and focus on discovering and fulfilling your purpose in life. I want to quote my friend and co-author Pr. Rick Warrens in his book; Purpose Driven life. This is what he says as regards to this principle.

This life is not all there is. Life on earth is just the dress rehearsal before the real production. You will spend far more time on the other side of death-in eternity-than you will here. Earth is the staging area, the preschool, the tryout for your life in eternity. It is the practice workout before the actual game; the warm-up lap before the race begins. This life is preparation for the next.

At most, you will live a hundred years on earth, but you will spend forever in eternity. Your time on earth is, as Sir Thomas Browne said, “but a small parenthesis in eternity.” You were made to last forever.

The Bible says, “*God has ... planted eternity in the human*

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heart.” You have an inborn instinct that longs for immortality. This is because God designed you, in his image, to live for eternity. Even though we know everyone eventually dies, death always seems unnatural and unfair. The reason we feel we should live forever is that God wired our brains with that desire!

One day your heart will stop beating. That will be the end of your body and your time on earth, but it will not be the end of you. Your earthly body is just a temporary residence for your spirit. The Bible calls your earthly body a “tent,” but refers to your future body as a “house.” The Bible says, *“When this tent we live in—our body here on earth—is torn down, God will have a house in heaven for us to live in, a home he himself has made, which will last forever.”*

While life on earth offers many choices, eternity offers only two: heaven or hell. Your relationship to God on earth will determine your relationship to him in eternity. If you learn to love and trust God’s Son, Jesus, you will be invited to spend the rest of eternity with him. On the other hand, if you reject his love, forgiveness, and salvation, you will spend eternity apart from God forever.

C. S. Lewis said, “There are two kinds of people: those who say to God ‘Thy will be done’ and those to whom God says, ‘All right then, have it your way’”. Tragically, many people will have to endure eternity without God because they chose to live without him here on earth.

When you fully comprehend that there is more to life than just here and now, and you realize that life is just preparation for eternity, you will begin to live differently. You will start living in light of eternity, and that will color how you handle every relationship, task, and circumstance. Suddenly many activities, goals, and even problems that seemed so important will appear trivial, petty, and unworthy of your attention. The closer you live to God, the smaller everything else appears.

When you live in light of eternity, your values change. You use your time and money more wisely. You place a higher premium on relationships and character instead of fame or wealth or achievements or even fun. Your priorities are reordered. Keeping up with trends, fashions, and popular values just doesn't matter as much anymore. Paul said, "I once thought all these things were so very important, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done."

If your time on earth were all there is to your life, I would suggest you start living it up immediately. You could forget being good and ethical, and you wouldn't have to worry about any consequences of your actions. You could indulge yourself in total self-centeredness because your actions would have no long-term repercussions. But-and this makes all the difference-death is not the end of you! Death is not your termination, but your transition into eternity, so there

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are eternal consequences to everything you do on earth. Every act of our lives strikes some chord that will vibrate in eternity.

The most damaging aspect of contemporary living is short-term thinking. To make the most of your life, you must keep the vision of eternity continually in your mind and the value of it in your heart. There's far more to life than just here and now! Today is the visible tip of the iceberg. Eternity is all the rest you don't see underneath the surface.

What is it going to be like in eternity with God? Frankly, the capacity of our brains cannot handle the wonder and greatness of heaven. It would be like trying to describe the Internet to an ant. It's futile. Words have not been invented that could possibly convey the experience of eternity. The Bible says, *"No mere man has ever seen, heard or even imagined what wonderful things God has ready for those who love the Lord."*

However, God has given us glimpses of eternity in his Word. We know that right now God is preparing an eternal home for us. In heaven we will be reunited with loved ones who are believers, released from all pain and suffering, rewarded for our faithfulness on earth, and reassigned to do work that DAY FOUR: we will enjoy doing. We won't lie around on clouds with halos playing harps! We will enjoy unbroken fellowship with God, and he will enjoy us for an unlimited, endless forever. One day Jesus will say, *"Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom*

prepared for you since the creation of the world.”

C. S. Lewis captured the concept of eternity on the last page of *The Chronicles of Narnia*, his seven-book children’s fiction series: “For us this is the end of all the stories. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world ... had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story, which no one on earth has read, which goes on forever and in which every chapter is better than the one before.”

God has a purpose for your life on earth, but it doesn’t end here. His plan involves far more than the few decades you will spend on this planet. It’s more than “the opportunity of a lifetime”; God offers you an opportunity beyond your lifetime. The Bible says, “[God’s] plans endure forever; his purposes last eternally.”

The only time most people think about eternity is at funerals, and then it’s often shallow, sentimental thinking, based on ignorance. You may feel it’s morbid to think about death, but actually it’s unhealthy to live in denial of death and not consider what is inevitable. Only a fool would go through life unprepared for what we all know will eventually happen. You need to think more about eternity, not less.

Just as the nine months you spent in your mother’s womb were not an end in themselves but preparation for life, so this life is preparation for the next. If you have a relationship

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with God through Jesus, you don't need to fear death. It is the door to eternity. It will be the last hour of your time on earth, but it won't be the last of you. Rather than being the end of your life, it will be your birthday into eternal life. The Bible says, "This world is not our home; we are looking forward to our everlasting home in heaven."

Measured against eternity, our time on earth is just a blink of an eye, but the consequences of it will last forever. The deeds of this life are the destiny of the next. We should be "realizing that every moment we spend in these earthly bodies is time spent away from our eternal home in heaven with Jesus. 'Years ago a popular slogan encouraged people to live each day as "the first day of the rest of your life." Actually, it would be wiser to live each day as if it were the last day of your life. Matthew Henry said, "It ought to be the business of every day to prepare for our final day."

Life is a stewardship

Life is bestowed. It is never self-acquired. Someone gave it to you. The one who gave it to you is the real owner. The ultimate author of your life is God. He created you and gave you the breath of life. So, being the real owner, you owe him allegiance and you are accountable to him on how you utilize His asset.

As I bring this manuscript to an end; I would like to remind you beloved, that your life is not a trial run. God created time and put you in it to fulfill purpose. Every entrance has exit. You don't have forever to do that purpose. I want to challenge you now, regardless of how old you are, you don't need to live without the constant awareness that your life in its present form will not last forever. Strive and endeavor to make use of every opportunity the season presents before your life's conclusion: Beloved, there is nothing about a product that is a mystery to the manufacturer.

The manufacturer has power and control over his product. You are a product and God being the manufacturer, has power and control over you. Only the manufacturer knows the why and how of his product. That is why He can claim perfect relationship with his product. He knows why you are here. If you have never established your relationship with your manufacturer, the time is now my sister, my brother. You could never see tomorrow. Yesterday is in the tomb. Tomorrow is in the womb. This is the day.

Principles

1. The fear of death keeps persons from living, not from dying.
2. Death is "the extinction of vital functions to the point

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where they cannot be renewed.”

3. For man, death is either “the separation of the soul and the spirit from the physical body” or “the separation of man, as an entire entity—body, soul and spirit—from God, his Creator.”
4. Killing is death before the completion of purpose. Dying is death after purpose has been fulfilled.
5. Death, when it assumes the role of a servant, is really a graduation from this phase of life to the next,
6. Life is short beloved and it must be put to its intended use.
7. The graveyard is a place of buried treasure; treasures that can never be utilized Again-Forever gone.
8. God has a purpose for your life on earth, but it doesn’t end here.
9. Life is bestowed. It is never self-acquired. Someone gave it to you.

Receiving The New Birth

If you have not been born again, that is the step you must take before you can become a Kingdom citizen and receive eternal life. This is why Jesus came. He came not only as the one who announced and broadcasted the coming of

the Kingdom, but also as the one through whom we gain entrance to the Kingdom:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

Receiving the new birth is not a difficult process.

1. Acknowledge that you are a sinner in rebellion against God: *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).*
2. Understand that the penalty for sin is eternal death: *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).*
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins so that you might be forgiven: *“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).*
4. Confess your sins to God: *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).* To confess your sins means to agree with God regarding your sins.
5. Repent of your sins: *“Unless you repent, you too will*

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all perish” (Luke 13:3). To repent means to make a clean discontinuity with sin, a 180-degree reversal of direction.

6. Confess Christ as your Savior and Lord and give Him control of your life: *“If you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved” (Romans 10:9-10).*

The secret of conception

Conception is a clandestine process invisible to the naked eye. When you and I were conceived, nobody was watching, probably, except God. In other words, when the process of birth began, it was secret. Jesus said that the new birth is like the wind; no one can see it. Likewise, citizenship is not a visual reality but a disposition.

In **John 3:8** Jesus says,

“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

When you give your life or surrender your life to the King and He gives you a new birth, no one sees that. It may

happen at an altar, on the flight, at home, at school; wherever you receive Christ, the process is invisible. The new birth involves believing, and no one can see you believing. Belief, like conception, is invisible.

Sometimes the new birth is accompanied by a feeling and sometimes it isn't. Everybody is different, so everybody's response to the new birth will be different. Feeling something is not the point. The point is that spiritual conception took place and internal change is in progress and underway. When a woman conceives, her clothes don't change. She doesn't even realize until sometime later, she begins to realize that something is going on.

The same thing happens spiritually. When you are born again, you surrender to Christ. Some weeks later it suddenly dawns on you that you don't enjoy sin anymore. That's change. That is a sign of the new birth. You have been born again. That is why it's impossible now for you to sin and feel the same way about it as you once did.

In fact, sin eventually becomes a trepidation and terror to you. Why? Because that is not your nature anymore. You've been born from above. And your Kingdom citizenship began the moment you were born again.

As I bring this book to an end, I would like to open an altar call for you to re-establish your connection with Jesus Christ. I would like you to understand this truth: Jesus Christ

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cleanses us, the Father forgives us, and the Spirit renews us. The writer of the book of Hebrews wrote, quoting Psalm 95, “As the Holy Spirit says: *“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion”*. In other words, if you hear his voice, if you feel his conviction, if you hear him saying, “It’s time,” then do not harden your heart because there is going to come a day when he will stop calling you. The Scriptures speak about God as longsuffering or patient; it doesn’t say that he is forever-suffering. He will allow foolishness for a long time, but only for so long.

The term apostate refers to someone who has entered a state where he can’t hear the Spirit of God anymore. You don’t want the Holy Spirit to stop convicting you. If the Holy Spirit convicts you about your need to repent, receive forgiveness, and enter the kingdom of God, you should run to him! Why? Because that means you are still in good relationship with him, and he is able to talk to you. Don’t let your pride prevent you from responding because you wonder what people will say. You should rather worry that the Spirit will stop talking!

The Holy Spirit convicts people and enables them to be spiritually reborn.

I hope that you will listen to the most important person from heaven, who is the most important person on earth! He is vastly more important than angels, which many people hope to see. Angels, however, work for the government, but

he is the government.

If you can hear him now say; “Its time”, go ahead and whisper these words to your father in heaven:

Dear everlasting Father, I acknowledge that I am a sinner; I believe that you willingly sent Jesus to take the punishment for my sins on the cross and I call Him (Jesus Christ) to come and be the savior of my life today. Remove my name from the book of death and write my name in the book of life. From today, I promise to walk with you, all the days of my life, until I see your face in paradise. Thank you, Jesus Christ, for the gift of salvation. In Jesus’ name! Amen.

If you confessed these words for the very first time, you have now started a journey of kingdom living. I confessed those words years ago at age twelve and that became a crucial turning point in my life. You can write to us using the address at the back page of this book and let us know about that awesome decision you have made. God bless you! Shalom!

