

Destiny Overview

Acts 13:36

Introduction

Destiny is important. Without a destination in life, a person's life becomes meandering, chaotic, or even aimless. You need purpose so that you are not just alive but fully "living" the life you've been given. Your customized life purpose is that purpose for which God has ordained and equipped you in order to bring Him the greatest glory and expand His kingdom. God has a purpose for which He created people and then saved people that are specific to them.

There is an impact on the world in which you live when you are operating in your purpose. Other people will be influenced and affected for the good when you are operating in your purpose. Just like the terrorist activity in our world today has had a negative impact on the way we live life, when we operate passionately in an area that God has set forth for us, we can have a positive influence on others in the name of God.

It's important to know that God's destiny for you is not only about you. Everything that we experience in time has an impact on eternity. Your focus in this life has to be beyond this life in order for you to walk fully in God's calling for your life. Think big. Don't just focus on time. Always keep eternity in mind. It is so very important to pay attention to how your life will forward ahead that which will be recognized in eternity for how you fulfill your destiny in time.

Getting Started

1. *What has turned out to be some of the biggest decisions of your life? You may not have realized it at the time, but certain choices have changed everything. What have they been?*
2. *When you think about destiny, who is the first person that comes to mind who seems to have a clear understanding of their destiny? What makes you think this?*

Let's Get Personal

1. Destiny is your customized life calling for which God has equipped and ordained you, in order to bring Him the greatest glory and the maximum expansion of His kingdom. How would you summarize this in your own life calling?
2. What words in that definition are most challenging for you to understand? Share them with the group. (Hint: What does "ordained" mean? What about "equipped"?)
3. What are some of the voices that try to define people's destiny for them? How do you identify a trustworthy voice?

Take the Next Step

1. Comment on the following statement: "When you're attached to God, you're attached to something bigger, so that everything God does with, to and through you becomes attractive for His kingdom."
2. Developing our ability to serve God according to the leading of the Holy Spirit takes time and persistence in getting to know our Lord. What are you willing to do to move forward in your calling? (Pray, read God's Word, etc...)
3. Read Psalm 90:12... "Teach us to number our days..." and/or Philippians 2:12-13. How does either of these scriptures speak into your desire to understand more clearly your own destiny?

Renew Your Mind

"So teach us to number our days, that we may present to You a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12
