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This day, this hour, this minute take a look at yourself and ask, “what has brought me here to this point in my life”? So now have you determined the purpose and goal for your life or is it still undefined and you are still wondering what is next? Most of us end up at this point not knowing our purpose and future. Too often this answer is near the end of your life. Unless you have a **purpose** in serving the Lord Jesus the Christ then you know He has determined your future if you are truly a child of God and have given your life to Him. You have to be content in your circumstances by staying focused on Him. That is so refreshing to hear right now as your life is often in contradiction to what God has intended for you which He will fulfill as you persevere. The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will always prosper.

Your **destiny** is everything that happens to you during your life, including what will happen in the future, especially when it is considered to be controlled by someone or something else. You are a master of your own **destiny**. **Purpose** is the key to life; without it life has no meaning. **Destiny**, on the other hand, is what we are ordained to be in life. **Fate** is what puts opportunities in front of you, but your **destiny** is ultimately determined by your decisions. For instance, if you go to a party and meet the perfect guy that was **fate**. But what you do about it is your **destiny**. Psalm 57:2 says, *“I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me.”* This is key in understanding God's purpose for your life. God has numbered your days and will fulfill every purpose He has for you. However, your choices and actions also really matter. You must be obedient and think on things that are honest and true, follow God's Word and grab onto His robe tails. Ask God questions and for clarity when you pray. Everything the Lord has is yours if you just ask, claiming it, believing in Him, and it can be given to you. In caution do not try to manipulate God for your purpose as He is the all-knowing God and easily sees your transgressions. Move in Gods Will and you will not fail. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

God holds the key to your **destiny**. He has a plan and **destiny** for you that proclaims His Will and Way for your life. When God's **destiny** for you is underway the devil cannot defeat you. Romans 8:29-30 states that *“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified”*. Or Ephesians 5 and 11 says *“He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will”*, and *“also we have obtained an inheritance having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will”*. You do not have to have specialized education as you can always earn your master's degree from the Master by serving Him and His purposes.

There are some days that you can feel lost, anxious, depressed but this can be usually traced to where you are focused. Life is full of trials, tribulations, and crisis. Routine and habit can be your enemies as they make you lose your focus on Him who has a focus on the course of events controlled by His power, a power that is in control of your future. The Christian view of **destiny** believes there is a place for the sovereign Will of God, but also, there is a place for man's personal choice. For you to fulfil your **destiny**, you must make the right decisions and choices. God's original **plan/destiny** for the Israelites was that they would continually dwell in the land he gave their ancestors, a land flowing with milk and honey. But every time they sinned and went whoring after other gods, God changed their **destiny**. Just as you see in the above Bible description God amended their **destiny**. Don't believe the lie that Satan tells you that your present status is your **destiny**. It is not true. It can be changed as God's plan is in force. Your divine **destiny**, your potential when you partner with God, is made possible through His plan of happiness. Understanding

Heavenly Father's plan for your happiness will allow you to recognize your eternal identity and purpose. And choosing to make and keep covenants with God will allow you to achieve that purpose.

Ephesians 1:11 indicates that "*also we have obtained an inheritance having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His Will*". An example of God's **destiny** is described in Genesis 24 where Abraham at an advanced age and father of Isaac, knew from the visit of angels that his **destiny** given by God was to be the father of Nations more than the stars in the sky or sands on the beach. His son Isaac birthed supernaturally from Sarah was not yet married to carry on Abrahams **destiny**, so he sent his trusted servant to his brothers household in a distant land with specific instructions in identifying a future bride for Isaac. In all the verses of Genesis 24, there came about the identification of Rebekah who became the wife of Isaac who birthed Jacob and fulfilled Abrahams **destiny**.

If you are waddling in the unknown and uncertainty of your **destiny**, latch onto God and find out where you can end up to fulfill His purpose for your life. Use Hebrews 12:1-3 as your motivation "*Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart*