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# DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY

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## DISCOVERING YOUR KINGDOM ASSIGNMENT

### Your Assignment

**INTRODUCTION:** Paul said, *“I have finished the course, kept the faith...”* Jesus said, *“It is finished”* and He closed his kingdom assignment on earth. Your and I will fulfill our destiny. It is based on the sovereignty of God and His PURPOSE for you and planet earth! He has linked you with time and space to fill our vital part in His kingdom. You will “live and not die” before your time. You are a child of destiny and purpose.

#### I. YOUR ASSIGNMENT IS \_\_\_\_\_ OF YOU

A. God’s providential plan. Jeremiah 1:5 *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”*  
***Bless the Lord, O my soul!***

Psalms 104:1-3 *“Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty, Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain. He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind.”*

Providence – God has laid out the path of your life with precision and wisdom. Providing everything you need of people, resources and time for you to fulfill your destiny!

B. God’s proven plan. Death cannot touch you! Satan cannot stop you! Sin cannot hinder you! God has already proven His faithfulness to you! *“Faithful is He who called you, who will also perform it”*.

- God has assigned angels around you.
- God has empowered you with His word and His Spirit!

#### II. YOUR ASSIGNMENT \_\_\_\_\_ YOU

A. Your significance

- Is found in your gifts. Discover your mountain! Declare your mountain! Possess your mountain!
- Is found in your calling. Romans 1:1 *“Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle,*

***separated to the gospel of God.”***

Fill in your blank \_\_\_\_\_ called to be a \_\_\_\_\_

B. Your competence. Found in your equipping

- Is found in your spirit of excellence!
- Is Found in your attitude of

C. Your belongingness. 26 times Paul declares you are “In Christ” in Ephesians! Ephesians 2:19 *“Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”*

#### III. YOUR ASSIGNMENT \_\_\_\_\_ YOU

A. Your assignment releases FAITH - Sees it completed! “Substance of things hoped for”

B. Your assignment releases LOVE - Sees it protected! “Love is eternal”

C. Your assignment releases JOY - Sees it strengthened! “Joy of the Lord is your strength”

II Timothy 4:6-8 *“For I am already being 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. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”*

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## THE GREAT DISCOVERY

### Discovering Your Identity

**INTRODUCTION:** One of the greatest discoveries you will ever make is who you are in Christ. What are some declarations Jesus makes over us? To begin this study, let's make some of these over our lives. Our mouths have the power to release these blessings... by faith!

I am the presence of Jesus on Earth! I John 4:17 ***"As He is, so are we in this world"***.

I am the righteousness of Christ manifest! Phil. 1:11 ***"Filled with the fruit of righteousness by Jesus Christ"***.

I reign through His righteousness in me! Rom. 5:17 ***"Who receive the gift of righteousness will reign in life"***

I have the peace of God ruling my heart! Col. 3:15 ***"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts"***

I give God pleasure in my prosperity! Psa. 35:27 ***"Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His saints"***

I am a witness to the world through His name! Deut. 28:10 ***"The earth sees you are called by His name"***

I am Holy and perfect in His sight! Col. 1:22 ***"To present you holy & blameless in His sight"***

I am the inheritance of Christ! Eph. 1:11 ***"Obtained an inheritance according to His purpose"***

These are just a few of the self-declarations we can make. Search out the word and discover who you really are! Make these declarations daily. In your own words and through the Word of God.

#### I. UNDERSTANDING MY NATURAL ABILITIES

A. Formed for His purpose. Psa. 139:13-14 ***"For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."***

B. Formed for His pleasure. When you discover your destiny you give God pleasure.

1. Once you have identified your destiny, you must invest in it.

2. We are the most fruitful where we are gifted. Finances follow your purpose.

#### II. UNDERSTANDING MY SPIRITUAL POSSIBILITIES

A. Through my calling. Discover it... declare it

1. Stay in your calling... 1 Cor. 7:20 ***"Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called."***

2. You will never lose your calling. Romans 11:29 ***"For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable"***

3. Your calling demonstrates His grace. 1 Corinthians 1:26 ***"For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty."***

4. Your hope is in you calling. Ephesians 1:18 ***"the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling."***

5. Walk worthy of you calling. Ephesians 4:1 ***"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called."***

B. Through my gifting. Charismatics... "Charis" Grace extenders. We extend God's grace through our gifts.

#### III. UNDERSTANDING MY ETERNAL REALITIES

A. Our works define us. Matthew 16:27 ***"For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works."***

B. His work empowers us. Colossians 1:29 ***"To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily."***

C. Based on His finished work for us. Eph. 2:10 ***"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."***

## 5 Kingdom Keys to Increase Your Potential

### Victory List

1. *Clear your world of bitterness & unforgiveness*
  - Don't be controlled by others (the person you fail to forgive controls you)
  - Don't let condemnation cloud your heart and mind**Action Plan – Make a list of everyone that has hurt you and burn it!**
  
2. *Clean your mind of past failures*
  - Failure is your friend... (Now you know how not to do it the next time)**Action Plan - Write down all past failures and take them to your backyard and bury them!**
  
3. *Claim your future through right decrees and declarations*  
**Action Plan – Make a list of 30 decrees over your life and declare one each day!**  
(Put them on 3/5 cards and carry them through the day)
  
4. *Cause your heart to be fixed on God's kingdom*  
**Action Plan – Meditate on a kingdom principle or promise each day... for all day!**  
(Start with the beatitudes.... They are yours!)
  
5. *Create your dreams by writing them down* (you can only claim what you can see)  
If you can see it ,you can believe it; if you can believe it you can have it!  
**Action Plan – Start a personal journal and record God's goodness and favor each day!**

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## DISCOVER YOUR KINGDOM PURPOSE

### Why Am I Here?

**INTRODUCTION:** Chip Ingram “**Our purpose is to fulfill Jesus’ mission in our unique sphere of influence and in this unique time in history**”. Discovering one’s purpose in life is the foundation of our fulfillment. Webster defines purpose as: something that had been made with a design or use. The action of purpose is to live life “intentionally”. We cannot just “live and let live”. Many people just coast through life. They see themselves as victims not victors. What are the kingdom characteristics of people who live on PURPOSE?

- I. **THEY DISCOVER** \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Place of power and strength. (But you must learn to access it)  
Ephesians 3:16 “**That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man.**”
  - B. Place of daily renewal. II Corinthians 4:16 “**Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.**”
  - C. Place of knowing God’s thoughts. I Corinthians 2:11 “**For who knows a person’s thoughts**

**except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.”**

**ACTION PLAN: What can I do daily to access and move in my spirit (inner) man?**

## **II. THEY DISCOVER**

A. Kingdom of God comes by revelation. Flesh and blood has not revealed this, but my Spirit.

**The kingdom of God comes not with observation, it is within you**

Luke 17:20-21 **“Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”**

B. Kingdom comes by declaration. Jesus prayed, **“For Thine is the kingdom, Thine is the power, Thine is the Glory, forever and ever!”**

C. Kingdom grows by manifestation. When you see it, embrace it! God’s kingdom is all around you as well as inside you. Praise and worship embraces it. Laying on of hands releases it. Prayer unveils it.

**ACTION PLAN: What do I do daily to discover and seek God’s kingdom?**

## **III. THEY DISCOVER**

Isaiah 45:18 **“For thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited “I am the Lord, and there is no other.”**

**Adopt a kingdom world view.** The kingdom of God is the ruler ship of Jesus Christ, the King, over all spheres of our culture. The kingdom of God is the final gospel of triumphing over all evil. It is the ever increasing government of heaven over earth through the manifestation of God’s people who have learned to operate under Christ’s authority.

1. The earth is a permanent creation. (recreated at the coming of Christ)

2. Dominion over the earth is through a systematic increasing government of Christ by His overcoming saints. (Satan has no organized unified kingdom, but a random rule of chaos through subjected victims)

3. The end-time manifestation of Sons and Daughters will come through increased end-time revelation.

4. The righteousness of the Kingdom of God brings blessings upon the just and the unjust. (It rains on both)

5. God’s kingdom on earth is a transference of the kingdom in heaven to earth through revelation, prayer, angels, declarations, released faith and the operation of men and women of authority.

**ACTION PLAN: Make and list or all kingdom of God scriptures and study them.**

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## DISCOVER YOUR GIFTS

### Empower Your Life

**INTRODUCTION:** The gifts of the Holy Spirit are direct downloads of heaven to earth. The gift of God’s own Son, Jesus Christ, is the first manifestation followed by the Holy Spirit Himself. Jesus said, “I will not leave you comfortless.” John 14:26 **“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”** These came in the form of gifts of the Holy Spirit. Discovering your gifts is one of the most exciting adventures of your new life in Christ.

We will study three different elements of Christ’s gifts to us: Motivational gifts, Manifestation gifts, Ministry gifts. But first we must understand how the body of Christ works today. Jesus Christ is on earth as a living, moving-, empowered body transitioning the power of God to earth through gifts given right from God’s throne room. Gifts comes from the extended grace of God. “Charis” means grace... “charismata” – extended grace!

**Purpose:** That the world may experience the manifest grace of God through the gifts of the believer. I Peter 4:8 **“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”** (Manifold means “multi-colored)

**I. HOW WE \_\_\_\_\_ TO EACH OTHER**

A. We share the same confession. **“Jesus Is Lord”** Gentiles who formerly worshiped idols were cursing Jesus.

**Principle. It takes the power of the Holy Spirit’s revelation to show Jesus Christ as Lord to your life!**

B. We share the same body. Unity with diversity

1. Holy Spirit distributes the gifts. **“Diversity of gifts, but the same body.”** v-4

2. Jesus administrates the gifts **“Differences of ministries, but the same Lord.”** v-5

3. Father empowers gifts. **“Diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all”** v-6

**II. HOW WE \_\_\_\_\_ EACH OTHER**

A. The body functions in harmony. **“Eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you.’”** V-20

B. The body functions in necessity. **“Those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.”**

C. The body functions in unity. **“That there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.”** V-25

**III. HOW WE \_\_\_\_\_ EACH OTHER**

A. If you suffer, I suffer with you. **“If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it.”** v—26

1. We affect others by our words Colossians 4:6 **“Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”**

2. We affect others by our actions. Matthew 5:13 **“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men**

B. If you are honored, I am honored with you. **“If one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.”**

II Thessalonians 1:22-23 **“Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”**

We will be studying the three different categories of gifts Paul teaches us in I Corinthians:

**1. MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS** – Romans 12 (7 motivations that drive our lives)

**2. MANIFESTATION GIFTS** – I Corinthians 12 (9 manifestations that empower our lives.)

**3. MINISTRY GIFTS** - Ephesians 4 (5-fold gifts that administrate our lives)

\*TS 13 Spiritual Gifts Inventory is found separately below worksheets.

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## MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS

### Discover Your Gifts

**INTRODUCTION:** Romans 12 reveals the 7 motivational gifts and how you fit into the body of Christ. God has placed within you certain desires and ways of seeing your world. These are your spiritual glasses you wear and the way you see the work of God. Our tendency is to want others to see the same way, but that is not the way God has made them. Your motivational gift is inherently even you at birth, but should be empowered by the Holy Spirit to meet the needs of others. It is important for you to understand your particular place in the body of Christ and how you can best be used by God.

## I. YOUR SPIRITUAL \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Presenting your body - Your body is the first manifestation of God's presence on earth. You are God's temple "dwelling place" and others will see God's grace in your life. God calls it "Your reasonable service".
- B. Proving God's will - God's standards not the worlds standard. **"Be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind"** to prove God's perfect will for your life.

## II. YOUR SPIRITUAL \_\_\_\_\_ (motivational gift)

- A. What does the body of Christ look like? **"For as we have many members in one body, but all the member do not have the same function, so we being many, are one in Christ, and individually members of one another"** v - 4
  1. Given by grace - operated in humility **"Not to think more highly of himself"**. V - 3
  2. Measured by one's faith - **"As God has dealt to each one a measure of faith"**. V - 3
- B. What are the 7 motivational gifts? **"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them."** v 6
  1. Prophecy - Proclaimers of truth. Usually see life in black and white
  2. Serving - Practical ways of meeting the needs of others
  3. Teaching - Systematic ways of revealing truth to others
  4. Exhortation - Paraclete "One who goes along side to help" Encouraging others.
  5. giving - Using your resources to meet the needs of others
  6. Administration - organizing and leading others to a specific goal
  7. Mercy - Empathizing with others through deeper understanding of their feelings  
Use illustration of the birthday social at the church. Mary drops the birthday cake and it lands upside down. How would you respond?

## III. YOUR SPIRITUAL \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Operate your gifts with LOVE
  1. Love with simplicity and hate evil
  2. Love by preferring others
  3. Love consistently through times of tribulation with prayer
- B. Overcome evil with good **"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink;; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."** V 20 - 21

## Discovering Your Motivational Gift

What are the gifts?

Examples – Romans 12

1. Prophet – Receives & the communicates God's will.
2. Server – Practical ways to serve with the Love of Christ
3. Teacher – Researches and communicates truth
4. Exhorter – Encourages others to victory
5. Giver – Gives time, talent and resources for kingdom
6. Leader – Co-ordinator, facilitator, organizer
7. Carer – Cares for those in need shows compassion

### 1. Prophet – receives and communicates God's will.

Eye of the body: Sees black and white

- discerns people's motives

Life solution: everyone repent

Examples: John the Baptist, Agabus, Philip's daughters, John, (Revelation)

### 2. Server – Always giving themselves.

Hands of the body: Sees practical needs

- works in the background  
Life solution: everyone serve everybody

Examples: Martha, Joseph of Arimathea, Philip (the deacon), Onesimus (served Paul)

**3.. Teacher – wants truth communicated clearly.**

Mind of the body: Sees systematic revelation.  
- Little emotion, more objective / not subjective  
Life solution: greater understanding God's word

Example: Luke

**4. Exhorter – Moving people to action passionately**

Mouth of the body: usually eloquent speakers  
- Come along side you to encourage you.  
Life solution: Committing your life to Christ

Examples: Barnabas encouraged Paul, Peter went to Cornelius when he needed help.

**5. Giver – Meeting needs through giving**

Arms of the body: Quick to respond to needs  
- More spontaneous than structured.  
Life solution: Giving is solution to life's problems

Examples: Lydia, Zacchaeus, Mary of Bethany, Cornelius

**6. Leader – Organizing and facilitating**

Head of the body: visionary goal setters  
- Strategists focusing on primary goal.  
Life solution: Get everyone working together

Examples: Centurion, James brother of Jesus, Paul

**7. Carer – showing love and compassion**

Heart of the body: Cares about other's feelings  
- Weep with those that weep.  
Life solution: Let's care more about people's feelings

Examples: Good Samaritan, Mary Magdalene, John, Mary (mother of Jesus)

## **Applying Your Gift**

**It's Party Time** - Mary Drops the Cake Story - How the different gifts respond

Prophet – "That's what happens when your not careful"

Server – "Stand back, I'll clean up the cake"

Teacher – "Mary let me explain about gravity"

Exhorter – "Let someone help you carry the cake"

Giver – "I'll be right back with another cake"

Leader – "Mary get the mop, Sue make another cake"

Carer – "Oh Mary, I feel so bad for you are you OK?"

**Hospital Visit** - John's Sick Story - How the different gifts respond



Prophet – “What’s God saying through this sickness?”

Server – “I fed the dog, brought in your mail”

Teacher – “I’ve been researching about your illness”

Exhorter – “This is a great time to grow in your faith”

Giver – “Can I get you your favorite lemon cake?”

Leader – “Don’t worry about anything I’ve assigned your work at church”

Carer – “I was so upset when I heard you were sick”

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## MANIFESTATION GIFTS

### 9 Gifts of Holy Spirit

**INTRODUCTION:** The Holy Spirit desires to empower us to meet the needs of others through supernatural gifts. These 9 gifts demonstrate God’s love beyond the natural. They manifest God’s intervention on earth and are given to all believers who desire them. They are individually manifest as God chooses. I Corinthians 12:11 **“But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”** We are not containers of these gifts but like a facet the water pours through us as needs arise for the gifts to manifest. What are these 9 gifts? 1 Corinthians 12: 7-10

**1. GIFT OF WISDOM.** This gift applies knowledge and understanding to life. It interprets circumstances through revelation. God instructs us to pray for wisdom. **“If any man lacks wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all men liberally.”** James 1:5

**2. GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE.** This is specific understanding that comes from God. It is a “inner knowing” a “witness” inside of you beyond your own understanding. It can be as simple as finding something you lost to revelation about someone’s life that can only be known through God’s understanding. Jesus used this gift with the woman at the well. Luke 8:10 To you it has been given to know the **mysteries** of the kingdom of God

**3. GIFT OF FAITH.** We have all be given a measure of faith to just to believe in Christ. Sometimes supernatural faith is imparted to us for an individual circumstance beyond our own measure. Peter experienced this when he walked on water. Matthew 14:29 **So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.**

**4. GIFTS OF HEALINGS.** Each healing is an individual gift from God. No one contains a gift of healing. When supernatural healing power is needed, God will give us this gift. James 5:15 **“And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”**

**5. GIFT OF MIRACLES.** Gods supernatural intervention in the natural world. God transcends natural laws by demonstrating His ability. Acts 8:39 **“Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.”** Water to wine, crossing of Red Sea, Daniel in lions den.

**6. GIFT OF PROPHECY.** Holy Spirit give you a direct, clear word for someone else. Usually for edification and comfort. I Cor. 14:4 **“But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.”** Paul Singled it out as one of the most important. I Cor. 14:1 **“Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.”**

**7. GIFT OF DISCERNING OF SPIRITS.** Added: Able to tell the spirit behind an activity, whether it is of God, the devil or from human spirit.

**8. GIFT OF TONGUES.** There are three kinds of tongues. 1. Real language of another person. 2. Spiritual language in private intercession with God. I Cor. 14:2 “Mysteries”. 3. Public tongues and always with interpretation. I Cor. 14:27 **“If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret”.**

**9. GIFT OF INTERPRETATION.** God gives this gift on two levels. When you personally pray in tongues, ask God for the interpretation. When I a public service, all tongues, if from God, must have an interpreter. I Cor. 14:27 **“Let one interpret”.**

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## MINISTRY GIFTS

### 5-Fold Giftings of Christ's Headship

**INTRODUCTION:** Under the restoration of all things spoken by Paul in Romans 8, we have the final restoration of Christ's authority on earth through the administration of the 5-fold ministries. What is their main purpose? That He might fill all things. Eph. 4:9 **“That He might fill all things”** The final fulfillment of Christ's purpose for this age is to equip and prepare the bride for ruler ship. Secondly that we might come into the unity of the Faith. Eph. 4:11-13 **“Till we all come to the unity of the faith, to the full measure of the stature of Christ.”** The 5-fold ministries bring balance to the body of Christ. The three pictures of the church. The **bride** for INTIMACY, the **body** for FUNCTIONALITY, the **building** for STRUCTURE.

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ FOR UNITY

A. Our right attitude. “Lowliness, gentleness, longsuffering, love, endeavoring to keep the unity.. in peace”

B. Our right relationship. “one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.” He is above all, through all, and in you all.

C. Our right authority. He descended and then ascended and SAT DOWN!

#### II. \_\_\_\_\_ OF UNITY

A. Gifts of authority – They represent Jesus heavenly authority on earth.

1. Jesus the apostle (Heb 3:1) **“Consider Jesus the apostle and high priest of our confession”**

2. Jesus the prophet (Luke 24:19) **“Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word”**

3. Jesus the evangelist (Luke 20:1) **“as He taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel.”**

4. Jesus the pastor (1 Peter 5:4) **“when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory”**

5. Jesus the teacher (John 3:5) **“Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God”**

B. Gifts of ability

1. Apostles Govern

2. Prophets Guide

3. Evangelists Gather

4. Pastors Guard

5. Teachers Ground

C. Gifts of administration – This is the building God is building. Foundation is apostles & prophets, Christ chief cornerstone. The walls are teachers, the roof pastors, the gatherers evangelists.

### III. \_\_\_\_\_ OF UNITY

- A. Equip the Saints – to do the work of the ministry
  - 1. Unity of the Faith message. Power of doctrine
  - 2. Knowledge of Son of God. Ultimate purpose of message bring Christ to our minds and lives - Goal “Fullness of Christ”
  - 3. Protection and discernment - From winds of doctrines - From lies and deceitful teachings.
- B. Edifying the Saints – to live the full measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.
  - 1. Inspire us to live harmony v- 29 **“but what is good for necessary edification, to impart grace”**
  - 2. Inspiring us to live in LOVE!

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## STORIES OF DESTINY

### Three Men Who Fulfilled Their Destiny And Accomplished Their Purpose

**INTRODUCTION:** The Bible is the greatest story book of the ages. Jesus used stories to communicate the kingdom. The account of men and women who fulfilled their destiny abound. Let us look at some of the account of those who God used as examples of faith and victory. These great stories are pattern for us and witnesses of God’s faithfulness. Isaiah 46:9-10 **“Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure.’”**

### I. GREAT \_\_\_\_\_ OF VICTORIES -

- A. Josiah the boy king - “Israel’s Last Great King” Was only 8 years old. King of two southern tribes. At age 15 he began seeking God. Studied David, Hezekiah and Jehoshaphat’s rule.
  - 1. Employed three men to restore the temple. They discovered “Books of Law of Moses”
  - 2. Has it read to him... tears his clothing... repents for Israel. God brings revival to the land as he faithfully restores the law and the temple.
  - 3. God promised delayed judgment... **“you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place and its inhabitants.”** II Chronicles 34:28
- B. Hezekiah – life extended
  - 1. Son of wicked king Ahaz. Reigned over southern kingdom 29 years from 726 to 697 BC
  - 2. Was more zealous for the Lord than any of his predecessors (II Kings 18:5) Two prophets also during his reign.. Isaiah & Micah ministered in Judah
  - 3. Cleaned house after Ahaz’s reign. Pagan altars, idols and temples destroyed.
  - 4. Reopened the Temple in Jerusalem (his father closed) His testimony: **“And the Lord was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook”.** II Kings 18:6-7
  - 5. Great Victory – Assyrian army of great numbers came against him. He prayed **“Now,**

**Lord our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone, Lord, are God”.**

II Kings 19:19 An angel came that night and killed 185,000 soldiers. **“That night the angel of the Lord went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning—there were all the dead bodies!”** 2 Kings 19:35

6. Life Extended. God sick, Isaiah said prepare to die. But Hezekiah prayed and God extended his life 15 yrs.

C. Jonah – Reluctant evangelist

1. Jonah’s commission. Go to Nineveh. Jonah went to Tarshish... opposite direction

2. Jonah’s rebellion. Jonah 1:10 **“Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, “Why have you done this?” For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the Lord.”**

3. Jonah’s intercession (from the belly of the whale) **“I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, and he answered me.”** 2:1

4. Jonah’s Second commission. **“Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time”.**

**II. GREAT \_\_\_\_\_ WE CAN LEARN**

A. Lesson of God’s great compassion

B. Lesson of God’s divine purpose – He will accomplish His will

C. Lesson of Human weakness & God’s great strength

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DESTINY OF THE NATIONS

**Divine Purpose For Each Nation**

**INTRODUCTION:** God has a divine purpose for each nation. Psalm 33:12 **Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.** Genesis 12:3 **“I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”** Galatians 3:8 **“Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: All nations will be blessed through you.”**

**I. \_\_\_\_\_ OF A NATION**

A. A covenant people – Israel was simply chosen by God. Were to be a people who demonstrated His glory.

B. A blessed people – Blessing of Abraham Deuteronomy 26:19 **“And that He will set you high above all nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the Lord your God, just as He has spoken.”**

C. A destined people – Israel called, rejected & restored. Study Romans 9,10 & 11

**II. \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE NATIONS**

A. Mighty nations that came against Israel

1. Egyptian empire – Mighty in power, glory in splendor

2. Babylonian empire – Blessed by the Jewish remnant leaders like Daniel.

3. Medo – Persian empire – The Assyrians came out of the Persian empire
  4. Roman empire – Destroyed by moral decay and persecution of Israel.
  5. German empire – under Hitler nations destroyed. Today Germany reluctantly supports Israel.
- B. Mighty nations that bless Israel today
1. America – Haven for Israel in the past – a place of blessing refuge for the Jews
  2. Noted nations today are South Korea, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Nepal.

### III. \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE NATIONS

A. A call to the kingdom – kingdom alignment is the call for this hour. It is the gospel of the kingdom of God that is the call for end-time purpose. Matthew 24:14 **“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”**

B. Israel’s part in the end-time purpose.

Some modern Bible scholars say that the ancient promise to Abraham of blessing and cursing is not primarily for today. That Israel’s rejection of her Messiah and the gospel going to the Gentiles changed that. But God still promised a restoration of Israel at the end of the age. Romans 11:25-26 **“I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: “The deliverer will come from Zion; He will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”**

1. Jesus shall reign from Jerusalem.

Joel 3:16 **“The Lord also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the Lord will be a shelter for His people.”**

Joel 3:20 **“But Judah shall abide forever, And Jerusalem from generation to generation”.**

2. Israel transition during the tribulation.

Revelation 7:13-14 **Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?” And I said to him, “Sir,<sup>[b]</sup> you know.” So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

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## FULFILL YOUR DESTINY

### Paul’s Final Words

**INTRODUCTION:** Let’s look at one of our great examples of a man of destiny, fulfilling his purpose on earth. His final words. Paul had been arrested a second time. Was sitting in a cold prison and needed his cloak. - **“Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas.”** (II Tim 4:13) It was his last request...**“bring me my parchments”... “Come before winter”.** Paul reveals to us the most important things at the end of our earthly journey.

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ CHARGE (MILITARY TERM)

A. Preach the word – too many teach about the word, or from the word.... But TEACH THE WORD. II Timothy 4:2 **“Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.”**

1. Be ready in and out of season – Understand life has seasons... don’t operate on emotions but destiny
2. Be consistent with sound doctrine – Measure all your life by God’s standards

“Sound Doctrine” produces a “Sound Life”. What is the definition of sound? “healthy, robust, strong, secure or balanced”.

- B. Pass on the word **“Commit thou to faithful men, that which you have received”** II Tim. 2:2

II. \_\_\_\_\_ **YOUR MINISTRY**

A. I am ready to go "Departure is at hand" - literally setting sail

B. I have fought a good fight. II Tim. 2:3 **"Therefore endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."**

- Lead a disciplined life

- Lead a disentangled life II Tim. 2:4 **"No one who wars entangles himself with the affairs of this life."**

C. I have finished my race. Hebrews 12:1 **"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."**

D. I have kept the faith.

III. \_\_\_\_\_ **WITH FAITHFUL COMPANIONS**

A. Luke is with me. Jesus said, **"You are either for me or against me."**

B. Mark I want to see again Acts 15:37 Paul was willing to forgive and forget. Mark had not been faithful to Paul before, but now Paul wants to see him again.

C. Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus, Crescens in Galatia, Titus in Dalmatia, Erastus stayed in Corinth, Trophimus I left in Miletus sick.

IV. \_\_\_\_\_ **OF CHRIST**

II Timothy 4:17 **"But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me..."**

A. Helped me fulfill my calling to the Gentiles

B. Delivered me from the mouth of Lions.

C. Preserved me for His Kingdom – Give glory to God!

II Timothy 4:8 **"Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."**