

GOD SPEAKS: DESTINY ACTION PLAN



YOUNG WARRIORS

God Speaks

Destiny Action Plan

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Dedicated to the Holy Spirit.

*Always faithful, always
reliable, always available.*

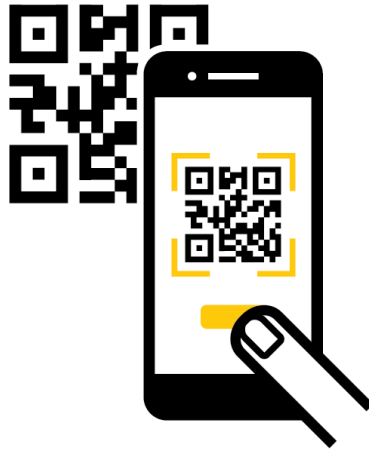
*But so often misunderstood
and rarely engaged.*

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Section 1

Discovery

Prepare for a radical shift. The Bible has been regarded as a dry book full of rules and regulations. Approaching it has been seen as a chore requiring discipline.

Now more than ever, you must recognize your unique purpose in the kingdom, the need for a vision for your life, and the need to understand the empowerment God provides.

Beginning to recognize the Bible as specific communication, direction, and empowerment from the Holy Spirit directly to you changes the paradigm. Excitement builds when we realize what God has for us, leading to the expectation of more.

So come prepared to connect with the Living God, knowing that everything He reveals is for your edification, empowerment, and advancement.

It is all waiting...

God designed a plan for you before the
foundation of the earth.
And it is waiting for your discovery.



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The Great Disconnect

The great disconnect, the faith that God is. But the difficulty in feeling connected to Him.

The desire to find His will. His direction & vision. But there is confusion in discerning what is really from Him.

God desires to communicate directly with each of us, beginning the journey of a deeper, more profound relationship with Him.

The Holy Spirit's primary role is to guide us into all truth. He brings revelation, direction, and understanding.

Let's focus on the ability to recognize the Holy Spirit speaking through the Bible. Just as crucial as recognizing His leading is understanding what to do with it.

Don't be intimidated. You will find the Bible as approachable as you need it but as deep as you are willing to go. And you will begin to see the Holy Spirit getting your attention, bringing revelation and even empowerment.

Approach it with confidence and expectation. Watch God begin to speak meaningfully and realize that God has direction, purpose, and so much more for you.

Journey of Discovery

“My sheep know My voice...”

People everywhere desire to know God more, to know God's will. However, the most common frustration is the inability to recognize God's direction.

The ability to recognize God's leading and His voice is an absolute necessity. Without it, you can never reach your fullest potential or achieve your greatest success.

But that ability can seem out of reach. Many struggle with the idea that they either can't hear God or are unsure of His voice or leading. It can seem like something for only a select few.

Without His leading, the results are often frustrating. You try to work it out yourself and understand what God has for you. You evaluate God's will by the circumstances.

In doing so, we miss much of what God has.

God speaks in a myriad of ways, but the most consistent and reliable is through His word, the Bible. But the Bible is more than just a general message for His people.

You will see that God communicates directly, intimately, and specifically to you. You will begin to recognize the Holy Spirit's leading.

Through His word, you will begin to receive vision and empowerment, direction for navigating life, identity, purpose, and, yes, even correction – all coming from His profound love.

You will also realize that when the Holy Spirit gives you a passage, it is both a gift and a responsibility. Does it sound too good to be true? Just move forward in faith and watch God communicate in an entirely recognizable way.

John 10.27

Deception: God is not unapproachable. Nor is He reluctant to reveal Himself. Doubt only leads to confusion and second-guessing.

Authentic: It isn't that God doesn't speak, but we must learn to recognize His voice.

God Speaks

*“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God,
these are sons of God.”*

What if you could recognize God communicating and gain a profound revelation of who He is in the process. Begin to glimpse the unfathomable, profound love that He has.

Watch the revelation of that love transform every aspect of our lives and empower us to fulfill our life mission – the unique purpose He designed for you... before the foundation of the earth.

Watch your confidence and boldness grow. Begin to have a greater vision, and as you live it out, find deeper satisfaction than ever.

God isn't reluctant to speak. His leading isn't for a select few. The struggle is entirely ours.

The Bible is as approachable as we need it to be and as deep as we are willing to go. It is a never-ending journey of exploration and discovery. It is a living, breathing communication directly from the Holy Spirit to us.

But does approaching the Bible seem dry? Even boring?

The most common approach is some version of a goal-based system, such as reading the Bible in a year or reading a certain number of pages or chapters daily.

Often, the result is less feeling connected to God and more like a textbook experience. Trying to power through and see what you learn quickly becomes a chore.

Rather than a goal of gaining a certain amount of knowledge and trying to grasp understanding, shouldn't it be exciting? Gaining revelation instead of just knowledge?

Recognizing that Jesus literally is the word of God. And He has a powerful, individual message for each of us.

To be led by the Spirit literally means He takes us by the hand, leads us, and continues leading us. So why not try a new approach and allow the Holy Spirit to take us by the hand?

Romans 8.14

Deception: Does the idea of hearing from God seem entirely unrealistic?

Authentic: The Holy Spirit wants to be your personal guide and administrator of God's riches. The Bible becomes increasingly exciting as you realize everything He has promised you.

The Invitation

*"Call upon Me, and I will show you
great and mighty things"*

Everything God does and offers is an invitation. To receive from Him always requires a response from us to that invitation.

Just as God's continual offer of a relationship with Him awaits our acceptance, all His promises and benefits await us.

God has a powerful, unique plan for each of His people and desires to reveal it. It waits for our initiative to approach Him for it.

There is no need to stumble blindly through life. Trying to reason things out. Frustrated by detours and dead ends.

God specifically challenges us to call upon Him, and His promise is to reveal great and mighty things that we don't know.

The invitation is there and requires your response. So, begin your approach by requesting that God reveal His plan and His purposes for you through His word.

And faith requires the expectation of fulfillment. The first step is to ask and then expect God to speak as you approach His word.

Jeremiah 33.3

Deception: God's purposes and plans are unknowable. You must work it out yourself.

Authentic: God desires to speak directly and uniquely to you. If you will just accept His invitation.

The Special Ingredient

Confident expectation is always an absolute requirement for receiving from God.



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Expect

“It is the Spirit that quickeneth...”

So, approach the Bible with purpose. Expect to hear directly from God and get revelation of His love, purposes, and empowerment just for you.

Rather than simply seeking information, pursue the connection to the Holy Spirit through the Bible and watch the word come alive.

Rather than having a goal of a specific volume, come simply with the expectation of the Holy Spirit speaking. But fully expect to get something from God.

You may only read a few verses. Or you may read several pages. Connect with God and have the Holy Spirit reveal truth to you.

The moment a verse grabs your attention, **STOP!** Pay attention. That is the Holy Spirit speaking directly to you.

When it grabs your attention, that is the Holy Spirit quickening the verse. Quickenning literally means that He is bringing it to life for you.

Take the time to write in the journal template provided or start a notebook just for God's revelation. Adding the date is also a good idea; this will prove valuable over time.

The mistake is falling into the trap of powering through. In doing so, you get a momentary glimpse of the truth God is showing you but fail to grasp its enormity.

The truth He has given you, written ages ago, is uniquely yours, with a unique application. But it is only a seed, as we will see.

Stopping may seem counterintuitive, but don't miss the value in what God has shown you.

Coming up, we will look at how to make that truth fully yours.

So many miss out on the power embedded in God's truth. They never see it accomplish all it could and God desired it to do. We must learn how to internalize that word and make it our own. In the process, we begin to release the power that God intended.

John 6.63

Deception: Doubt that what grabbed your attention was from God undermines your faith. And minimizing what you see derails your potential.

Authentic: it isn't how much you read but how much you get from it. Come with the confident faith that God will speak.

Something Special

“For the word of God is living and powerful...”

Generally, a passage will grab your attention. As we have seen, the Holy Spirit is communicating directly with you. But...

Periodically, a passage will jump off the page at you. God has just given you something special. You definitely want that notebook or journal now.

What God has just given you has great value. It is profound and may be a current promise or may be for the future.

Sometimes, you may have an idea of why God has given it. It may be relevant to your current situation. Often, it may be preparation for something you are entirely unaware of. Regardless, recognize this is something special.

Often, it will be so unique for you that you may share it with someone else, and they won't grasp the importance, wondering what the big deal is. But that is confirmation of how personal it is.

While every truth God reveals to you is valuable, these are something extra. They are His specific promise to you, and God's promise is His absolute commitment.

Whether it shows a course correction or a promise for the future, fully expect it will have a powerful impact on your life and overflow for others.

Hang on to it. Memorize it. Watch with expectation to see what God will do with it.

Hebrews 4.12

Deception: It is easy to look back and think you imagined it or to begin to minimize it as time passes.

Authentic: This is God's gift to you. Like a wrapped present, we wait with anticipation to see what will be revealed and how it will overflow to others.

Section 2

Resemblance

God has a destiny available for everyone who comes to Him. But the fulfillment only flows out of our true identity in Him.

As we begin to discover the Holy Spirit speaking directly and uniquely to us, we also start to recognize Him, revealing how He sees us. His plans and His provision for us. All of which leads to our identity and purpose in Him.

Everything God gives is valuable for progress and fulfillment. Embracing all that God reveals begins making it part of our identity in Him.

While they may at times seem random, each revelation is a building block in your true identity. It reveals and reminds us of our creation in His image.

And that resemblance to Him powers your destiny.

Don't let the slightest revelation go to waste. All that God reveals is ultimately part of your identity and empowerment in Him.

Destiny

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor entered into the heart of man, the things God has prepared for those who love Him.”

Destiny doesn't just happen. Destiny is the convergence of our response to God's leading.

God has a destiny available to each one – a unique, transformational plan with greater reach than you realize. A life that will overflow and impact the world around you.

So much of what the Holy Spirit shows you is glimmers of that destiny and preparation. But it requires a response. It doesn't happen without our active participation.

Which is why so many never fulfill their highest potential. They either never invest the time or respond to God's invitation.

The Holy Spirit will begin to reveal and empower that destiny by revealing things such as identity, vision, and empowerment to overflow, bless, and impact others.

God repeatedly emphasizes these themes to fully develop their impact on our lives, which should indicate how valuable God sees them and you.

1 Corinthians 2.9

Deception: Our failures don't derail God's plan. But it also doesn't happen without our active participation.

Authentic: God has a vibrant, amazing plan for you. If you will embrace it.

Restoring The Vision

God has chosen you to be part of His restoration of the original vision.



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Identity

“For creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.”

Authentic identity is not how others see us or even how we see ourselves. True identity is how God sees you. It is the foundation upon which everything else grows.

Until we begin to see how God truly sees us, our misconceptions, insecurities, and guilt will hinder and limit us.

Recognition of how God views us and His intentions for us empowers us. They only require our willingness.

While we can never fully comprehend the depths of His love, you will increasingly begin to grasp that all He intends for you comes from that amazing love.

His love should be our security. Giving us the boldness to believe His most outrageous promises. And step out to embrace the amazing destiny He has available.

Here are a few thoughts on identity to get you started:

“I have loved you with an everlasting love.”

“See what kind of love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God.”

“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.”

Identity is grounded in His love, but it also brings the realization that God has a purpose and an inheritance for His people.

Greater revelation of our authentic identity in Him transforms us into the likeness of the original plan. And out of our authentic identity flows everything else.

We have a very real enemy who continually reminds us of our failures and shortcomings. His agenda is always to discourage us, limit our impact, and try to cause us to believe anything but God's love and great plans.

Ultimately to undermine our identity and prevent us from coming into the victorious life God intends.

But increasingly, your identity will be revealed as who you were designed to be: a chosen child of God.

Romans 8.19

Deception: Doubt, condemnation, and insecurity tell us that we aren't worthy of the least of His blessings.

Authentic: God sees us through the sacrifice of Jesus. When He looks at us, He sees the perfection of Jesus. From His view, we have already been justified... just as if we had never failed.

Vision

*“I know the plans I have for you...
to give you a hope and a future.”*

Buried in the heart of each person is a deep desire for significance. And it was God's plan from the beginning.

God created Adam to be in relationship with Him. But flowing out of that relationship, He also wanted Him to have purpose. So, He entrusted all of creation to Adam.

When God delegated responsibility for His creation to Adam, He backed it up with His authority.

That pattern has never changed. God's vision for each one comes with responsibility and His empowerment. A vision to impact the world.

God's vision for you is more significant than you imagine. The Holy Spirit will begin to give you glimpses of that vision. And it will always be more significant and more impactful than you can accomplish separately from Him.

God's plan for Moses was so intimidating that he tried to convince God to use someone else. God refused to allow Moses to miss his destiny, and, in the process, Moses became known as a friend of God.

God's mandate still exists. The Holy Spirit will begin to give you vision for your future, impact, and importance.

Jeremiah 29.11

Deception: We can fall into the trap of feeling unimportant or unworthy. Not realizing how much God desires you to be a part of His grand plan.

Authentic: Our only limitation is our willingness to trust and align with the plans of a mighty God.

Overflow

*"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure,
pressed down,
shaken together, running over... "*

The world has a counterfeit and a deception for every good thing God designed. The world would convince you that you are the star of the show, that it is all about you, and that you must get all you can.

But the path to fulfillment and true joy comes in giving yourself away. You are a star but in the tapestry of God's grand creation.

The realization that the more you give; of yourself, your abilities and your resources, God gives back in excess. You can never truly out-give God.

And there, we find our greatest fulfillment. We begin displaying the very nature of God.

Everything God gives and shows you is first for you, but it would also bless and benefit the world around you. To bring life and hope.

Your ultimate purpose is to give away and share everything God gives you. That you are His conduit of never-ending supply.

Luke 6.38

Deception: A scarcity mindset causes us to cling to what we can get. And insecurity prevents us from being God's conduit of blessing and transformation.

Authentic: The more you give yourself away, the more God gives you, and you continue to overflow to others. The more you give away the truth God has for you, the more impact it has on you.

Make Your Mark

You were created to have an
eternal impact.



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Empowerment

*“He who believes in Me...
will do greater things than these.”*

From the time my sons were born, I told each of them; "God has big plans for you little man." I wanted them to go through life expecting to see what God would do.

And then I realized God has big plans for each of His children. If they will believe it.

As incredible as it seems, God delegates His authority to us so that we can access His power. He continually encourages us with reminders of His empowerment.

Empowerment is meant to fulfill your unique destiny and to overflow to others. To bring the impact God designed for yourself and others. But not through our efforts or strategies.

We are expected to succeed through the application of God's promises and a growing understanding of His delegated authority. If the Holy Spirit reveals it to you, you can do it.

And enabled by God's unique gifting and purpose, which He planned for you before the foundation of the earth. Which is a function of the Holy Spirit working through your life.

In fact, people often don't realize how powerful what they do is. It seems so natural because it flows out of God's design for you, but it is spiritual flowing through you to impact the natural.

Fulfilling your purpose is evidence of the Holy Spirit in your life. Even if you don't see it... other's will. When you live out your divine mandate, they recognize God in your life.

As you believe in God's vision and purpose for your life, watch your faith grow...

John 14.12

Deception: Feelings of inadequacy or failure to embrace what God makes available will always limit your impact and fulfillment.

Authentic: God intends for us to succeed in accomplishing His plan and becoming a true heir of the kingdom. And what He reveals to you, you can succeed in.

Alignment

*"It is the goodness of God
that leads to repentance."*

God's correction may be one of the most misunderstood topics in history. It creates the "idea" that God is either angry or disappointed with us.

The profound paradox is that because of the sacrifice of Jesus, we are already holy and perfect in God's sight. At the same time, He is at work perfecting us.

Before He created heaven and earth, God already knew every decision, every mistake, every time we would blow it. Still, He chose us and pursued us to be His very own.

But His outrageous love doesn't mean He wants us to stay the same. So, He does, from time to time, show us course corrections. Continued refinement as part of His call to transformation.

When the Holy Spirit shows us truth that doesn't align with our current behavior, thoughts or attitude our response is as simple as repenting.

The very idea of "repentance" creates an image for many of some version of great sorrow. Like we must prove our sincerity.

But the word repent literally means to think differently afterward. Or in other words, when truth is revealed that conflicts with our current state of being, adjusting to align with that truth by thinking differently.

Course correction is as simple as accepting the truth... and adjusting ourselves to align with it.

Romans 2.4

Deception: Insecurity interprets God's correction as rebuke or disappointment. And insecurity causes us to be cautious in believing God's best.

Authentic: God sees us through the sacrifice of Jesus, who is Holy. So, when He looks at us, He sees perfection. And He is in the process of perfecting us.

Section 3

Ownership

What God reveals is intended to become uniquely ours. But what He reveals doesn't just happen. It requires our participation in making it a reality in our lives.

Recognizing God's truth can be deceptive. The knowledge of it alone creates the illusion of empowerment. But it remains a mere concept until we internalize it and activate it.

God delegates the responsibility of taking ownership of our identity, purpose, and His promises to us. Doing so releases the power embedded in His living word. Moving it from concept to a powerful aspect of your life.

The process develops strength and maturity and makes it your identity. It qualifies you for the greater things God has available.

What God reveals becomes your responsibility. Taking ownership becomes your mission.

Truth That Empowers

**There is a huge difference between
truth that encourages &
truth that empowers.**



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Owning It

“Faith without works is dead...”

There is often an initial bump of excitement when a passage grabs your attention. That is your Spirit recognizing the power in God's truth.

However, knowledge without application has very little value. So many live in a state of weakness because they may know some truth. They may have even memorized it. But it never moves from the head to the heart (ok, really the Spirit).

Just as crucial as recognizing God's leading is knowing what to do with it. Making it a reality in your life.

What God reveals becomes yours. It is both a gift and a responsibility. That gift has the power to transform and accelerate your life. And ultimately to overflow to others.

Recognize that the truth that was given is just a seed. That seed has all the power embedded in it and is waiting to be released.

Just as a seed must be planted, the truth/promise must be assimilated. Assimilation is the process of transferring it from a truth we know to a truth at work.

Our responsibility is to take ownership by assimilating the revelation to release the latent power.

Absorbing – taking it in and incorporating it as our own & **Integration** – combining so that they work together.

Coming up, we will review how to assimilate the truth and make it ours. By three steps:

Think
Speak
Act

Faith without works, is dead. In other words, faith that isn't applied and released is lifeless. It will produce no momentum or impact.

And we are left trying to work it out ourselves.

James 2.17

Deception: Knowledge can create excitement and encouragement. Without application, it is misleading, failing to release the power and impact.

Authentic: The truth revealed is powerful when we begin to make it our own.

The Gatekeeper

*“... the words I speak to you, they are Spirit
and they are life.”*

To better understand the process of assimilating God's truth, knowing how God created us and how we function is helpful.

God created man as body, soul, and Spirit.

While our body refers to our five physical senses, taste, touch, smell, etc., our soul is our mind, will, and emotions. Out of it flows our desires, imaginations, and feelings.

It has also been referred to as the realm of decision. Which acts like a gatekeeper. Actively activating the truths or holding us back. Often subconsciously.

But it is our Spirit that is our connection to God. It is the source of our identity and the realm of empowerment and fulfillment.

Our Spirit is in perfect agreement with God. As such, it has perfect faith. But...

As long as the truths God has given us reside in our soul, our mind, they are merely a concept. They have no power. No actual impact on circumstances or situations.

It may seem real when they reside in the mind, but the power can't be released. It may give us reassurance, but it doesn't yet have the ability to bring transformation.

That initial quickening we experienced was our Spirit acknowledging God's truth. But at this point, it still resides in our minds. And we need to get it into our Spirit to bring it to life.

Our thoughts, feelings, and assumptions are often in direct conflict with God's truth. It usually requires overriding our gatekeeper to embrace God's truth.

John 6.63b

Deception: I don't understand. I don't think that is the way it should be. I don't feel like it. All come from our mind, will and emotions and limit our progress.

Authentic: God's truth and promises are always perfect. If our thoughts and feelings conflict with His truth, we must override our gatekeeper to receive God's absolute best.

Think

“As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.”

As we have seen, your thoughts, feelings and even opinions are the gatekeeper that unleashes your faith to align with God's truth. Or holds it back. Preventing the fullness of the potential impact latent in the seed of truth.

We must first accept it as truth. Then, align our thinking by setting aside confusion, doubt, and uncertainty. At times, it even requires us to set aside our opinions and assumptions to align with God's revealed truth.

Simply accept what has been revealed as God's truth and promise to you. The simple acceptance begins the process of radically changing our mindset and empowering us spiritually.

Science has coined the term "neuroplasticity" to describe how the brain re-wires itself to change how it functions and develop new skills. It is how skills become second nature to us.

Making the conscious decision to align our thoughts along with the following actions “re-wires” us spiritually to release the fullness of the power that resides in God’s promises.

Aligning our thinking begins the process of assimilating revelation, taking ownership of it where it becomes part of our identity.

Accept the truth, believe it, and align with it.

Proverbs 23.7

Deception: Attempting to fit the truth into our current viewpoints and opinions renders it impotent. Unable to release the life contained within. Creating ongoing confusion and uncertainty.

Authentic: It will have little to no impact until we align our thinking with the truth the Holy Spirit has revealed. And we are unable to fully embrace what God has for us.

Speak

*“Meditate on it day and night...
for then you will make your way prosperous
and then you will have success.”*

Meditating doesn't mean to contemplate the truth. Although that is never a bad idea. But don't stop there.

Hagah is the Hebrew word for meditate, meaning to utter, moan, or speak it. Picture someone walking around mumbling under their breath. That's meditating.

This is one of those awkward stumbling blocks we need to overcome. I resisted for ages. Trying to contemplate God's truths without speaking it before finally giving in and embracing it.

Once you finally do, it is like adding rocket fuel to your life. But it requires us to set aside our ideas and just jump into it.

Speaking it accelerates the empowerment. It multiplies the effects of the neuroplasticity transformation.

God's word is Spirit, and it is life. As you speak it, it works deep in your Spirit and flows out to your mind, will, and emotions.

So, begin to speak the truths the Holy Spirit has shown you. Every free moment, whenever it comes to mind, build the pattern of speaking it out loud.

In fact, personalize it. Take it to a whole new level and make it your own. Modify it by making it present tense and about you.

"I thank you, God, my way is prosperous, and I have success."

"God so loved me that He gave His son..."

"God called me and chose me..."

Watch it work in your life. You will look back and be amazed at what it has accomplished. Your identity transformed. Deeper faith. New vision. More empowerment. And more boldness.

Joshua 1.8

Deception: Walking around talking to yourself seems foolish. Can't I just think about God's truth?

Authentic: Confession means to say the same thing. Confessing God's truths aligns us with His will and plan. And confessing, speaking it, releases its power.

Act

"Be doers of the word, not hearers only"

My friend desired to love his wife more and asked God to give him a greater love for her. A deeper, more profound love. And he began to live it out.

Then he had the "aha" moment. That moment when he realized that he loved her more than ever.

The truth that the Holy Spirit has given you is a seed that has all the life contained in it. But it must be released.

Thinking and speaking are like the fertile ground that allows the seed to begin to sprout. But living it is the sunlight that causes it to grow and flourish.

Find a way to make the truth an active reality. Ask God to show you how to live it. How to make it real. How to release it.

How can I respond? Is it a promise that must be acted upon? How does it challenge you?

As time passes, you will find more profound ways to apply His truth. And you will realize that what started as acting became a reality. It becomes so "real" that it is an entirely natural response.

An essential aspect of my friend's story is that he wasn't waiting until he "felt" more love for her. He lived it out. And the feelings followed.

James 1.22

Deception: Waiting for the right time. Or when it feels right, it is a form of invisible bondage holding us back.

Authentic: Feelings and circumstances are poor guides to navigate our lives upon. Boldly step out to apply active faith to make it a reality.

The Big Lie

Living it out exposes which is
the real deception.



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Confidence

“Let us then make every effort to enter that rest...”

When do you really have it? How do you know? When has it moved from a concept to something that truly inhabits your Spirit? That it is genuinely yours?

Resting is the attribute of complete confidence in God's principles and promises. When the truth has been firmly planted in your Spirit, it produces complete conviction. And allows you to relax and rely on His power.

Until something is tested, you never really know its strength or value. Under pressure, when you can completely rest in the reality of God's truth, then you know it's yours.

When circumstances seem to conspire against you. When it may even seem hopeless, but your confidence in His promise is so complete that you can relax. You own it!

Rest is not holding on to faith by gritted teeth. Or attempting to figure out what you need to do to earn it. No need to reason it out.

Rest doesn't need to know how or even when a resolution will come. It is the confidence that God has the situation handled through His promises.

Rest is when God's truth and promise is so real that nothing shakes your confidence. When you can completely surrender and rely on His word despite apparent challenges.

Resting in the fact that God has committed to do the amazing for you.

Our only effort is to assimilate God's truth. Keep at it until you believe it, and it is the most natural thing in the world. Then, it does the work.

Hebrews 11.4

Deception: It must be something in my life holding back the blessing. Or it must not be God's will.

Authentic: Complete confidence in God's truth allows us to relax in the empowerment of God. It is the ultimate demonstration of our confidence in God's reliability.

Section 4

Every Need Supplied

The Bible is so complete it has answers for every need. Every situation. Even vision for your future.

Approach it for comfort, confidence, direction, vision, and encouragement. Whatever your requirement, God has already provided the answer.

Begin to see the Bible as your go-to resource. And watch God respond with answers beyond your wildest expectations.

God has provided everything needed for life and godliness. And it is awaiting your discovery.

Something More

“You don’t have what you want because you don’t ask God for it.”

There are times when you need something more. Direction, hope for the future, or something entirely personal.

God's word is so complete that it is prepared for every eventuality.

Here is a tip on approaching God when you need that something more. In the next section, I will share how I used it for my personal need.

First, you need clarity on what you want God to reveal. Then, ask the Holy Spirit to show it to you from the Bible.

While there are multitudes of ways to hear from God, when you need something more, you must be able to rely on it and reference it again whenever the season seems long.

Then, as you diligently read the Bible, know the moment will come when the answer grabs you. It will be specific to your needs and unique to you.

And absolutely write it down. Highlight it. Tape it to your mirror. Whatever it takes.

What God shows you is His promise to you. And what God speaks is always His absolute commitment.

If the fulfillment of that promise seems slow in coming, don't lose hope. Hold on to the answer God gave you.

And watch God do exceedingly, abundantly more than you can think or ask.

James 4.2

Deception: Don't minimize God's willingness or question if there is an answer specifically for you. Doubt will cause you to question what God gives you.

Authentic: God has the answer. The promise and the direction are waiting. Waiting for those who will diligently seek it out.

As Crazy As It Sounds

*“The one who comes to God must believe that
He exists and
He rewards those who seek Him.”*

Asking the Holy Spirit for an example from the Bible completely changed my life.

When you are waiting, it is easy to get off track. To become confused or discouraged. To begin to believe it just won't happen.

I was in my 30s, single, and traveling most of the time. I couldn't see how someone would want this life. Married to a husband who was gone all the time.

At a time when it seemed impossible, I desperately asked the Holy Spirit to show me an example of a wife from the Bible.

God eventually showed me when Abraham sent the servant to get a wife for Isaac. I marked in my Bible the qualities He showed me, which played a huge part later.

Hilariously, when we met, neither one was interested in the other. But over a few months, I saw that the attributes in that passage were a reality in her life. They even were revealed in the order they were listed in the Bible.

I finally asked God, “Are you trying to tell me something?”

That was over 20 years ago. What a journey it has been. Pursuing all that God had for us.

I realize now that my desires, my wish list, would have been a pale imitation of what God has planned.

So, I promise you it works. Take your most personal needs to the Holy Spirit. Diligently seek His answer. And prepare to be amazed.

Hebrews 11.6

Deception: Often, disappointment stems from what we think would make us happy. Or trying to hang on in hope for some dream or desire.

Authentic: What God has genuinely is better than we could ever imagine. And He is absolutely willing to give us a glimpse of what is to come.

I want it now...

*"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter,
but the glory of kings to search out a matter."*

I'm sure no one would call patience one of my personality traits. When I want it, I want it now.

If God is so loving, why is it hard sometimes to discern? To get the answer needed. Doesn't He want me to know?

There are times when God requires us to search out His truth for our situation. But it isn't from reluctance on His part. Nor is it a reflection of His disappointment with us.

God does, at times, hide. To draw us in closer. His purpose is to bring out the best in us. To cause us to grow into heirs of His kingdom.

God is calling us to greater maturity. He is building in you greater strength and greater faith. It isn't a delay, but development.

Have the tenacity. Keep the confidence that God has the answer. And the perseverance to pursue it until you receive it.

Jesus instructed us to "knock and keep on knocking." As one translation calls it, shameless persistence.

Trust that He has the answer you are looking for. That His plans are good. That it will absolutely be worth the process. That there will be benefits you didn't plan on.

In fact, accept it as a fact of your growing maturity that God has counted you ready and capable. He wants you to press in further. And receive more.

God's answer is never too late. It is better than you hope for, and only later will you realize how perfect His answer is.

By the way, in the waiting, stay faithful to the last things you know He showed you.

Proverbs 25.2

Deception: If God really cares, why don't I get the answer, the direction, the assurance I need?

Authentic: God is not reluctant to speak. Nor is He withholding any good thing. Maturity is recognizing that God's answer is available. And my pursuit produces profound benefits.

Going To The Next Level

Recognizing when God is taking you
to new levels of maturity and strength.



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Decisions

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...”

Having a vision and direction from God is encouraging. But what about the moments when you need to make a pivotal decision?

When there is a genuine desire to understand God's leading. To have His help in navigating your way forward.

Depending on the situation, the pressure can be immense. And the consequences of choosing the wrong path can be anything from frustrating to a serious setback.

Rather than attempting to interpret God's will by circumstances or what feels right, God has something better.

As we mature in our relationship with God, we begin to realize that some of the most significant opportunities don't seem obvious. Or even reasonable.

Colossians 3.15 tells us to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. While it can also be applied to the issue of having peace during challenges, it is especially effective in discerning God's will in a situation.

The word used for rule means to act as an umpire or to arbitrate between conflicting thoughts/directions. It gives the assurance that the believer is moving in God's preferred will.

So how do we apply it? Take the options and ask God to give you peace for His direction.

Considering the potential consequences of different options is wise, but don't allow that to sway your decision. And as much as possible, don't be in a rush. Don't allow emotions or pressure to influence you.

This isn't about feelings but allowing yourself to take a step back from the situation and hand it to Him. And begin to realize which option contains a deep sense of peace. Even if the details may seem daunting.

Confirmation bias is the natural tendency to overemphasize options that appeal to our desires or what we perceive as a better outcome. It subconsciously influences our decisions, so we don't want to allow it to steer us.

For example, my friend has a passion for real estate investing and studies it extensively. In a situation involving real estate, his natural disposition will tend to steer him to interpret it as a green light from God.

But what if God has a better opportunity coming later? How would he recognize the Holy Spirit cautioning him to hold off?

It is helpful to lean away from the answer that seems most natural to us. In other words, put a greater focus on the alternative option to see if you begin to have peace about it.

Colossians 3.15

Deception: I struggle to know what God wants. God's answer seems inaccessible.

Authentic: The moment will come when you realize the option that has complete peace attached to it. That is God's direction, being the umpire of your heart.

Digging Deeper

*“Let us come boldly to the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in
time of need.”*

We started out with the recognition that while the word of God is approachable, it is also as deep as you are willing to go. When you are ready for it, challenge yourself to dig deeper to gain greater revelation to power your life.

There are many online tools, bible dictionaries, etc., to assist in your journey of discovery.

Resources to help you better understand how much greater God's love, promises, and blessings are. To search out the power and the application of His word.

A great example: we are challenged to boldly approach God in times of need.

An initial reflection may assume that we have complete freedom to approach God whenever we have a need. While this is true, the promise is so much greater.

Understanding the throne of grace in the passage indicates that God isn't just willing to hear our requests; God is actually inclined forward, desiring to help. He is constantly extending Himself towards His people.

We aren't just welcome to bring our needs, but the Lord of Lords and King of Kings is leaning forward in anticipation to hear and respond.

When we begin to grasp the enormity of His love and extravagance, we realize we don't have to earn His favor. Or convince Him to respond. He is actively leaning forward, extending Himself towards you with the desire to reveal Himself and demonstrate His power on our behalf.

You will see consistently that God's response is always over-the-top generosity. Which should challenge our expectations and fill us with boldness and confidence.

Once that truly sinks into your Spirit, it will transform your attitude, approach, and expectations.

There is always more.

Hebrews 4.16

Deception: Complacency and comfort are the enemy. They prevent growth and absolute success.

Authentic: Progressive revelation means that there is always more. And it only gets more exciting.

Section 5

The Journey

There is always more. God's word is infinite, and what He gives you is approachable immediately. Still, more significant and profound understanding and power are also waiting for you.

Progressive revelation is the process of God continually showing you the greater depths of His truth. And progressive revelation leads to progressive victories. As we explore the greater depths of His truth, it automatically brings power and qualifies us for greater success.

Tracking and reflecting upon what God has shown you continues to move it deeper into the center of your being. Providing deeper understanding, greater value, and greater application.

God's word is infinite, and there is always more waiting for those who invest themselves in pursuing His revelation.

Stepping Stones

Responding to what God reveals is incremental progress to your greater success.



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Discovery Journal

How to make the best use of the supplied template:

Continued reflection on what God has spoken reveals greater depths, leading to greater vision and empowerment. So don't let anything go to waste.

Journaling what God shows you is more than a good idea. Your reflections will begin to peel back the layers, opening your eyes to even more truth... and how to apply it.

Think - What is the truth that God has revealed? How does it challenge your current paradigm?

Speak - Personalize it. Make it yours by speaking the promise from your perspective.

Act - Begin asking God how you can make this a reality in your life.

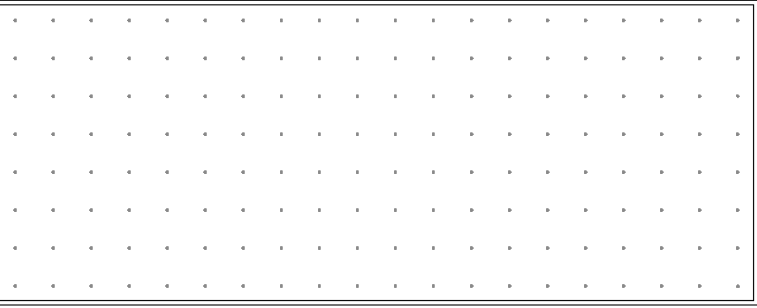
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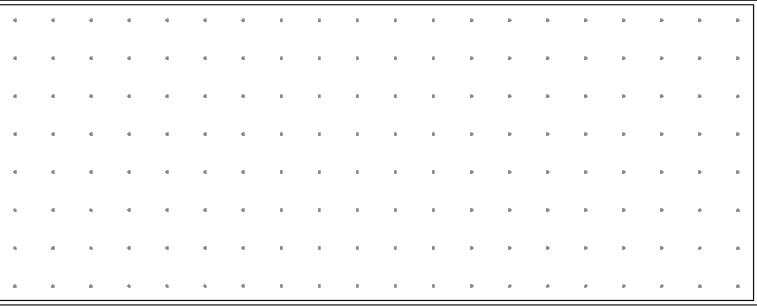
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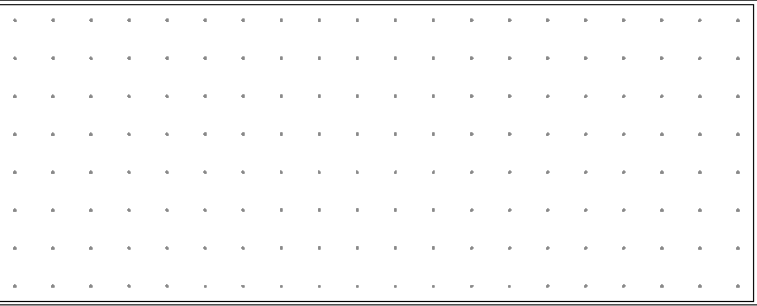
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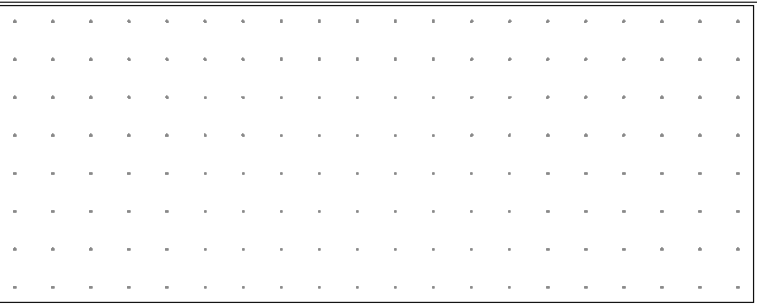
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