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GOD HAS DESIGNED YOUR DESTINY

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Comments



I have read through these pages and was inspired by the messages. GOD HAS DESIGNED YOUR DESTINY is a must -read for every young person seeking to fulfil God's purpose for their lives. It is loaded with wisdom nuggets inspired by the Holy Ghost that will bring revolution to every reader. I have known the author for several years and I have observed her insatiable hunger for deep things of God. I pray that as you read this book God will open your eyes and cause you to fulfil your God-ordained destiny in Jesus Name. Remain blessed.

Evangelist Gboyega Shitta President, Kingdom Power Ministries Int'l (KPMI) Having read the book "God has designed your destiny" by Abimbola Mesele, I believe strongly that God has chosen to speak to all youths through the words of this book. Abimbola has written as a prophetess reeling out God's counsel for the moment. Each chapter of this book is loaded with words that will inspire you to be all that God wants you to be.

This material was written with the youths at heart but I believe God intends to use it to touch several adults too. Read and re-read so as to grab every detailed instruction given. At the end of each chapter is an outline of key points summarizing the thoughts of the writer and inspired prayer points to guide you to the throne of Grace.

Without mincing words, this book is another ordained instrument to spark the needed change in the life of every reader. I am confident of your testimonies after reading this book.

Lanre-Oke Femi I.

President, Jesus Praise Evangelical Ministries Int'l, Nigeria

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The author has done an amazing job of communicating God's mind in an easy to understand manner regarding the discovery of our individual purpose in life and how to fulfill it through the grace of God. Receive uncommon illumination by the Spirit of God as you read this anointed book. This Book comes highly recommended by me.

Dr Kay Ijisesan KingsWord Everywhere The book "God has designed your destiny" is timely. It could not have come at a better time in our nation's history and that of the church worldwide. Although Abimbola, the author has written with a focus on the youth who are the future, I believe that the content of the book applies to all of humanity. This is because I have come across many people all over the world who are still struggling with the issue of finding purpose in their life's pursuit. Some are seemingly "successful" but within lack fulfillment.

The truth is we are all God's creation and we cannot find our spot or place in life outside of God Who is our Creator. As someone who by God's grace has had the privilege to pastor three churches including my current place of assignment with a large youth population; as well as working with people across all strata of society in my secular career covering Accounting, Business Assurance, Banking and most recently Aviation where I voluntarily retired as CEO of a publicly quoted company to pursue my passion in Leadership, I recommend the book to anyone who has his or eyes set on fulfilling purpose and achieving destiny.

Kayode T.Oluwasegun-Ojo Zonal/Area Pastor RCCG Balm in Gilead.

Dedication



This book is dedicated to the designer of all destinies
(The Almighty God) and everyone who
desires to fulfill the divine destiny God has
designed for him/her.

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Foreword



IS THERE ANYONE BORN EMPTY, without a purpose or assignment? *No, not one. Genesis 1:26a AMP* "God said, Let Us (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness" is a profound scripture that explains how privileged man is, for the Almighty God to form a quorum in the bid to manufacture a unique product that would be an exact replica of Him. I imagine that each time a baby is about to be formed in his/her mother's womb, that scripture pops up and by the power of the Omnipotent God, from the loins of the Omniscient God proceeds another replica of His. Hallelujah! No wonder in Jeremiah 1: 5, God spoke to Jeremiah about the thought He had in mind when He formed him a prophet unto nations. The Almighty God knows the beginning and end

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of every man and He has created each one for a specific purpose.

Bimbo has written through the inspiration of the Almighty God on how you can discover what purpose God created you for and fulfill it. This book is sure to transform your life, help you discover the vacuum God needs you to fill and the resources (within & without) He has made available for you to become the best in all that you do. It will compel you to leave the ordinary day to day endless chase that brings no inward satisfaction to that place where nothing else in this world matters other than doing what brings joy to the Father; that joy also radiates from one who is living a fulfilled life.

God bless you.

Dr. Oby Ezekwesili

The Beautiful Parcel



There is a parcel carefully designed in the womb of every woman with the "world" as its delivery address. This parcel opens up gradually at the instance of the designer, releasing a unique fragrance into the world.

Though tried to be closed by external forces it flips open, divinely controlled by the designer. Placed in the right environment, this parcel glitters, attracting to itself all that it needs to glow to full blast.

This beautiful parcel does the bidding of the designer at His timing and His location, but can be recalled at the time most appropriate by Him, when the clock ticks "mission accomplished".

Although, the designer did a perfect job, the parcel still has a part to play in discovering what, where and how its designer wants it to glitter.

You are that beautiful parcel, carefully designed in your mother's womb by the Almighty God.

During the design process, He also formed a beautiful destiny hence you came as a complete package.

The designer wants you to discover the fragrance you were designed to release to the world.

Abimbola Mesele

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Introduction



AS I STUDY THE WORD OF GOD, I am convinced each day that God has everything planned out (a complete package). He is not trying to figure out things after He has made them. He has not made any mistake and will not make any because He is a perfect God. From the first book - Genesis 1, you will intermittently see God's remark after each day's creation. The remark "...and God saw that it was good" also includes YOU because you were created in His image and after His likeness.

As you read through this book, it will remind you that God has *designed your destiny* beautifully; your duty is to discover that destiny. That's the whole essence of living. *God loves you* so much that He gave His only Son Jesus as a ransom for your soul *"For God so greatly loved and dearly"*

prized the world that He (even) gave up His only begotten (unique) Son" John 3:16a AMP. His desire is that you will realize how much He needs you to partner with Him so that He can help you discover your destiny and fulfill it.

In spite of your weaknesses, God wants you to lean on His strength and be assured that *He is committed to your life* and will help you finish strong. He has paid the price for your sins and He wants you to live above any form of regret. He loves you but *He hates your excuses*. Your Creator knows the end from the beginning hence He is not shocked at your shortcomings so stop killing yourself over it. Today, rise from your weaknesses and step into the purpose of God for your life. It should excite you to know that in the complete package (YOU), there is power, strength, resources and all that you need to fulfill your destiny. God therefore charges you today to "Go in this thy (your) might" (Judges 6:14)

This book "God has designed your destiny" has been written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to help you find out early the destiny God has designed for you and how to fulfill it. It is God's desire that you would be like Jesus who knew early what God sent Him to this world to do and was xxiii INTRODUCTION

able to fulfill it. At twelve years (12 years), nothing else mattered to Jesus than to do what pleased God. "He said "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know I had to be here, dealing with the things of my Father"" Luke 2:49(MSG).

By the time you are through reading this book, I believe that God would have opened your eyes to His purpose for your life and you will be ready to say Yes to His will. Just in case, you have already discovered your destiny, but have been drawn back because of peer pressure, youthful exuberance, addictions etc, this book will rejuvenate you and help you to leave the past behind, forge ahead and become what God has ordained you to be.

You will be inspired as you meditate on each word in this book in Jesus Name. Amen.

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God Has Designed Your Destiny

AS I JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE, I am puzzled by the question-what differentiates one man from another? How can a lady become great while another is trying to find her feet? Why will a man seem to have things falling in place for him and the other is struggling? My curiosity was assuaged when I looked through the scripture and came to this profound verse. God was speaking to Jeremiah and these were His words:

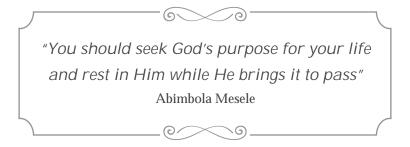
"Before I shaped you in the womb I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you: A prophet to the nations that's what I had in mind for you"

Jeremiah 1:5 MSG

God called Jeremiah a prophet to the nations because that was His plan for him. Guess what, God has also filled that space with His plan for you and He did that before you were formed in your mother's womb.

Imagine how a pregnant woman goes through strong and tiring times, happy and dull moments, laughing and crying mornings/nights for nine months. Whilst in that condition, all she knows is that she is carrying a baby in her womb. Some know the sex and/or number of the baby (ies) while others do not have a clue but the original manufacturer (God) knows fully what the baby would turn out to be in life the moment he/she was conceived. Isn't it amazing how God puts in a woman's womb a finished product? If God formed you in your mother's womb and from that moment had a definite destiny for you to fulfill, is it not a worthy course to find out what that destiny is and how you can fulfill it?

God's purpose for each individual differs hence no man can truly tell another's destiny save for the One who designed it. Whereas one is a doctor caring for the sick at the hospital, God's plan for the other might be to become an evangelist with the grace to heal the sick. On the other hand, God's design might be for you to become a teacher, impact knowledge to your students and see them rise in life or a unique fashion designer that designs cloths and gets recognized for it. It could even be a motivational speaker who seems to just have the right words to get the most discouraged man back on his feet.



My dear, there is absolutely no need struggling to become anything other than what your Creator has fashioned you for. When you discover God's plan for your life, you will find peace in it. It might not come with all the fame, accolades etc but you will simply have that inner joy and peace.

God's plans differ from that of man. His timing and methods may be contrary to your expectations but be rest assured that they surpass whatever you may be imagining or planning. God is the designer of all destinies hence your duty as an individual is to discover it. There is nothing about you as an individual that is new or accidental before God. You did not come to this world by mistake, so God is not trying to figure out what He made you for. Your Father (the Almighty God) made you everything He needs you to be, your discovery of this truth is the first step to fulfilling destiny. This is why Jesus taught in the modeled prayer to always ask that

"...His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven" Matthew 6:9 KJV

"God has designed your destiny, yours is to discover it. Discovering God's will for your life per time and walking in it, is the wisdom required to fulfill destiny"

Abimbola Mesele

There are so many in this generation struggling to know what direction their lives will take. So much is going on in the world and these things seem to have caught the attention of an average youth. Events that accompany this jet age, such as the curiosity to find out what is on the other side, peer pressure, the need to be in the clique else you

were left behind etc has denied youths of the best God has in stock for them. These happenings have taken the youth's eyes from the real deal (discovering destiny and fulfilling it.) All these gives me concern; it bothers me how the world and its systems desire to take our youths from God's original plan. Please refuse to be distracted by everything around you, let your focus in life be to find out God's plan for your life and to fulfill it.

Key Points:

- 1. God knew you before you were born and He designed your destiny before you were shaped in your mother's womb. Your life is not an accident, it was carefully planned by God.
- 2. God wants you to discover early the destiny He has designed for you and fulfill it. The discovery of God's purpose for your life will make your life meaningful and impactful.
- 3. God wants you to avoid distractions and be focused. These distractions will only waste your time and keep you far from fulfilling your destiny.

Prayer Points:

- 1. Thank God for the beautiful destiny He has designed for you.
- 2. Ask God to help you to discover that beautiful destiny and fulfill it.
- 3. Rebuke every distraction and declare that you will remain focused on God and on the fulfillment of your destiny in Jesus Name.

 Amen.

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God Loves You

I LOVE THE VERSES OF THE HYMN "I am so glad that Jesus Loves me" but the one that strikes me profoundly is the verse that reads thus "In this assurance I find sweetest rest, Trusting in Jesus I know I am blessed; Satan, dismayed, from my soul now doth flee, When I just tell him that Jesus loves me" (Bliss P.P, 1870).

"SEE WHAT (an incredible) quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should (be permitted to) be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are!

1 John 3:1a AMP

God's love for you is beyond what anyone can give. His love is not dependent on what you do or do not do; it is constant.

"But God shows and clearly proves His (own) love for us by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) died for us"

Romans 5:8 MSG

In His love He designed your beautiful destiny and ordained you to show forth His praise. In His love, He orchestrated that you will be reading this book right now so that you can fulfill your destiny.

Sometimes, it is difficult to tell how much God loves you when you are in pain, suffering rejection, just recovering from a broken relationship, have experienced molestation and/or rape, dropped out from school, struggling to keep up with your academics... Find rest in your Father's love and His Words to you;

"But now, God's Message, the God who made you in the first place, Jacob, the One who got you started, Israel: "Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine. When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go 35 GOD LOVES YOU

down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end Because I am God, your personal God, the Holy of Israel, your Savior. I paid a huge price for you: all of Egypt, with rich Cush and Seba thrown in! That's how much I love you! I'd sell off the whole world to get you back, trade the creation just for you".

Isaiah 43: 1-4 MSG

What a profound scripture. Indeed, God's love for you knows no bounds.

You will hardly find anyone who can say he/she has not gone through a trying time but the good news is this, your Heavenly Father has got your back and has made a way of escape. Guess what; God is not confused, running round or calling council meetings trying to figure out what to do when you are faced with challenges. He has everything planned out and He wants you to simply lean on and find rest in His love for you. For every struggle you are in; your Father has made a way of escape to a glorious future. Rise in confidence and embrace the beautiful future He has prepared for you.

"You should seek God's purpose for your life and rest in Him while He brings it to pass" Abimbola Mesele

It does not matter what state you are in now. You might feel messed up because of your past wayward life and you feel so unworthy to call God your Father. Be assured that He still loves you and His love is stretched out to forgive you, cleanse you of your sins and make you His. All you need do is to acknowledge your sins, repent (turn away from them), confess and forsake them. God wants you to take advantage of the love He has for you. He wants you to give Him your heart, seek His purpose for your life and allow Him help you fulfill that purpose. When you understand how much an individual loves you, you would go all the way to do what makes him/her happy. How much more our Heavenly Father, whose love is not human (dependent on what you can or cannot offer). Your knowledge of God's love for you should make you step out in boldness knowing that your Father does not care so much about your past but about the future that lies ahead of you; indeed the beautiful destiny He has prepared for you.

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"Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it"

Isaiah 43:18-19a MSG

Still, you might be asking - does God really love me? Here are some ways He has displayed His love for you:

 He created you in His likeness and deposited in you a special gift, such has not been seen in anyone else.

"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made".

Psalm 139:14a KJV

2. He took your place and justified you.

"To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them"

2 Corinthians 5:19a KJV

3. He paid the full penalty for your sins on the cross of Calvary.

"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life"

Romans 5:10 KJV

4. He has great plans for your eternity.

"For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He (even) gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.

John 3:16 AMP

"I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for"

Jeremiah 29:11 MSG

Key Points:

- 1. God loves you unconditionally. It has nothing to do with your works, none of your past experience(s) can change the way He feels about you.
- 2. There is no price you can pay for the love that Jesus Christ has demonstrated. However, you can give Him your heart, find out His purpose for your life and give your best at fulfilling it, that will sure gladden His heart. One proof that you believe in God's love for you is to willingly surrender to His will for your life.
 - 3. Trust absolutely in God's love. If He created you and assured you that He has your life all planned out, then it makes sense to trust and obey Him.

Prayer Points:

- 1. Thank God for His special love for you; thank Him for demonstrating this love by sending Jesus to die for your sins.
- 2. Say boldly today "Lord I give my heart to you in total surrender; this is an expression of my love to You. Please reveal to me Your purpose for my life and help me to fulfill it in Jesus Name. Amen"
- 3. Lord I trust in Your love for Me. Help me to love you more than I do right now, help me to trust and obey You in Jesus Name. Amen.

3

God Needs You

GOD HAS A DIVINE ASSIGNMENT to fulfill on the earth. He wants to show other people how much He loves them but He will not come here in His Sovereignty so He needs you to partner with Him to carry out His divine mandate. The Creator of the Universe needs to work through you; He needs to reach the world through you and He wants to start now if you will allow Him. Will you?

Our Youthful days is the time to go all out for Jesus. It just might not make sense now but later on in life, it will and generations will thank God you came to this world. There is a lot we can achieve for God at this stage of our lives than any other. I love this portion of the Bible which says

"REMEMBER (earnestly) also your Creator (that you are not your own, but His property now) in the days of your youth"

Ecclesiastes 12: 1 AMP

The Message Translation of that verse says

"Honor and enjoy your Creator while you're still young".

Recently, I looked at the New Living Translation and I said to myself there is just no better way to explain this.

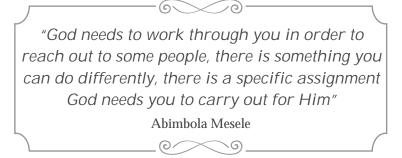
"Don't let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your Creator. Honour Him in your youth before you grow old and say, "Life is not pleasant anymore""

Ecclesiastes 12: 1 NLT

No matter your age, location, background, academic qualification etc, there are people you can reach out to; there are people whose lives depend greatly on your fulfillment of destiny. If you are reading this book and you are beyond the teenage or youthful stage, yet you have not

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discovered God's purpose for your life, please don't sit back and be caught up in a pity party. There is still so much you can do for God and you can start NOW. God is counting on you to help Him fulfill His desire on the earth.



WHY DOES GOD NEED YOU?

1. So that He can show you the path of life:

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life"

Psalm 16:11a KJV

The manufacturer of any product is in the best position to tell the purpose for which He has manufactured that product. If God made you in His likeness, He must have an assignment for you and only He can show you the path to fulfill that assignment. However, He can only show you if you allow Him.

2. So that He can make you a wonder:

"I am as a wonder unto many"

Psalm 71:7a KJV

There is so much God has in stock for you. He desires that you would be excellent in all ways. Then you can be referred to as "a wonder to the world".

3. So that He can reach out to people through you:

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

Romans 8:19 KJV

The world has seen and is tired of the ordinary. You can only deliver the extraordinary when you allow God, the designer of your destiny express Himself through you. When you partner with God, generations after you will thank God you came to planet earth because you would have made great impact.

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4. So that He can help you bear fruits:

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain" John 15:16 KJV

God wants you to bear fruits, that is the reason for your existence. When you partner with God, it makes the job easy.

5. So that He can reward you:

"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour"

Ecclesiastes 4:9 KJV

If the Bible says two are better than one because of the reward, you can be sure that the reward you will get as a result of your partnership with the Almighty Himself cannot be quantified.

WHAT DOES GOD NEED FROM YOU?

1. Your life:

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you".

Romans 12:1 MSG

2. Your totality (spirit, soul and body):

"Don't you see that you can't live however you please; squandering what God paid such a high

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price for. The physical part of you is not some piece of property belonging to the spiritual part of you. God owns the whole works. So let people see God in and through your body"

1 Corinthians 6:16 -20 MSG

3. Your love:

"Love GOD, your God, with your whole heart: love Him with all that's in you, love Him with all you've got!

Deuteronomy 6:5 MSG

4. Your time:

"I am asking God for one thing, only one thing: To live with Him in His house my whole life long. I'll contemplate His beauty; I'll study at His feet. That's the only quiet place, secure place in a noisy world, the perfect getaway far from the buzz of traffic"

Psalm 27:4 - 5 MSG

Time is one of the precious gifts of God to humanity. It is the raw material with which destinies are birthed. You are the product of what you have invested your time in and you eventually become what you do with your time. Like David in this psalm, God wants your desire (the very thing that matters to you) to be to spend time with Him.

5. Your Resources:

"Remember that God, your God, gave you the strength to produce all this wealth".

Deuteronomy 8:18a MSG

We are all stewards; God is the Lord of all resources for the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. If God is the custodian of wealth and choses to give you a portion of it, then you should count it a privilege when you have the opportunity to give a fraction of what He has graciously given you.

6. Your Energy:

"Honor and enjoy your Creator while you're still young, Before the years take their toll and your vigour wanes, Before your vision goes dim and 49 GOD NEEDS YOU

the world blurs and the winter years keep you close to the fire"

Ecclesiastes 12: 1-2 MSG

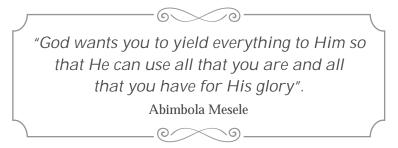
God wants you to use your energy to serve Him while you still have it. Please go all out for Jesus, make the most of your youthful days in the service of your Father before time will tell on you. By the time you are old, you will desire to serve God but your strength might not allow you. The time is NOW!

7. Your Skills:

"Whatever your hands finds to do, do it with all your might, for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol (the place of the dead), where you are going"

Ecclesiastes 9:10 AMP

You should use your skills to serve God, this will bring Him delight. Your service is only required while you still have breath in you. Once you are gone, of what use will the service be? Of what use will discovering and fulfilling destiny be?



Please understand that you cannot afford to walk through this life just doing the ordinary things (go to school, work, get married, bear children and die). God's plan for you is that you will leave an indelible mark on this earth, that's why He needs you to fulfill destiny. We ought not to live our lives earning a living and feeding on it; we should be focused on how we can impact the world with what God has deposited in us.

Key Points:

- God will not come to this world by Himself, He needs to work through someone and that person is YOU, what a privilege!
- 2. God created everyone for a unique purpose. He has several purposes to fulfill and He has distributed them to His children, find out which one was allotted to you and do your best at fulfilling it.
- 3. God needs all that you are and have to achieve His purpose on earth. Don't give Him a fraction of your life, please give Him all. You would be glad you did.

Prayer Points:

- 1. Thank God for the privilege He is extending to partner with you in order to fulfill His purpose on earth.
- 2. Pray earnestly that God will help you discover the destiny He has designed for you and help you fulfill it. Tell Him you do not want leave this world without impacting lives.
- 3. Say to the Lord that you surrender to Him from today all that you are and have as He desires you to. Ask Him for the grace to do this on a continuous basis.

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Discover Your Destiny

THE QUOTATION "when purpose is not known, abuse is inevitable" (Munroe M, 2001) comes to my mind as I write this chapter. When you do not know the destiny God has designed for you, what are you going to fulfill? Destiny is defined as your future or the pre-ordained path of your life. Destiny reveals God's purpose, calling or assignment. It is coined out from the word "Destination".

There is a pre-ordained path for your life which you must discover so as to ensure that you do not just walk through the surface of this earth without making a meaningful impact in it. Discovering your destiny is itself the beginning of its fulfillment. Everyone on earth was created by God to fulfill a purpose, you should find out what yours is. *(please read Genesis 1:24-26), Isaiah 54:16 MSG also says*

"Behold I have created the smith who blows the fire on the coals and who produces a weapon for its purpose; and I have created the devastator to destroy".

My prayer is that our lives will serve positive purposes only in Jesus Name.

The world is filled with categories of people as it relates to discovering and fulfilling destiny:

- Those who never discovered their destiny hence they never became all that God has designed for them.
- 2. Those who discovered their destiny but never pursued it (some were unwilling to pay the price, some did not have the zeal/strength to pursue, some had their eyes on other things distractions)
- 3. Those who discovered their destiny, pursued it for a while and later abandoned it. They lacked courage, discipline and commitment to stay through. Some veered off along the path because the devil struck and they were not on guard.

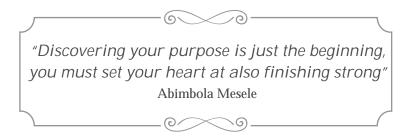
- 4. Those who discovered their destiny, pursued it but were contended before its full materialization. These are people who (because of success, accolades and perhaps wealth) became satisfied before accomplishing in full measure the destiny God designed for them.
- 5. Those who discovered their destiny, paid the price and maintained it to the end. A great example is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Apostle Paul after his destiny journey had this to say

"I have fought the good (worthy, honorable and noble) fight, I have finished the race, I have kept (firmly held) the faith. (As to what remains) henceforth there is laid up for me the (victor's) crown of righteousness (for being right with God and doing right)...

2 Timothy 4:7-8 AMP

I pray that your name will be on the list of those who discovered their destiny and saw to its full materialization in Jesus Name. However, you must make up your mind that once you discover your destiny, you will do all it takes

to ensure that you can also say like Apostle Paul that a crown is laid up for you.



Now to discovering your destiny, here are some questions that could serve as a guide:

- 1. What do you want to be remembered for when you leave this world?
- 2. What can you do with ease and every sense of fulfillment/innerjoy?
- 3. Is (are) there any situation(s) that gives you unrest until you arise to solve the problem or answer the question?
- 4. What would you not mind to do over again even if you will not be compensated financially for it?

How can I discover the destiny God has designed for me?

1. Prayers:

"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong to us..."

Deuteronomy 29:29 KJV

One of the ways God can reveal His purpose to us is when we ask Him. If we stay unperturbed, how could we possibly find out His purpose for our lives not to talk of fulfilling it?

2. Study of the Word of God:

"...Making known unto us the mystery (secret) of His will (of His plan, of His purpose).

Ephesians 1:9a AMP

With every product comes a manual that tells what the product was created for and how it can be used. The same applies to you; the manufacturer/designer of your destiny has given full details as to what your destiny will be like in

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His Word (the manual of our lives). As you study to show yourself approved, you will find your purpose and the strength required to fulfill same.

3. Guidance from Spiritual Leaders:

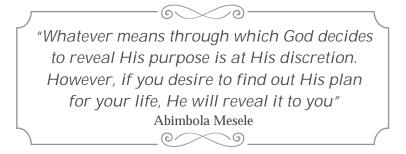
"Surely the Lord will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets"

Amos 3:7 KJV

God can through the help of your spiritual head/mentor, help you to discover your purpose. He will confirm same to you when this happens. Sometimes, you could even discover that you have like passion with the one who is mentoring you. If you feel this way you should check it closely, you just might have a destiny to fulfill on that path too.

4. Divine Revelation: God can choose to speak to you though divine revelation, for example, He disclosed His plans for Joseph in a dream. Other areas are through open vision, trance etc.

5. Passion: It is the desire to solve a problem or to change the course of a thing for the better. When peace is literarily withdrawn from you because a situation came to your notice and you don't sit until it is reversed to glorify God, it is most likely you have a destiny to fulfill along that path. Esther was not at rest until God gave all round rest to the Jews.



I have discovered my destiny, what next?

Once you have discovered your destiny, you need to get on the tracks towards fulfilling it but you must remember that the ONLY person that can stop you from fulfilling your destiny is YOU. Here are some of the things you should avoid, they would hinder or slow down your process of fulfilling destiny: 1. Wrong Association: This means staying around wrong people who would deter you from fulfilling destiny.

"Don't become partners with those who reject God. How can you make a partnership out of right and wrong? That's not partnership; that's war. Is light friends with dark? Does Christ go strolling with the devil?"

2 Corinthians 6: 14 MSG

Walking with people of like minds will strengthen and give you the required push to finish strong

"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend"

Proverbs 27:17 KJV

2. Wrong Thinking: Thought patterns are paramount in fulfilling destiny so you must consciously watch it. If you think you cannot become what God has destined you to be, that is likely what will happen. You can develop a positive mindset if you choose to.

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he

Proverbs 23:7 KJV

3. Wrong Confession: Words are like magnets so you must watch what you say because the words that proceed from your mouth has the ability of attracting the things you have declared. You need to speak the right words that align with the fulfillment of your destiny.

"Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit you choose"

Proverbs 18: 21 MSG

4. Wrong Habits: People with wrong habits or addictions are not likely to go far with anything so you must carefully cut out all habits that will not favor the course of your destiny. The Bible says

"Slack habits and sloppy work are as bad as vandalism"

Proverbs 18:9 MSG

Some wrong habits could be oversleeping, over eating etc. Addictions could include masturbation, smoking, clubbing etc. You need to ask for God's help to cut out wrong habits and addictions if you will become all that He has purposed for you.

5. Wrong Mentorship: You must be careful as to whom you submit yourself under to be mentored. The type of mentor you chose can either help to nurture your destiny into full materialization or destroy it. You should pray earnestly and rely on God's direction to choose the right mentor. The Almighty God who designed your destiny and helped you to discover it, will surely guide your path to who should mentor you. When you find the right mentor, you must be willing to learn what he/she is consciously and unconsciously teaching you. This means that you must open your heart to learn whilst you are under his/her mentorship.

Key Points:

- 1. It is only God who can reveal your destiny to you and He alone decides the method He wants to use, hence you must seek His face and be open.
- 2. Once you have discovered your destiny, you must not rest on your oars until you finish your course.
- 3. No one but YOU can hinder yourself from fulfilling the destiny God has designed for you, so you must fight the good fight of faith to ensure that you are not distracted, you must cut out every wrong thing that will hinder you and imbibe good habits to help you become God's very best.

Prayer Points:

- 1. Precious Father, please reveal to me what you have created me for. My heart is open to you Lord, help me to discover my destiny in Jesus Name.
- 2. Precious Father, help me not to relent until I have completed the assignment you have given to me in Jesus Name.
- 3. Precious Father, keep distractions away from me. Help me to stay focused. I declare that I will not hinder myself from becoming the very best that you have designed me to be in Jesus Name.

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God Is Committed To Your Life

I ALWAYS KNEW I HAD SOMETHING to do on earth, I knew it from Secondary School where I would organize fellowship. I just knew I had a destiny to fulfill but could not really place my hands on it until I met someone whom God sent to give me that push. God did this because He loves me and desires that I end well. Infact the push has not stopped because at every stage of destiny, God brings more people to help me out.

God in His nature does not start a thing He has not already concluded. He is not a task master who sends people on assignment and does not care how it is achieved. When He gives an assignment, He makes provision for all that is needed, He even sends men who are called destiny helpers. All this He does in the bid to help you finish strong, oh

what a loving Father we have! You can be sure that when you embrace the destiny He has designed for you, He is definitely committed to ensuring that you finish strong. Let this assurance strengthen you, the One who called you is completely dependable.

"The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought and planned, so shall It come to pass, as I have purposed, so shall it stand"

Isaiah 14: 24 AMP

God's Words are absolutely dependable. If He has made any promise to you, He will surely bring it to pass. In my life, I have seen the Word of God come to pass over and over again. Whenever I am faced with challenges that seem overwhelming, I hear the same words from God, He always says to me, "just focus on My call upon your life and I will fix it" and sure enough, He always fixes it. It might not be at my timing but guess what, He does as He has promised.

No matter what you are passing through, always remember that your Heavenly Father cannot change

"Iam God yes Iam. I haven't changed" Malachi 3:6a MSG

He is committed to:

- 1. His Words
- a. "Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; there shall none of my words be prolonged anymore, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord God"

Ezekiel 12:28 KJV

b. "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Isaiah 55:11 KJV

c. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God stand for ever"

Isaiah 40:8" KJV

2. His Name

a. "And I will do (I Myself will grant) whatever you ask in My Name (as presenting all that I am) so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son.

John 14:13 AMP

b. "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered".

Joel 2:32a KJV

c. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe"

Proverbs 18:10 KJV

There are several personalities in the Bible that remind us of God's commitment. God made promises to them and true to His words, He fulfilled them. God was committed to their lives so be confident that the same applies to you your Father is committed to your life. Here are some of the examples that will strengthen your faith:

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1. Abraham:

Promise: God made a promise to Abraham;

"And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him".

Genesis 17:19 KJV

Fulfillment:

"God visited Sarah exactly as He said He would; God did to Sarah what He promised: Sarah became pregnant and gave Abraham a son in his old age, and at the time God had set".

Genesis 21:1-2 MSG

2. The Children of Israel:

Promise: God's Word of assurance and comfort came to the children of Israel. "I've taken a good, long look at the affliction of my people in Egypt. I've heard their cries for deliverance from their slave masters; I know all about their pain. And now I have come down to help them, pry them loose from the grip of Egypt, get them out of that country and bring them to a good land with wide-open spaces, a land lush with milk and honey, the land of the Cananite, the Hitite, the Amorite, the Perrizite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite".

Exodus 3:7-8 MSG

Fulfillment:

"Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore"

Exodus 14:30 KJV

3. Joshua:

Promise: God made a commitment to Joshua after the death of Moses. I am sure Joshua would have wondered from where he would begin after his mentor died, hence he

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withdrew into his shell. It took God to repeatedly (four times) say to him in Joshua Chapter 1 "be strong and of a good courage". God's promise to Joshua was:

"Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses...there shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not leave thee, nor forsake thee".

Joshua 1: 3-5 KJV

God had to let Joshua know that the same commitment He gave to his master Moses will be extended to him (Joshua) as long as he embraced God's purpose on his life.

Fulfillment:

"On that day the Lord magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

Joshua 4:14 KJV

4. The Disciples:

Promise: Jesus, knowing how much the disciples needed the Holy Spirit to be effective on earth, made a promise to them as His departure from this world drew close.

> "and behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high".

> > Luke 24:49 KJV

Fulfillment:

"and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance"

Acts 2: 4 KJV

5. Every Believer:

Promise:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved".

John 3:16-17KJV

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them to Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand".

John 10: 28 - 29 KJV

Fulfillment: We are assured that these promises will be fulfilled at the second coming of the Lord.

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne"

Revelation 3:21

My dear, David in all of his challenges had this sure testimony "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up"

Psalm 27:10 KJV

You too can hold on to God's words today and be sure that it will come to pass.

Here are some of the promises that assure you of God's commitment to you:

1. "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee"

Deuteronomy 31:6 KJV

2. "For the Lord will not forsake his people for His great name's sake: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you His people"

1 Samuel 12:22 KJV

3. "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire,

thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindly upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour"

Isaiah 43:2 - 3a KJV

4. "I will not leave you as orphans (comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless); I will come (back) to you"

John 14:18 AMP

5. "Listen to Me, family of Jacob, everyone that's left on the family of Israel. I've been carrying you on my back from the day you were born, And I'll keep on carrying you when you're old. I'll be there, bearing you when you're old and gray. I've done it and will keep doing it, carrying you on my back, saving you"

Isaiah 46:3 -4 MSG

Not only is God is committed to your life and ensuring that you fulfill His purpose for your life, He is also committed to ensuring that you are perfected in your:

1. Spirit:

"By His Spirit He has stamped us with His eternal pledge a sure beginning of what He is destined to complete"

2 Corinthians 1:22b MSG

God is committed to guiding you by His Spirit. Once you embrace His purpose for your life, you can boast of the Father's assurance to ensuring that you do not miss it.

2. Soul:

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul"

3 John 2 ESV

3. Body:

"Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains (of punishment)...... But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was

bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement (needful to obtain) peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes (that wounded) Him we are healed and made whole"

Isaiah 53:4-5 AMP

Oh, but for distance I wish I were sitting or standing before you just to let you know how much God is interested in your well-being, He is happy seeing you glow with smiles on your face. As against some fanatics' belief that like earthly parents, God uses sorrow, affliction, pain etc to punish His children when they go wrong, be rest assured that your Father is not human. He is committed to finishing that great work He has started in your life

"There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears"

Philippians 1:6 MSG

For every transaction to be properly sealed, both parties must have played their roles. God has made promises and surely, He would fulfill them but you also have a role to play. It might sound too simple, you might even ask yourself is this real? Please try them and see how beautiful your life will turn out.

1. "trust in the Lord (commit yourself to Him, lean on Him, hope confidently in Him) forever; for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock (the Rock of Ages).

Isaiah 26:4 AMP

2. "roll your works upon the Lord (commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and) so shall your plans be established and succeed.

Proverbs 16: 3 AMP

3. "don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray.

Let petitions and praises shape your worries into
prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before
you know it, a sense of God's wholeness,
everything coming together for good, will come
and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens

when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life"

Philippians 4:6 - 7 MSG

As I drop my pen on this chapter, the words of a beautiful hymn echoes in my heart "trust and obey, for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey" (Sammis J.H & Towner D.B, 1887). How true these words are! The Bible at several times used the words "and it came to pass" so be rest assured that the Almighty God is not slack concerning His promise(s) hence whatever promise He has made to you will come to pass.

"The One who called you is completely dependable. If He said it, He will do it"

1 Thessalonians 5:24 MSG

Key Points:

- 1. If God has given you a vision, goal, assignment or mandate, embrace it. You can be sure that He is right there to take you to the purposed end.
- 2. God is committed to your life; He is committed to ensuring that you are perfected in all areas of your life so that you can stay focused on fulfilling His purpose for your life.
- 3. God always makes full provision when He sends you on an assignment; He even releases destiny helpers to help you out.

Prayer Points:

- 1. Say to your Father that you will embrace His purpose for your life from today and you trust that He will help you finish strong.
- 2. Declare today that you are perfected in your spirit, soul and body in Jesus Name. Amen
- 3. Ask that God will connect you to your destiny helpers (men that will help you finish strong). Declare today that you receive in full measure all that God has provided towards the fulfillment of your destiny in Jesus Name.



God Hates Your Excuses

GOD CREATED YOU FOR A PURPOSE and He desires that you fulfill that purpose before returning to Him. Guess what, God is aware of your limitations and weaknesses but He hates it when you put them before him as excuses or reasons not to step into the glorious future He has designed for you

"And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

Exodus 3:11 KJV

God obviously knew that Moses stammered and being the God who knows the end from the beginning, He also knew that Moses would give this as an excuse for not wanting to fulfill his destiny, so He prepared a way out.

There is so much work to be done, you have a unique gift that distinguishes you from the entire world and that is the perfect gift God wants to use. There may be several reasons that come to your mind making you feel unfit for the Master e.g. your past wayward life, habits and/or addictions, inadequacies/weaknesses etc. You might even ask yourself, do I really have any gift? What is so unique about me? Must it be now? Can't this wait? Am I not too young for this? What will people think? Will I still fit into my caucus? All these might sound like genuine reasons but the Lord desires that you become all that He has created you for.

"When we know what God wants us to do
but we refuse to obey, we're ignoring the voice
of the Lord and sinfully choosing our ways.
We may make excuses for not obeying God,
but He still calls it disobedience".

(DeHaan M.R., 2014)

Our loving Father is aware of the setbacks and failures you had while growing up and He says to you today "My son,

my daughter, don't allow these mistakes hold you down". If you allow the thoughts of your past life take a hold of you, you won't achieve much for God. Maybe you were born into a polygamous home, you experienced molestation and rape while growing up, there was financial stagnation or paucity of funds in your family and it made you stop school. Whatever the setbacks are, they should never stand in your way or hinder you from launching into your destiny, they should not stop you from fulfilling your purpose.

God in His infinite wisdom uses the foolish things of this world to confound the acclaimed wise. If we could by our effort attain righteousness then no one would qualify to serve God's purpose. Jesus' death and resurrection in addition to our faith in Him is all that we need to begin in God. More often, our weakness is what qualifies us before God to serve Him. Though we are qualified through faith to serve God, we must not be contented with our weaknesses. We must continually lean on God's grace as we see Him turn those weaknesses to strength. God's word of assurance is

"My grace is enough: it's all that you need. My strength comes into its own in your weaknesses"

2 Corinthians 12:9a. MSG

Paul after hearing these same words made this comment:

"Once I heard that, I was glad to let it happen. I quit focusing on the handicap and began appreciating the gift. It was a case of Christ's strength moving in on my weakness. Now I take limitations in stride, and with good cheer, these limitations that cut me down to size - abuse, accidents, opposition, bad breaks. I just let Christ take over! And so the weaker I get, the stronger I become.

2 Corinthians 12:9b - 10 MSG

Like Paul, this should be your attitude (quit focusing on your weaknesses and failures and begin appreciating the gift).

Handing our weaknesses and setbacks to God is very important to enable us launch into the bright future God has prepared for us. We cannot hold on to the past while moving into the future. Past mistakes are weights that we

cannot afford to carry along the path of destiny. Your Creator says to you today

"Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it"

Isaiah 43:18-19a MSG

There are few examples of weaknesses we can find in the Bible. Weaknesses strong enough to get a man running from destiny just like Jonah, but these people picked up the challenge and in the end they prospered in the destiny God designed for them.

1. Stammering: Moses stammered and at such, he could not imagine himself standing before King Pharaoh to ask for the release of God's people (Israel) but in the end, there was sure victory because he took a giant step for God. This was the testimony-

"Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses".

Exodus 14:30 - 31KJV

2. Low Self Esteem: Joshua worked with Moses and had seen the great works God wrought through his hands hence when Moses died, he simply thought to himself, who is going to fill these big shoes? It took God in the first Chapter of Joshua to tell him four (4) consecutive times, "only be strong and of a good courage". Can you imagine that the Almighty God had to convince Joshua before he could summon courage to take up the challenge? After he picked up his destiny, I bet your guess is as good as mine, God performed great wonders through him (a good example is the victory through the fall of the walls of Jericho). Even before Jericho's walls crumbled in Chapter 6 of Joshua, God had started to do amazing things through him. This was the record;

"On that day the Lord magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life".

Joshua 4:14 KJV

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So you see, there is so much God can do in us, with us and through us if we simply get up from the pit of excuses and forge ahead in spite of them.

3. Terrible Past: Apostle Paul's life is such a testimony that mere reading through the books of the Bible God wrote through him, you should be encouraged to go all the way for God. Paul when his name was Saul persecuted the church so much that his encounter with God amazed people. This is the account of a man who threatened the church so much that he even got letters from the high priest that just in case he found any one, whether men or women on his way to Damascus, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem (Acts 9:2). After his encounter, the Bible says;

"And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. But all who heard him were amazed and said; is not this he that destroyed Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?"

Acts 9: 20 - 21

Oh, what excuse do you have to sit in complacency? What excuse do you have not to become all that God has purposed for you?

"When we dwell on our weaknesses, setbacks and failures, we are denying ourselves of the greatness God has birthed inside of us, we are denying ourselves of the greatness God can birthed through us. In all, we lose so much when we sit in complacency"

Abimbola Mesele

In a minute just ask yourself these questions - What if these people I just read about stayed in their comfort zone and said the usual words "but God understands"? What if they did not dare to rise from the pit of excuses into God's will for their lives? How will they have done these great works for Jehovah if they did not rise to take up the challenge? Should they have stayed in their complaint box, doesn't it mean that they would have died with such greatness and capacity in them, making God's heart heavy? Most likely, some people would have died (the children of Israel after suffering hardship under Pharaoh's government or the different people who would have died without hearing the message of salvation) because of their

refusal to obey God's call but thank God they moved on despite their weaknesses hence they had success stories.

You must understand that some lives are connected to yours. Some people may never become all that God has planned for them because of your refusal to stand up to the challenge. Please don't allow people suffer because of complains you seem to have as perfect excuse for not fulfilling your destiny.

My dear, no one can boldly say that he/she has made a positive impact on people's lives or in the world systems without stories of struggle(s), weakness (es) and setback in the past. These were enough reasons to make them throw in the towel but they looked away from the excuses and forged ahead, hence they made a difference in their generation. Apostle Paul, with all the great things he did for God had this confession;

"I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an

expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back".

Philippians 3:12 - 14 MSG

Finally, he charges us with these words and prayers

"So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision you'll see it yet. Now that we're on the right track, let's stay on it"

Philippians 3:15-16 MSG

Key Points:

- 1. God needs you to cooperate with Him so that He can accomplish His purpose in you and through you. He is not seeking a perfect self-made person, He wants you just the way you are.
- 2. Obeying God's instructions is the best way to be at peace with life.
- 3. The devil brings up your weaknesses /inadequacies, setbacks and past mistakes to discourage you from doing God's will but don't give in.

Prayer Points:

- 1. Thank the Lord for accepting you despite your weaknesses and excuses. Ask that the blood of Jesus will totally erase your past and give you a new beginning.
- 2. Lord I receive the grace to obey your instructions; I refuse to limit myself through excuses in Jesus Name. Amen
- 3. I have been washed by the blood of Jesus and I have a new beginning in God therefore, I refuse to be bothered by accusations from the devil. I march on in victory to become the very best God has created me to be in Jesus Name. Amen.



"Go In This Thy (Your) Might"

THERE IS SO MUCH INSIDE YOU. When God created and designed you for a great purpose, He also put in you every thing you will need to achieve greatness and become all (not some) that He has ordained you to be. All you need is to draw from the wells in you and let the rivers within you flow to your generation. Jesus says

"He that believeth in me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water"

John 7:38 KJV

There is definitely a thirsty person who will drink from the rivers that will flow from you.

The phrase "Go in this thy might" is drawn from Gideon's conversation with the angel of the Lord. Gideon was distressed and wondered how things would turn out for the children of Israel. Infact the attack on their land made him go into hiding to thresh wheat. In the midst of all that, comes an angel who addresses him as "mighty man of valour". How is this possible Gideon asked? Mighty man of valour and it looks like we are going to drown? Mighty man of valour and everything around is in the opposite?

The angel was not moved by his lamentation, He went on to give him this charge - "Go in this thy might" and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee". I can imagine the expression on Gideon's face; he would have wondered what manner of words the angel spoke to him knowing the circumstances around him so he quickly reminds the angel

"And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? Behold my family is poor in Manesseh, and I am the least in my father's house".

Judges 6:15 KJV

From the account in Judges 6, there are five (5) points we should note:

- 1. Your heavenly Father does not see you as a failure, He sees you as "mighty man/woman of valour", someone who can achieve so much for Him. You must see yourself in this same light if you will do great things for God.
- 2. The phrase the angel used in his conversation with Gideon is not "Go in this might" or "Go in this my (angel's) might", it is "Go in this thy (your) might" meaning the strength to be the mighty man of valour was in Gideon. It was not going to come from anywhere else, it was in him already. All you need to fulfill destiny is in you. Hallelujah!
- 3. The question the angel posed to Gideon after giving him the charge in Judges 6:14 is "have not I sent thee"? God is saying those words to you today:

"Go in this thy might and thou shalt save your family from every curse: have not I sent thee?"

"Go in this thy might and thou shalt speak to nations for me: have not I sent thee?"

"Go in this thy might and thou shalt write many

books for me: have not I sent thee?"

"Go in this thy might and thou shalt care for orphans for me: have not I sent thee?"

"Go in this thy might and thou shalt heal marriages for me: have not I sent thee?"

The list is endless, whatever destiny God has designed for you is embedded in the assurance that He is the One sending you.

4. God promised Gideon of His presence in the following verse,

"And the Lord said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man"

Judges 6:16

This means you should not entertain any iota of fear or doubt, if God has sent you on that assignment, His presence will be there with you.

5. After these promises from God, Gideon quickly said a word of prayer:

"And he said unto him, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me. Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee..."

Judges 6:17-18

This tells us that after you have received words of assurance from God, you must not be quiet in the place of prayer. Yes it is good to receive promises from the Almighty Himself but you must pray until the manifestations come to pass. Keep speaking forth in the place of prayers. You must pray fervently because after you have received the promise, the devil will not go to sleep, he would war to see that it is aborted but if you stay steadfast in prayers, victory is assured.

Finally, now that you know the mind of God towards you; how that He desires you to discover your destiny and walk fully in it, you need to look inwards and answer this very important question WHERE AM I NOW? Am I at the stage of discovering my destiny or have I discovered it? Am I still holding on to past mistakes, experiences or setbacks instead of forging ahead?

Doing a thorough assessment of where you are right now, where you are going and how you can get to your desired end is very crucial. At the end of your journey on earth, God wants you to be able to say;

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown..."

2 Timothy 4: 7-8 ESV

Here are some truths that will help you get to that desired end (the destiny God has prepared for you).

- 1. Recognize that there is no destiny you can fulfill outside God: It is impossible for a product to work independently or outside the original intent of its manufacturer. When you recognize that you can only fulfill your destiny in God, then it is easy for you to yield to Him. Surrender your life to Jesus and grow in fellowship with Him. He alone can order your steps and lead you safely to the desired end.
- 2. Discover exactly what God wants you to do: Remember, there is a reason you were born into this world.

God already designed your destiny when He formed you in your mother's womb, yours is to discover and walk in it. Chapter Four of this book should help you.

- 3. Identify your gifts: One easy way to identify your gift(s) is to find out that thing that you do with ease and every sense of fulfillment and inner joy. These gifts will help you in the journey towards fulfillment of destiny.
- 4. List out your excuse(s) and start to deal with them: No matter the excuse(s), if you decide to deal with them, you will be victorious. Always remember that nobody (not even the devil and his hosts) can frustrate the purpose of God for your life. You are the only one who can hinder yourself from becoming the very best that God has ordained for you but if you stand up to the call, you will succeed and live a purposeful life.
- 5. Take steps towards the desired end: Don't sit back, fold your arms and say since God has helped me to identify my purpose, then He will help me fulfill it. Sure, He will help you fulfill it but you must take definite steps and work at it every day. It is not enough to discover your destiny, fulfilling it is the big deal. If you become content with just

the discovery of your destiny, it is tantamount to day dreaming. You need to stretch yourself and pay the sacrifice required to become all that God has designed you for. Always remember that it is only while you are on earth that fulfilling destiny is important, when you have gone to your Maker, it won't be necessary anymore.

Find out what you need to do; maybe you need to spend more time with the Word of God and prayers, perhaps yours will require skills acquisition training, an additional degree/certification, reading books in the line of your calling etc. Whatever steps you need to take to become God's best is worth it so that you can stand before your Maker to give a worthy account. Remember the adage that says the end justifies the means. Let that desired end be your focus and take steps towards reaching there. Don't be contended with the ordinary; don't walk through life without making a significant impact. Let this generation and those to come feel your impact.

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"Every day, make sure you do something to add to your steps towards reaching the final goal which is "Fulfilling your destiny"".

Abimbola Mesele

The following are questions you need to ask yourself. You might need to get a pen to answer them.

- 1. If I have seen how much God loves me, what are those things stopping me from loving Him back?
- 2. If God needs my life, totality, love, time, resources, energy and skills, what are those things hindering or stopping me from giving my all to Him?
- 3. If God is committed to my life and wants me to end well, what setbacks, habits, addictions, excuses, rebuke/praises of men will hinder me from ending well?
- 4. If God hates excuses, what makes me give them and disobey God?
- 5. What association do I need to cut off from, what habits do I need to stop and what culture do I need to imbibe in order to be all that God has destined for me?

If you have found answers to the questions above, congratulations. You have set your feet on the right path. Reflect on every word you have read in this book and take a step each day towards the fulfillment of your destiny. You will experience inner joy and peace when you are fulfilling destiny. This joy my dear is such that cannot be

bought with money, such joy that radiates from inside out, such joy that gives you peace in the midst of trying situations, such joy that gives you boldness when the Master asks for an account of your stewardship.

I pray that the hands of the Almighty God will rest on you, propelling you to greatness and fulfillment of destiny in Jesus Name. God bless you.

"Fulfilling your destiny is not a choice so you must set your heart at it and give it the best shot"

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Key Points:

- 1. Everything you need to become all that God created you for is right inside you, all you need to do is draw from the wells within you and let it spill out.
- 2. God sees you as "mighty man/woman of valour"; He sees you as capable of doing all that He has destined you for and He is saying to you "Go in this thy might"
- 3. List out and consciously take out all that will impede your progress towards fulfilling your destiny and imbibe all that you need to help you become what God has created you for.

Prayer Points:

- 1. Lord, thank you for putting in me all that I need to become what you have created me for. I draw from the rivers within me and I declare that from my life will flow blessings to the world in Jesus Name. Amen.
- 2. I declare today that my perspective changes. I see myself the same way God sees me "the mighty man/woman of valour", I speak it into being and I act that way in Jesus Name.
- 3. Lord, by Your power that is at work in me I deal with everything that will impede my progress towards the fulfillment of the beautiful destiny you have designed for me and I imbibe and build on everything that will help me become the very best You have created me to be in Jesus Name.

Final Words



HAS THIS BOOK TOUCHED YOU? Do you desire that God will make your life beautiful by using it for His glory? Will you allow your Father (the One who formed you in your mother's womb) help you discover the purpose for which He created you and help you fulfill it? Will you damn the clique of friends that draws you back to shameful habits and allow your Father mould your live and pattern it according to His divine plan? Will you come to your Father just as you are and watch what He will turn your life into? If yes, please say this prayer and mean it from your heart.

Dear Father, thank you for sending Jesus to die for me. I acknowledge that I am sinner and I believe that Jesus died and was raised from the dead for my sake. Jesus come into my heart, forgive my sins, save my soul and use me for Your glory. Today, I confess that Jesus is Lord over my life. I declare today that I am born again and I live in the consciousness of this new life in Jesus Name. Amen.

If you have said this prayer, you are on your way to achieving greatness and fulfilling destiny. Congratulations.

Please contact or follow me through the details below. It will be an awesome privilege to assist you in the journey of fulfilling destiny. God bless you.

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"The grace (the unmerited favour and blessings) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with you. Amen".

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This book is an inspiration from the Almighty to everyone who desires to become what God has ordained for him/her. It will help you discover the destiny God designed before you were formed in your mother's womb and empower you to walk fully in it. Through this book, I trust God to open your eyes to see how much He loves you, His desire to partner with you and His assurance that if you will only let go of your excuses, He is committed to helping you end well. You will receive boldness to forget the past and step into the beautiful future God has for you. You will also learn how to draw from within, all that you require to become God's best. You are the miracle the world is waiting for, you can become all that God has purposed for you.

"God has designed your destiny, yours is to discover it"

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