

Understanding Your Divine Purpose

Open with brief prayer: Father, thank you for opening our eyes to Your Divine Purpose for us. Amen. I believe in divine purpose; not just purpose but **Divine Purpose**.

What is Divine purpose? (Esther 4:14) Divine Purpose is the answer to **YOUR** question “WHY”. Why **YOU** were created. What did God have in mind with you and your design? God says in Isaiah 43:7 that I have created you for my glory and formed you and made you. (Genesis 17:5, Exodus 7:1, II Sam. 7:9, Second Chronicles 1:1, Isaiah 44:2, Jeremiah 1:18, Acts 26:16-19, Ezekiel 3:17, Romans 4:17, Hebrews 5:5, Psalm 100:3)

God has a divine purpose for EVERY second and EVERY season of your life (Genesis 17:1-5, Jeremiah 1:5-19, Esther 4:14, Genesis 45:1-8, Psalm 105:16-24, Isaiah 46:10-11; Romans 9:15-23).

Mark Twain said: “The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why.”

Your Divine purpose is in you in seed form. **If** it grows and how much it grows is up to you and your understanding of its existence, importance and value in your life.

Abraham and Sarah of the Bible were 99 and 90 years old respectively. They had a son in their old age. It was divinely purposed for them not be sterile and senile but strong and virile. God had a divine purpose for their old age and God has a divine purpose for **THIS** season of your life.

Within divine purpose there is the intent of the design. What did God intend when he designed you. Your strengths, talents and abilities are clues to your divine purpose. What God had in mind with you and your design **is divine purpose**.

My first trip to Singapore- In 2002, during my first trip to Singapore, an acquaintance of mine, a devout Believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, Banker and Venture Capitalist, asked me: “Why are you in Singapore? There is a reason God sent you to us”.

Divine Purpose is a man cooperating with his God. Saying “yes” to your divine purpose is a synonym for faith in God (Mark 11:22-23).

Divine Purpose and design- Divine Purpose says you don’t have to be perfect, but you do have to get better. You were designed for “Better”. Divine purpose qualifies and quantifies that design. You were designed with increase in mind. You were not created to be contained.

Divine Purpose and discipline-If divine purpose had a backbone it would be discipline. Without discipline, the strength of divine purpose is compromised. Its integrity is jelly-like and soft. Consequently, it takes on the consistency of its environment and the average and mediocre reign and run rampant. Again, I say, the backbone of divine purpose is discipline.

When divine purpose is discovered, direction unfolds and resources flow. “Doing what it takes” and “doing what you need to do” become a constant refrain and a perennial anthem.

Embracing your divine purpose is often the “letting go” of what is familiar, what is controlled and what is comfortable. It is the falling, flowing and functioning into the greater abyss of something new, different and larger than oneself. In 1999 Divine Purpose took me to Manila, Philippines. I never knew that I could be comfortable in a city with a region that includes over 25 million people.

Anecdote-It reminds me of a story of a man who, enjoying the view near the edge of a cliff, tripped and fell off the edge. His fall was shortened by a precarious ledge which he clung to for dear life. Clinging to this life-saving rock, with much concern he shouted, “Is anybody up there?” Again, as he held on with all of his strength, he shouted “is anybody up there? Becoming filled with despair and looking up, he again shouted desperately, “Is anybody up there”. He then heard this voice that said clearly but loudly: “Let go and I will catch you”. He shouted back: who are you? The voice said “This is God. Let go and I will catch you”. The man then shouted “Is anybody ELSE up there! I say to you, let go. Your divine purpose will catch you.

YOU and Your Divine Purpose-When it comes to you and your divine purpose, there is no competition because there is no one like you. You are an original. You are one of a kind. You are the only one in the race to be you. You were divinely purposed for **something**, for **some one**, for **some season**. (Germany story about book taking too long to introduce to Europe) Somewhere on this planet there is great reward and compensation for **YOU** being **YOU**. Somewhere on this planet You being YOU is appreciated; You being YOU is celebrated; You being YOU is compensated.

Divine Purpose and Courage (Joshua 1:5-9)- It takes courage and sometimes GREAT courage to follow divine purpose. It doesn't take much courage, if any at all, to be someone operating outside of divine purpose. When you operate out of divine purpose, new ideas occur; new thoughts and dreams that no one has ever heard of materialize; heavenly things, divine things. You, the person with divine purpose, have to manage, grow, develop and cope with all of this never before **heard of** or **seen** power, strength and ability; all coming from you being you with divine purpose. Again, it takes courage to be a person of divine purpose.

What is YOUR divine purpose? Your divine purpose is THE CURE for the cancer that ails you. It is the antidote for all that's average; the medicine for the mediocre. It is the balm for the boredom that besets and besieges you.

It is the razor's edge and the tip of the sword in your life. Divine purpose is the EXTRA in EXTRAordinary. It is the ABLE in capable. It is the POW in POWER and the OW in WOW.

It sets you apart from everyone else. It is WHY you are not normal, nor similar to anyone else. Divine purpose is your fingerprint and your DNA.

Today it is Joseph's coat of many colors (Genesis 37:3, 23, 31-33). Tomorrow it is the pit you were placed in by your hate filled brothers (Genesis 37:24-28), which brought you to Potiphar's wife, (Genesis 37:36; 39:1-20) eventually to a prison life (Genesis 37:20-23) and ultimately Pharaoh's palace (Genesis 41:38-46). Divine purpose is YOU **continuing** like Joseph: interpreting dreams in prison until his "day" arrived.

Divine purpose causes you to do the UNFORGETTABLE, the UNCANNY, the UNATTAINABLE, the UNCOMMON and the UNUSUAL; consequently, making others UNCOMFORTABLE; thus bringing you to an observation that you are not necessarily here for the comfort of others. Your divine purpose looks like **belief in Heaven** and **acts like faith in God**. When you embrace your divine purpose, it is **the end** of THE impossible; when divine purpose walks in, **THE** impossible walks out. It takes "maybe" off of life-support while giving "definitely" and "surely" eternal latitude (Psalm 23:6); all the while melting "ifs" and "all doubts" in the heat of its noon-day ascension.

Your divine purpose will challenge you but, **IT** will make you great and **greater**. It will frustrate you while it liberates you. You will not always like what you are becoming but you **WILL** get used to it and you **WILL** get over it.

Divine Purpose, Vision and Mission (assignment) If divine purpose had a wife, her name would be "VISION". If Divine Purpose and Vision had a child the child's name would be "Mission". The child's nickname would be called "Assignment".

Divine Purpose-Why?-What did God have in mind with you?

Divine Vision-what do you see? What has He revealed to you? What are you looking at & are focused upon?

Divine Mission-What are you doing with your hands? Where are you going with your feet?

Divine Purpose and Excellence-If divine purpose looked in the mirror, it would see a reflection called EXCELLENCE. The reflection of divine purpose is EXCELLENCE. If it had a shadow, it would be THE

EXEMPLARY. The shadow of divine purpose is the EXEMPLARY and in that shadow all are bettered and enriched.

Divine Purpose and its Voice-When divine purpose speaks, whether in a whisper or a shout, it sounds like God Himself is talking to you and talking through you. When divine purpose is silent, all is “quiet on the western front”(a 1929 novel by German WWI veteran Erich Maria Remarque). But when it is heard, Hell is unleashed in the lives of some and HEAVEN in the lives of others.

The Consummation of Divine Purpose-Divine purpose is consummated when two things occur: When what God created **YOU FOR** makes contact with what God created **FOR YOU** (REPEAT!)(2 Corinth. 2:9-10)

Divine Purpose and opportunity-Divine purpose is the mother of opportunity. If opportunity is great, divine purpose is greater. Discover and operate out of divine purpose and opportunities, earthly and heavenly, natural and supernatural will “football-tackle” you. Divine purpose is the factory of opportunities.

Divine Purpose and preparation-If Divine purpose was a two edged sword it would be sharpened by preparation (2Tim. 2:20-21); the more the preparation the sharper the edge.

Divine Purpose and shelf-life-Divine Purpose has no shelf-life. **It** has no expiration date. Your divine design does not have a **temporal clock** but an **eternal one**. What you were created for has no season (Second Timothy 4:2). Being what you were divinely purposed for is always in season.

How to discover and operate in your divine purpose

1. Ask God to reveal your divine purpose to you (Acts 26:9-23)
2. Pray and fast for strength, courage and divine help to execute that Divine purpose (Luke 22:41-45; Luke 22:31-34)
3. Read about others in the Bible who walked in their divine purpose(Joseph, Daniel, Jesus Christ, Paul-Eph. 3:1-10; I Corinth. 10:11; Romans 15:4; I Tim. 6:12-20; 2Tim. 4:5-9)
4. Talk to others who have discovered their divine purpose and follow their example
5. Don't give up on it no matter your age, past, failures or successes. Remember, it doesn't have an expiration date.

Conclusion-Your Divine purpose should be one of the most important things in your life. I believe that the state of NC has a divine purpose. I believe that the people of NC have a divine purpose. I believe that I have a divine purpose. I believe that you have a divine purpose.

Close with brief prayer: Father, help us to fulfil in this season of our lives our divine purpose. Amen.

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