

Melva's Corner

Fulfilling Your Destiny!

(Special Edition)



Central Truth: Fulfilling God's will in your life first begins with the understanding that it's wisdom to know His will.

Before you were ever born, before you ever demonstrated any talents or abilities, God created you for a purpose with a destiny. Look at these scriptures. **Jeremiah 1:5** says, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."

In Galatians 1:15 we read, "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace."

Both the Prophet Jeremiah and the Apostle Paul knew that God had a predetermined plan for their lives, where all of their gifts, abilities, and talents would be used.

We also know from Scripture that John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit while he was, what the world would call, a six-month-old fetus. I personally don't like that word because it's an attempt to dehumanize a child. God did not fill a hunk of tissue; He filled a living human being.

Throughout the Scripture are many examples of God's preordained plans for people, and we know that He is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34). So what He has done for others, He will and has done for you.

Fulfilling God's will in your life first begins with the understanding that it's wisdom to know His will. Next is understanding that you were not created to be self-sufficient but God dependent. Ephesians 5:17 says, "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

The Bible says in Jeremiah 10:23, "O LORD, I know that the way of a man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

Ephesians 5:17 is a direct command. He would not have commanded it if it were not possible to know. That would be unjust. Some who read this may take offense, but if you don't know God's will, you aren't acting wisely.

God never created you to be independent; He created you to be dependent upon Him. That is why it is not in a person to direct their own life. Let me give you a simple example.

What if you were hired by a company that didn't have job descriptions for anyone? Can you imagine the chaos and conflict that would occur if the daily activities of all the employees, including yourself, were left up to the discretion of each individual? It would be a mess.

In a way, that is basically what's happening in society today—people are doing their own thing. Without direction from God,

people find themselves unfulfilled, unproductive, and plagued with all kinds of self-inflicted problems.

God has a purpose for your life, He has a destiny for you to fulfill, but Satan wants to kill, steal, and destroy that plan. You get to choose. Will God win in your life, or will it be the devil? If things are going wrong for you, I can guarantee you it's not God that caused it to happen.

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the thoughts I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

God's plans for you are all good, not evil. So, if your life is a mess, it's because you have not followed His plan. But don't lose hope if that's you, because God isn't upset with you. His expected end for you hasn't changed. He is able to plot a course from where you are right now to where He wants you to be.

I don't care what has happened or how far off-track you are, God can put you back on course. Everything about you was created by God so that you could fulfill the expected end, your destiny. Your gifts, your talents, the way you look, your race, and even where you were born have a role in His plan. You were not an accident. The Bible says God knew you before you were in your mother's womb.

Once you discover God's plan for your life, it carries with it a supernatural ability and an anointing that will cause you to flourish. You are no longer working from just your own ability and talent, but you're operating out of obedience, and that is where the blessing and anointing of God are found.

Fulfilling your destiny all begins with knowing God's plan for your life. But, as long as you can live without knowing His will for your life, you will. I am convinced you can't find it accidentally; you will need to seek it with all your heart. And when you find it, that's just the beginning. You will learn that decisions do determine your destiny, so it's important to make good ones. Bad ones have certainly derailed the destinies of many people. There's a right way and a wrong way to make decisions. Next to salvation, this should be the most important pursuit of your life. So don't wait any longer—start seeking God now.

Scriptural References:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)