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## **ABOUT WORLD CHANGERS CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL**

World Changers Christian Leadership School is dedicated to equipping emerging leaders with the heart of God, empowering them to use His Word to address and heal societal challenges in various forms.

Our mission is to raise men and women with the capacity to **transform different sectors of society**, beginning with the church. Through biblical leadership training, we prepare individuals to make a lasting impact in their communities and beyond.

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## OUR OPERATION STRATEGY

We operate through a **Peer-to-Peer mentoring model** designed for your growth and transformation.

### **What this means:**

Once you join our programme, you will be assigned a dedicated mentor.

A mentor is someone who has already completed the programme and is committed to walking alongside you on your journey of growth. Their role includes:

1. Guiding you through the foundational manual that outlines the core principles and values of our leadership development programme.
2. Sharing practical activities, exercises, and actionable tips drawn from the manual to help you apply what you learn in real-life situations.
3. Providing a safe and supportive space to listen to your testimonies, reflections, and progress in your journey of leadership and spiritual growth.

***Through this peer-to-peer model, we foster a community where every member grows, learns, and contributes to the growth of others. This means that as you use the manual you pass it on***

### **Our Aim**

Our aim is that you too will become a mentor as you complete the school: this is the goal of any worthwhile Christian programme.

## OUR EXPECTATION

Our ultimate expectation is to raise **Christ-centered leaders** who bring transformation and make a tangible difference in their spheres of influence—whether in family, community, workplace, or nation.

We believe true leadership flows from character, service, and a life that reflects Christ's light to the world.

## OUR VISION

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*

— Matthew 5:16 (NKJV)

Our vision is to inspire and equip leaders whose lives radiate God's love and wisdom, drawing others closer to Him through their actions and influence.

## OUR MISSION

*"Those from among you Shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In."*

— Isaiah 58:12 (NKJV)

Our mission is to rebuild lives, restore broken foundations, and raise up a generation of leaders who act as repairers and restorers—creating communities marked by hope, justice, and godly values.

## THE REWARD

We firmly believe—supported by numerous testimonies from leaders within our community—that by serving others through our leadership tools and resources, **you also enrich and transform your own life.**

Here's how this reward unfolds:

1. **Deepened Learning:**

By teaching and guiding others, you reinforce and internalise what you have learnt. This process leads to a deeper and more practical understanding of leadership principles and spiritual truths.

2. **Living in Wisdom:**

Helping others is an act of wisdom. By guiding people away from destructive choices and towards growth, you play a vital role in shaping lives and communities for the better.

3. **Divine Partnership:**

Obedying this calling and commission positions you under God's favour. As you commit to building others, God in turn supports and advances your own vision and purpose. Many in our community have shared remarkable testimonies of how God moved powerfully in their personal lives as they served faithfully.

*"Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament,  
And those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever."*  
— **Daniel 12:3 (NKJV)**

Through your obedience and service, you do not just impact others—you also step into a lasting legacy, shining brightly as a light in your generation and beyond.

## INTRODUCTION

Each generation has its own unique assignments, purposes, and divine guidance from God to fulfill. It is crucial that we honor and respect the work of our predecessors who have laid the foundation of faith for us. However, we must also recognize that God continues to reveal Himself and advance His purposes among humanity, a journey that will extend into eternity.

In Psalm 127:4, children are likened to arrows in the hand of a mighty archer. Just as an arrow is propelled forward by the archer, the fathers should expect us, the younger generation, to advance in spiritual knowledge and experience if they have fulfilled their responsibilities well. We are the arrows aimed at their future. The duty of today's leaders is to propel their protégés forward, and this principle is fundamental to our leadership program.

While science, sports, and the social world continually progress and make new discoveries building upon previous ones, our faith should also be characterized by an ever-growing understanding of God's purpose and designs that extend into eternity.

Christianity has experienced growth and established churches and denominations. The initial and significant phase accomplished by our faith predecessors was the establishment of the church. However, we must understand that the church needs to move beyond its centralized structure and engage with the world in order to impact and transform society. This can be achieved by revealing the fullness of God's Word and His Son Jesus through the Spirit of excellence and power.

The purpose of the church is to culminate in the kingdom mandate, as it gives birth to the kingdom. God calls and sends His own into the world.

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world,” emphasizing that the kingdom mandate requires our activities to extend beyond the church walls. The church serves as a launch pad for influencing the greater world. The local church acts as a nurturing environment where champions are developed, leaders are cultivated, and saviors are sent to save the world. However, the church loses its relevance if it fails to shine its light on the darkness of the world. Light is meant to dispel darkness. Therefore, our impact must go beyond the confines of the church walls. Our existence is to shine the light of Christ and practice practical Christianity among all people.

Now is the time for the church to shift from a passive role to a proactive position in every sector and sphere of life, moving from the sidelines to the forefront of societal transformation. Those whom God has equipped with grace are meant to impact and serve others and the world around them. God’s love extends to the entire world, transcending the boundaries of the church.

Many have mistakenly limited their influence to their local congregation due to denominational restrictions. However, a closer examination of the Bible, the Word of God, reveals that most of the heroes listed did not build churches or focus solely on pulpit ministry. They were recognized as God’s generals due to their significant impact on society, guided by the principles, power, and the Spirit of the Living God.

While being a choir member or a Sunday school teacher is commendable, sacrificing one’s life purpose for mere church activities will scarcely lead to entering the Kingdom of God. Each of us has been created for a great purpose. Merely adhering to denominational correctness without relevance to the larger society is akin to losing the essence of salt, rendering it useless and discarded. God forbid such a fate.

What is the use of being effective within the church if we are not useful to the people God has sent us to? We are all sent with a message to the world, and the call to the pulpit is not the ultimate call. The ultimate call is specific to each individual.

Abraham, Joseph, David, Daniel, Luke, Paul, and many others are remembered because the Word of God was profited through them, benefiting not only their own generations

## GENERAL OVERVIEW: UNDERSTANDING PURPOSE: WHY YOU ARE HERE

### Introduction: Purpose Is Not an Accident

Nothing God creates is accidental.

From the stars in the sky to the smallest seed in the ground, everything exists for a reason—and so do you.

The School of Purpose is founded on a simple but powerful truth: **your life carries meaning beyond survival, success, or titles**. You were designed to make a contribution, to represent God, and to leave the world better than you met it.

The Bible says,

*“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”* (Ephesians 2:10)

Purpose is not something you invent; it is something you **discover**.

### What Purpose Truly Means

Purpose is not just what you do for a living.

Purpose is **why you exist**.

In simple terms, purpose is:

- The reason God created you
- The contribution your life is meant to make
- The unique way you express God’s nature on earth

Many people confuse purpose with position, wealth, or recognition. But purpose goes deeper. It shapes *how* you live, *why* you act, and *what* you give to others.

Jesus Himself said:

*“I must work the works of Him who sent Me.”* (John 9:4)

Even Jesus lived with a clear sense of assignment.

## **Purpose Is Revealed Through Responsibility**

Purpose is not revealed in isolation; it is revealed through **obedience and action**.

Throughout Scripture, God revealed purpose as people responded to responsibility:

- Abraham discovered purpose by obeying God's call (Genesis 12:1–4)
- Moses discovered purpose by responding to a problem (Exodus 3:10)
- Esther discovered purpose in a moment of national crisis (Esther 4:14)
- Paul discovered purpose by serving the gospel faithfully (Acts 9:15)

The Bible reminds us:

*“To whom much is given, much will be required.”* (Luke 12:48)

Purpose always demands responsibility.

## **Leadership and Purpose: No Titles Required**

In God's Kingdom, leadership is not about titles—it is about **impact**.

World Changers Network believes that you are not a leader because of a position you hold, but because of the **difference your life makes**. True leadership is revealed by:

- Contribution, not applause
- Service, not status
- Faithfulness, not fame

Jesus said:

*“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.”* (Mark 10:43)

Purpose-driven people do not wait for permission to matter—they start where they are.

## **God Does Not Desire a Passive Church**

Scripture is clear: God does not desire a weak, silent, or inactive Church. He calls His people to strength, courage, and influence.

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*“Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”* (Joshua 1:9)

The early Church did not change the world through comfort, but through conviction and action. They understood that faith must produce fruit.

*“Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”* (James 2:17)

Purpose demands movement.

### **Purpose Is About Representation**

To live in purpose is to **represent God well**—in character, conduct, and contribution.

The Bible says:

*“We are ambassadors for Christ.”* (2 Corinthians 5:20)

This means wherever God places you—workplace, business, ministry, community—you carry His image and values. Purpose is lived daily, not occasionally.

### **A Personal Question**

As you begin this journey in the School of Purpose, you must confront an important question:

**What contribution am I making in the name of the Lord?**

Not tomorrow.

Not someday.

But now.

Paul captured it clearly:

*“Each of us should use whatever gift we have received to serve others.”* (1 Peter 4:10)

### **The Journey Ahead**

The School of Purpose exists to help you:

- Discover why you were created

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- Understand how God works through people
- Develop the mindset of responsibility and impact
- Align your life with God's eternal plan

*"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."* (Proverbs 19:21)

As you move through this programme, be open, honest, and willing. Purpose is not revealed to the curious—it is revealed to the committed.

### **Closing Reflection**

You were not created to exist quietly.  
You were created to **matter**.

*"Arise, shine, for your light has come."* (Isaiah 60:1)

Welcome to the **School of Purpose**.

This is the beginning of living intentionally, meaningfully, and impactfully—for God and for the world.

## 1

### KINGDOM MINDEDNESS: LIVING AS AMBASSADORS OF GOD'S KINGDOM

#### Introduction

Jesus Christ came not to establish rules, creeds, or human ideologies, but to introduce the **kingdom of God**, a divine realm that surpasses all earthly kingdoms. Through His life, teachings, and miracles, He gave us a glimpse of this extraordinary kingdom, demonstrating God's love, provision, and power. His message was clear: the kingdom of God is not an external place to be sought—it is within us (Luke 17:21).

As believers, we are called to embody this kingdom, bringing its reality into our daily lives. The Lord desires that His **will be done on earth as it is in heaven** (Matthew 6:10). Just as Moses was instructed to build according to the heavenly pattern (Exodus 25:9), we are tasked with manifesting the principles of heaven here on earth.

#### The Kingdom Within Us

Psalm 115:16 reminds us that while **the heavens belong to the Lord, He has given the earth to mankind**. God does not personally come down to establish His kingdom; rather, He has entrusted **us** with this divine mission. Jesus said, *"The kingdom of God is within you"* (Luke 17:21), meaning the seeds of God's rule, righteousness, and power already reside in our hearts.

We are **ambassadors of heaven**, sent to reflect its glory on earth. Just as a seed contains the potential for a great tree, the kingdom within us is meant to grow and expand. Our task is to cultivate it, allowing God's righteousness, peace, and joy to flourish in every area of life (Romans 14:17).

#### Bringing Heaven to Earth

What does heaven look like? It is a realm of **beauty, abundance, nobility, and divine order**. As God's representatives, we are His hands, eyes, and voice, charged with **transforming the earth** to reflect heaven's glory.

This responsibility is not reserved for angels or a select few; it belongs to **all believers**. God has chosen **you and me** to be the agents of His kingdom. **We are the light of the world** (Matthew 5:14), called to influence and transform our communities, workplaces, and nations.

### Beyond Church Walls: The Kingdom in Society

Many limit God's kingdom to the four walls of a church, but His rule extends to **every aspect of human existence**—education, business, politics, media, and beyond. Jesus instructed us to “*seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness*” (Matthew 6:33), urging us to pursue a **new system of governance** that operates by heavenly principles.

Kingdom-minded believers do not chase after personal gain alone but prioritise righteousness, justice, and divine purpose. Our influence should be evident in our **families, workplaces, and communities**. When we **walk in kingdom principles**, we bring transformation wherever we go.

### Reflection Activity

#### 1. Examine Your Influence

- In what areas of your life do you reflect God's kingdom?
- Where do you need to be more intentional about bringing His righteousness and peace?

#### 2. Community Impact Challenge

- Identify **one area in your community or workplace** that needs positive change.
- Take one step this week to **introduce a kingdom principle** (e.g., integrity, generosity, service).

### Equipping the Body for Kingdom Work

Ephesians 4:11-13 explains that **the fivefold ministry** (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers) exists **not just for church leadership**, but to **equip all believers** for kingdom work. Ministry is not confined to church positions—it is a **calling to impact the world**.

*“He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...”* (Ephesians 4:11-12).

This means **every believer has a role** in God's kingdom, whether as a teacher, business leader, artist, or community builder. The fivefold ministry is meant to **train and empower** us, not just operate within the church.

### Self-Assessment Exercise

- What are your **unique gifts and talents**?
- How can you use them to **expand God's kingdom** in your field of work?

### Living as Salt and Light

Jesus called us the **salt of the earth** and the **light of the world** (Matthew 5:13-14). Just as salt **preserves and adds flavour**, we are to **preserve moral values and enrich lives**. As light **dispels darkness**, we are called to **bring clarity, hope, and transformation**.

This is our divine assignment—to bring **heaven's influence** into every sphere of life. Let us not wait for angels to fulfill this task. God has chosen **us** to establish His will on earth.

### Action Steps

#### 1. Make a Kingdom Commitment

- Set a **personal goal** for living out kingdom values daily.
- Examples: Speaking truth at work, mentoring a young believer, engaging in community service.

#### 2. Expand Your Influence

- Connect with others who share a **kingdom vision**.
- Form or join a group committed to **practical transformation** in society.

### Conclusion

God's kingdom is not a distant reality—it is **here, within us, and among us**. Our role as believers is to **manifest it on earth**, bringing divine principles into our daily lives. Whether in business, education, governance, or personal relationships, we are called to **transform our world** with kingdom-minded living.

**Are you ready to step into your role?** Seek God's kingdom first, live as an ambassador of heaven, and be the light that changes the world. **The kingdom of God is in you—now, go and spread it!**

## 2

### YOU WERE ORDAINED FOR A PURPOSE—AND A GOOD PURPOSE

#### Embracing Our Preordained Purpose: Created for Good Works

*Key Scripture: Ephesians 2:10*

*"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."*

#### Introduction

Before the foundation of the world, God had a unique plan and purpose for each of us. Even before we were formed in the womb, our destiny was already known to the Creator. God's intention for us is always good because all His works are inherently good. However, our choices can sometimes lead us away from His perfect plan. Regardless of our past, our preordained purpose remains, calling us back to the good works we were created for.

#### 1. Understanding Our Divinely Defined Purpose

**Jeremiah 1:5** *"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."*

This verse reminds us that our purpose was not an afterthought—it was predetermined by God. He knew us intimately before we were born, setting us apart for specific assignments in His grand plan. Recognizing this divine calling helps us walk with confidence, knowing that our lives have meaning beyond our own ambitions.

#### 2. The Example of King Cyrus—Ordained for a Mission

**Isaiah 45:13** *"I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the Lord of hosts."*

A striking example of divine preordination is King Cyrus of Persia. Nearly 150 years before his birth, God had already declared through the prophet Isaiah that Cyrus would be His chosen instrument to rebuild Jerusalem and free the Israelites from captivity. **Isaiah 44:28** affirms this: *"That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid."*

This story shows that God can use anyone—regardless of background—to fulfill His plans. Like Cyrus, each of us has been given a unique mission to carry out in our lifetime.

### 3. Steps to Embracing Your Purpose

#### a) Recognizing God's Goodness in Your Purpose

God's plan for you is always good. When challenges arise, do not blame God; rather, seek His guidance. Often, setbacks are either a result of our choices or the fallen nature of the world. Understanding God's goodness allows us to stay on course and align with His perfect will.

#### **Activity:**

- List three challenges you've faced that made you question God's plan.
- Reflect on how God has used those situations to shape your character or teach you valuable lessons.

#### b) Seeking Clarity and Direction

Discovering our purpose is a journey that requires seeking God's direction. Through **prayer, self-reflection, and wise counsel**, we can uncover our unique calling. Deepening our relationship with God helps us align our desires with His will.

#### **Activity:**

- Spend 10 minutes in quiet reflection. Ask God: *What have You called me to do?*
- Write down any impressions, thoughts, or Bible verses that come to mind.

### c) Using Your Gifts and Talents for Good Works

Every person has been endowed with **gifts, talents, and abilities** that are meant to serve a greater purpose. These gifts are not just for personal success but for **serving others and advancing God's kingdom**.

**Romans 12:6** says, *"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them..."*

#### **Activity:**

- List three skills or talents you have.
- Identify one way you can use each to positively impact others.

### d) Trusting in God's Timing

Although we may be eager to walk fully in our purpose, God's **timing is perfect**. He prepares us through experiences, lessons, and divine connections. Patience and trust in His timing will allow us to grow into the calling He has for us.

#### **Activity:**

- Reflect on a time when you felt delayed in achieving something important.
- How did that delay eventually work for your good?

### Conclusion: Walking Boldly in Your Purpose

Embracing our preordained purpose leads to a life of **significance, impact, and fulfillment**. By seeking clarity, using our gifts, trusting God's plan, and walking in faith, we step into the **good works** He has prepared for us.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. From a scale of **1 to 10** (10 being the highest), how committed are you to discovering and fulfilling your purpose?
2. What practical steps can you take this week to align more closely with God's purpose for your life?

**Final Thought:**

*"You were created for a purpose. Step into it boldly, trust God's process, and watch Him use your life for His glory!"*

### 3

## YOU WERE ORDAINED FOR A PURPOSE—AND A GOOD PURPOSE (Part 2)

In a world filled with uncertainty and confusion, it is reassuring to know that our existence is not accidental. Each of us has been preordained for a specific time, season, and purpose. This profound truth is woven throughout the pages of Scripture, revealing the intentional design behind every human life. The question is: **Why were you created?**

### Understanding the Divine Plan

Acts 17:26 gives us a glimpse into God's intricate design: *"And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation."* This verse confirms that we are not here by chance but by **divine appointment**. God has determined the precise time and place for each of us to exist. Our lives are part of His grand design.

### Preordained Lives in the Bible

The Bible is filled with examples of people whose destinies were set in motion even before their birth. Let's explore a few:

1. **Jacob and Esau** – Before their birth, God declared that the older (Esau) would serve the younger (Jacob) (Genesis 25:23). This divine plan led to the establishment of Israel.
2. **Isaac** – Isaac's birth was prophesied as the fulfillment of God's covenant promise to Abraham and Sarah.
3. **Jeremiah** – God told Jeremiah, *"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"* (Jeremiah 1:5).
4. **Cyrus** – King Cyrus of Persia, though a pagan ruler, was chosen by God to restore Israel. Isaiah prophesied about him **150 years** before he was born (Isaiah 44:28).

5. **Paul (Saul of Tarsus)** – Once a persecutor of Christians, Paul was transformed on the road to Damascus. He was chosen to proclaim the gospel to the Gentiles (Acts 9:15).
6. **Jesus Christ** – The ultimate example of a preordained life is Jesus. His birth, life, death, and resurrection were all part of God's plan for the redemption of humanity.

### Discovering Your Purpose

Just like the figures in the Bible, **your life has meaning and purpose**. There is no such thing as an accidental existence. Each of us is created for a reason, uniquely designed to contribute to God's greater plan.

### How to Find Your Purpose

To discover why you were created, engage in the following:

- **Prayer & Reflection** – Seek God's guidance and clarity on His plan for your life.
- **Study Scripture** – The Bible reveals God's principles for purposeful living.
- **Identify Your Gifts & Passions** – What are you naturally drawn to? Your strengths often point to your calling.
- **Serve Others** – Purpose is often found in service. How can you impact lives around you?
- **Take Action** – Do not wait for everything to be perfect before stepping into your purpose. Start where you are.

### ACTIVITIES

#### 1. **Personal Reflection**

- Write down three talents or skills you believe God has given you.
- How can you use them to impact others?

#### 2. **Scripture Study**

- Read Jeremiah 1:5 and Acts 17:26.
- Write down what these verses mean to you in relation to your purpose.

#### 3. **Purpose Alignment**

- List three things you are passionate about.
- How can you align them with God's purpose for your life?

#### 4. Service Commitment

- Identify one way you can serve others this week as a step towards fulfilling your purpose.

Your existence is not random. **You were created for a good purpose!** Step into it boldly, trusting that God has already laid the path before you.

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### UNLOCK YOUR PURPOSE AND BECOME A WORLD CHANGER!

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## YOU ARE NOT CREATED FOR YOURSELF

### *Embracing Your Purpose: Using Your Gifts for a Cause Bigger Than Yourself*

#### Introduction

Nothing in creation exists solely for itself. The sun shines to give light, the moon controls the tides, and every creature plays a role in the balance of nature. Likewise, we are not created to live for ourselves alone. Our gifts, talents, and abilities are meant to serve a greater purpose—one that impacts the lives of others and glorifies God.

The Bible provides powerful examples of individuals who used their gifts to fulfill divine purposes. Moses led his people to freedom, Bezaleel and Aholiab used their artistic skills to build the tabernacle, and many others dedicated their abilities to serve humanity. These stories remind us that our talents are not for selfish gain but for service and transformation.

#### 1. A Divine Commission: Your Gifts Have a Purpose

Moses was chosen by God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and toward the Promised Land. As part of his mission, he was entrusted with the construction of the tabernacle—a sacred space for God’s presence among His people.

This shows us that every skill, talent, and resource we possess is given to us for a purpose beyond ourselves. Our gifts are meant to contribute to the well-being of others, build communities, and fulfill divine assignments.

#### Activity:

- Reflect on your current skills and talents. Write down three ways you can use them to serve others.

- Identify one specific action you can take this week to use your gift for someone else's benefit.

## 2. Moses: A Steward of Divine Direction

Moses possessed remarkable leadership skills and wisdom, yet he never used them for personal gain. Instead, he submitted his abilities to God's plan, leading a nation toward freedom and spiritual growth.

A true leader understands that gifts are not meant for self-promotion but for guiding others toward purpose and fulfillment. Moses' life teaches us that when we align our abilities with a higher calling, we make a lasting impact.

Reflection Exercise:

- Think of a time when you used your skills to help someone else. How did it feel?
- What are some areas in your life where you can lead by example?

## 3. Bezaleel and Aholiab: Artists of Divine Inspiration

In the construction of the tabernacle, God chose Bezaleel and Aholiab—skilled artisans—to craft the intricate details of His dwelling place. These men remind us that no talent is insignificant. Whether in art, technology, teaching, or craftsmanship, every ability has a role in fulfilling a higher purpose.

By embracing and using their gifts for God's work, Bezaleel and Aholiab contributed to something far greater than themselves. Likewise, when we dedicate our skills to a meaningful cause, we help create something enduring.

Activity:

- List two talents you have (big or small).
- Find one way to use them this week in a way that benefits others.

#### 4. Unlocking Your Ultimate Potential

When we see our gifts as tools for personal gratification, we limit their true power. A self-centered mindset creates a narrow perspective, preventing us from seeing the greater impact we can make.

By shifting our focus from self to service, we unlock the full potential of our abilities. Serving a greater cause leads to fulfillment, joy, and meaningful contributions to society.

Journal Prompt:

- How do you currently use your talents?
- What steps can you take to align your gifts with a purpose beyond yourself?

#### 5. Embracing the Call: Living a Life of Service

Recognizing that our gifts are meant for service allows us to live with intention and purpose. Whether through creativity, leadership, or innovation, we should seek to use our talents in ways that uplift others and honor God.

The stories of Moses, Bezaleel, and Aholiab remind us that our abilities are not meant for personal glory but for transformation, justice, and compassion. When we dedicate our talents to something greater, we not only fulfill our own potential but also contribute to a better world.

Call to Action:

- This week, commit to using at least one of your talents to serve someone else.
- Share your experience with a friend, mentor, or community group to inspire others to do the same.

Conclusion

You were not created for yourself. Your gifts are meant to serve, uplift, and transform. By embracing a higher purpose, you step into your true calling and make a meaningful impact. So, take action today—get involved, use your abilities wisely, and be a light in the lives of others.

Final Thought:

*"A life lived for others is a life well-lived."*

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## YOU ARE NOT CREATED FOR YOURSELF – PART 2

### Embracing Servant Leadership: Utilizing God-Given Skills for the Kingdom

Each of us has been uniquely gifted with skills, talents, and abilities. Some acquire these through training, education, or innovation, while others develop them naturally over time. However, beyond our personal ambitions and achievements, we must recognize that it is God who grants us these gifts—not for selfish gain, but for His purpose. Unfortunately, many people fail to consider how their abilities can be used to advance the Kingdom of God and positively impact others.

#### 1. The Purpose of Gifts

Our talents are not given to us for self-indulgence or personal glory. Just as nothing in creation exists solely for itself, our gifts are meant to serve a greater purpose. We are entrusted with them to uplift others and glorify God. When we understand this, we begin to align our abilities with His divine plan, making a meaningful impact in our world.

#### **Reflection Activity:**

- List three skills or talents you possess.
- Write down one way you have used each to benefit others.
- Think of a new way you can use these gifts to serve a greater purpose.

#### 2. Becoming a Servant Leader

In **1 Kings 3:7-9**, Solomon demonstrated true leadership by seeing himself as a servant rather than a ruler for personal gain. Great leaders are those who serve first. If leadership is driven by

selfish ambition, it is already a failed mission. True servant leaders view their roles as **responsibilities**, not **privileges**.

**Practical Exercise:**

- Evaluate your leadership role at work, home, or in your community.
- Are you leading to serve, or are you seeking to be served?
- Write down one step you can take to adopt a more servant-hearted approach.

3. Following the Example of Jesus

Jesus, the greatest leader of all, came **not to be served, but to serve**. He washed His disciples' feet, healed the sick, and laid down His life for us. If we claim to follow Christ, we must follow His example by using our gifts to humbly serve those around us.

**Challenge:**

- This week, identify someone in need and offer them your service using your skills.
- Reflect on how Jesus' servant leadership has influenced your life.
- Share a testimony of how serving others has brought fulfillment to you.

4. Discovering Purpose in Service

The Kingdom of God is about transformation—changing lives, meeting needs, and advancing His will on earth. Your gifts are **tools for impact**. Whether through teaching, encouraging, giving, or leading, when you dedicate your abilities to service, you find deeper meaning and fulfillment.

**Reflection Questions:**

- What are your God-given talents?
- How are you using them to serve others?
- What steps can you take to align your skills with God's purpose?

Conclusion: Living for More Than Yourself

We are called to **live beyond ourselves**. Just as Solomon saw himself as a servant-king and Jesus came to serve, we must embrace a **mindset of humble service**. Our gifts are meant to uplift others and glorify God. When we dedicate them to His service, we fulfill our purpose and leave a lasting impact.

**Final Activity:**

- Make a commitment: Write down one new way you will use your skills for service this month.
- Share your commitment with a friend or mentor for accountability.
- Pray for wisdom and strength to live a life of meaningful service.

Let us embrace **servant leadership**, dedicating our gifts to God's work, bringing **positive change**, and spreading His **love** to the world!

## 6

### THE FIRST LEADER – ADAM

Introduction: Embracing the Leadership Prototype

Adam, the first man, serves as the **prototype of leadership** and the **representative of humanity**. His name, meaning "Man," signifies his foundational role in shaping leadership principles and destiny. By studying **Genesis 1:27-31** and **Genesis 2:7-20**, we gain valuable insights into leadership qualities, divine positioning, and the responsibilities entrusted to us.

The word of God that preceded Adam's creation was not only meant for him but remains relevant for us today. As leaders, it is crucial to understand our **true identity** and avoid underestimating the **potential** that God has placed within us.

#### A. Leadership Principles from Adam

##### 1. Predestined Identity

Before Adam was created, **God's word had already declared his purpose, position, and authority**. Likewise, our leadership journey is not accidental—God has already designed our path. Leaders must resist **self-doubt and limitations** that prevent them from embracing their full potential. Recognizing **who we are** is the first step toward leading effectively.

#### Activity:

- Write down three words that describe **how you see yourself** as a leader.
- Compare them with three words you believe **God sees in you**.
- Identify one area where you need to shift your mindset to align with your divine identity.

## 2. Dominion without Subjugation

Adam was given dominion **over creation, not over other humans**. His leadership was meant to be exercised **with responsibility and care**, not oppression. True leadership is about **service, influence, and guidance**, not control.

Even when working alone, we exhibit leadership through **self-discipline, problem-solving, and personal integrity**. Leaders should focus on **inspiring** and **empowering** others rather than exercising dominance.

### Activity:

- Reflect on a leader you admire. What qualities make them influential?
- How can you implement those qualities in your leadership journey?

## 3. Essence Over Possessions

Adam was created **without material wealth**, yet he was entrusted with **ownership over everything**. His leadership was rooted in **who he was**, not in **what he owned**. This principle teaches us that:

- Leadership is **built on character**, not possessions.
- Our ability to **influence others** is not tied to external wealth but to **internal strength**.
- **You can lead from anywhere**, regardless of your current status.

### Activity:

- List three **non-material** qualities that make a great leader.
- Identify one of these qualities you would like to improve in yourself.

## 4. The Mindset Shift: WHO Over WHAT

A leader's success is not determined by **titles, wealth, or achievements**, but by **identity and character**. When we shift from defining leadership by **what we have** to **who we are**, we unlock our full potential.

### Activity:

- What **internal qualities** define your leadership? Write down three.
- What **external factors** are you focusing on too much? How can you shift your mindset?

## B. Unveiling the Leadership Lessons from Adam

### 1. Precedence and Preparation

Adam **entered a world where everything was already prepared for him**. Similarly, as leaders, we have **gifts, talents, and resources** within us—waiting to be discovered and utilized. We don't need to wait for **ideal conditions** to start leading.

#### Activity:

- List three strengths you have that can be **used immediately** in your leadership journey.

### 2. Everything in Service of Leadership

All of creation was designed to **serve Adam's purpose**—from nature to animals. In the same way, leaders must recognize the **resources** available to them and **use them wisely**.

#### Activity:

- Identify one resource (people, tools, knowledge) that you have underutilized.
- Plan how to maximize it to **enhance your leadership effectiveness**.

### 3. Divine Appointment: Leadership is God-Ordained

Adam did not choose his leadership position—**God appointed him**. Leadership is often a **divine calling**, rather than personal ambition.

#### Activity:

- Reflect on a time when you were **unexpectedly placed in a leadership role**.
- How did that experience shape your perspective on leadership?

#### 4. Equipped for the Task

God gave Adam **everything he needed** to manage the Garden of Eden. Likewise, **when God calls you to lead, He equips you for the task**. Just as employers provide tools for their workers, God provides **wisdom, skills, and opportunities** for leaders to succeed.

##### Activity:

- What skill do you believe God has given you to fulfill your leadership role?
- How can you develop this skill further?

#### 5. Leadership Exists in Every Sphere

Adam's first assignment was **tending the garden**—a physical and practical task. Leadership is not limited to **religious roles** but extends into **business, governance, education, and other sectors**. Figures like **David, Joseph, and Daniel** led in political and economic spaces, proving that leadership is not confined to the church.

##### Activity:

- Identify an area outside of traditional leadership roles where you can have **influence**.

#### 6. Matching Ability with Performance

Adam did not just receive his assignment—**he acted on it**. He named the animals, tended the garden, and carried out God's instructions. A true leader **matches ability with performance** by taking action.

##### Activity:

- What leadership role or responsibility are you currently **avoiding**?
- Identify one step you can take this week to **fully engage** in that role.

#### C. Reflection: Discovering Your Purpose

Taking inspiration from Adam, reflect on your **own calling and leadership journey**:

1. **Why were you created?**

2. **What are you called to tend?**
3. **Are you fully using your gifts and abilities in leadership?**

**Final Activity:**

- Write down a **personal leadership commitment statement** based on what you have learned.

Conclusion: Walking in Your Leadership Potential

Adam's life offers **timeless leadership lessons**:

- **Leadership is about identity, not possessions.**
- **Leaders serve rather than dominate.**
- **God equips those He calls.**
- **Leadership exists in all aspects of life.**

Every human being has **the potential to lead**. By embracing the **WHO over WHAT** mindset, stewarding our resources, and actively engaging in our calling, we step into **our God-given leadership role**.

Now, **step forward, take responsibility, and lead with confidence!**

## 7

### START NOW: ANSWERING THE CALL OF GOD

#### Introduction

In **Luke 9:58-62**, Jesus delivers a powerful message about the urgency of answering God's call. He emphasizes that following Him requires immediate action, without hesitation or excuses. This passage reminds believers that obedience, perseverance, and commitment are key to fulfilling God's purpose in their lives.

#### Embracing God's Call

Jesus said, *"Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."* This highlights the sacrificial nature of discipleship. To follow Jesus, one must be willing to leave behind personal comforts and security. True fulfillment comes through obedience to God's call, even when it requires sacrifice.

#### Responding Without Delay

When Jesus calls, He expects an immediate response. Many times, we delay obedience, waiting until we feel ready or more qualified. However, God does not call the equipped; He equips the called. Stepping out in faith, even when we feel inadequate, allows God to work through us.

#### *Activity: Overcoming Delay*

- Write down one thing you have been postponing in your spiritual or personal life.
- Set a specific date to take the first step towards it.
- Pray for courage to begin without hesitation.

#### Learning on the Job

The best way to grow in any calling is to start. Many people wait for the "perfect time" to act, but God shapes us **through the process** of obedience. We learn valuable lessons, develop skills, and grow spiritually as we step out in faith.

*Activity: Hands-On Faith*

- Identify a ministry, skill, or task you feel called to.
- Take the first step towards engaging in it this week.
- Reflect on the experience and lessons learned.

Overcoming Negative Voices

When answering God's call, discouragement and skepticism from others are inevitable. Some may doubt our abilities or question our decisions. However, God's approval is what truly matters. His calling on our lives is not based on others' opinions but on His divine plan.

*Activity: Strengthening Confidence*

- List three negative statements you've heard about your calling or dreams.
- Write a positive affirmation or Bible verse to counter each one.
- Meditate on these affirmations daily.

The Case Study of the Old and Young Prophet (1 Kings 13)

The story of the **young prophet** who was deceived by an **older prophet** teaches a crucial lesson: **Always obey God's direct instructions** over human opinions. The young prophet initially followed God's command but later disobeyed because of the old prophet's persuasion, leading to his downfall.

This serves as a **warning to trust God's voice above all others**. No matter how experienced or knowledgeable someone appears, God's word should always take precedence.

*Activity: Identifying God's Voice*

- Write down a recent decision where you felt unsure about God's guidance.
- Compare your decision with biblical principles.
- Pray for discernment to follow God's direction more clearly.

## START NOW: Embracing Self-Motivation

### The Power of Internal Drive

Many people rely on external motivation—encouragement from others, recognition, or ideal circumstances. However, **true success comes from within**. Those who wait for perfect conditions before taking action often miss great opportunities.

#### *Activity: Self-Motivation Check*

- Write down three personal goals you have been delaying.
- Identify one small action step for each goal.
- Commit to completing these steps within the next seven days.

### Biblical Case Studies of Self-Motivation

#### *Elisha Following Elijah (1 Kings 19:19-21)*

When Elijah called Elisha, he immediately left his old life behind. He didn't wait for further instructions or better conditions—he stepped out in faith. His determination led to a powerful prophetic ministry.

#### *Activity: Letting Go of the Past*

- Identify one habit or mindset holding you back from your calling.
- Write a symbolic action (e.g., deleting distractions, creating a new routine) to signify moving forward.

#### *Ruth Following Naomi (Ruth 1:6-19)*

Ruth's self-motivation and loyalty led her into God's redemptive plan. Despite an uncertain future, she took bold steps, which eventually positioned her for divine favour.

#### *Activity: Taking a Leap of Faith*

- What decision have you been afraid to make due to uncertainty?
- Write down the benefits of stepping out in faith.
- Take a bold step towards that decision this week.

### *Peter Following Jesus (Luke 5:11)*

Peter was an experienced fisherman, yet he left everything behind when Jesus called him. His **internal drive** to be part of something greater transformed his life and the early church.

#### *Activity: Identifying a Greater Purpose*

- What is one area in your life where God is calling you to a higher purpose?
- Write a declaration committing to pursue this purpose wholeheartedly.

### The Importance of Starting Now

Procrastination is one of the greatest barriers to personal and spiritual growth. There will always be reasons to delay, but taking the first step is the key to success.

#### Overcoming Procrastination

- Set clear deadlines for your goals.
- Break them into small, manageable steps.
- Surround yourself with people who encourage action.

#### *Activity: Breaking the Cycle of Delay*

- Identify **one** major task you have been putting off.
- Set a **specific** deadline to start and complete it.
- Share your commitment with a trusted friend or mentor for accountability.

### Conclusion

Waiting for the perfect moment often leads to **missed opportunities and unfulfilled potential**. By embracing self-motivation and taking action **now**, we align ourselves with God's purpose and position ourselves for growth and success.

#### Key Takeaways

- **God's call requires immediate action.**

- True learning happens through experience.
- Ignore negative voices and trust God’s leading.
- Self-motivation is more powerful than external motivation.
- Biblical figures like Elisha, Ruth, and Peter stepped out in faith—so can you.







**What is stopping you from starting now?** Take the first step today!

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## 8

### WE ALL HAVE DISTINGUISHED ROLES IN LIFE

#### Introduction: The Power of Roles in God's Army

Just as the human body functions through the cooperation of different organs, so does an army depend on the contribution of each soldier. This principle applies to both our spiritual and physical lives. The story of **Moses, Aaron, Hur, Joshua, and the Israelite army in Exodus 17:8-13** is a powerful illustration of how different roles come together to secure victory.

Each of these figures had a unique role—prayer, leadership, support, and action—all of which were crucial to the battle's success. This lesson extends to our lives: **no role is insignificant**, and fulfilling our individual responsibilities contributes to collective success.

#### The Battle Against the Amalekites: A Case Study in Leadership and Unity

##### 1. Moses: The Power of Intercession

As the spiritual leader, Moses understood that divine intervention was necessary for victory. He ascended a hill and lifted the **rod of God**, symbolising dependence on divine power. However, Moses was human—his hands grew weary, and he could not sustain the effort alone.

**Lesson:** Even the strongest leaders face limitations. Leadership is not about working alone but recognising when support is needed.

##### 2. Aaron and Hur: The Strength of Support

When Moses' hands became weak, **Aaron and Hur** stepped in. They positioned him on a stone and physically held up his hands, ensuring that his intercession continued. Their support allowed Moses to fulfill his role, leading to the Israelites' victory.

**Lesson: Supporting roles are just as important as leadership roles.** Those who uphold leaders—through prayer, encouragement, and practical assistance—share in the victory.

### 3. Joshua: The Warrior's Courage

While Moses prayed and others provided support, **Joshua** was on the battlefield, leading the army into combat. He implemented strategy, motivated the troops, and ensured their engagement in battle. Without his efforts, Moses' prayers would not have been enough.

**Lesson:** Spiritual support must be matched by action. It is not enough to pray; we must **engage in the physical work** required to bring about success.

### 4. The Foot Soldiers: The Backbone of the Army

The Israelite soldiers were the ones who actually fought the battle. They executed Joshua's strategies, engaged the enemy, and pushed forward to secure victory.

**Lesson: No task is too small**—every effort, no matter how seemingly minor, contributes to the bigger picture. Whether on the frontlines or behind the scenes, each role is vital.

## Key Lessons for Fulfilling Your Role in Life

### 1. Avoid the Trap of Assumption

Many leaders assume that their followers will do the right thing without supervision. However, just as I once assumed my son could complete a school assignment correctly without checking his last answer—and he got it wrong—leaders must remain involved.

#### **Reflection:**

- Are you assuming people will perform well without guidance?
- Are you actively engaged in the process, or are you distant?

### 2. Commit to Excellence in Your Role

Every role carries significance—whether you are leading, supporting, strategising, or executing. The question is not **what role you have**, but **how well you perform it**.

#### **Activity:**

1. Identify a responsibility you currently hold. **Score your level of commitment** on a scale of **1-10** (10 being the highest).
2. **List areas in your life where you need to be more committed:**

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### 3. Expand Your Battlefield: Roles Beyond the Church

The work of God is not limited to **pulpit ministry**. Many battles are fought in governance, education, business, and the economy. The **kingdom of God must be established in every sector**.

#### Reflection:

- What skills or resources do you have that could impact society?
- How can you use your profession to bring about positive change?

#### Activity:

Write down three ways you can serve God's purpose in your workplace or community:

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### 4. Recognise That Victory Is Collective

Success is **never** the result of one person's effort—it is a team effort. Just as the Israelites won because of **Moses' prayers, Aaron and Hur's support, Joshua's leadership, and the soldiers' strength**, so does every success in life require collective participation.

#### Activity:

- Think of a recent success in your life. **Who helped you achieve it?**
- Write a note of appreciation to those who contributed to your success.

Conclusion: Step into Your Role with Excellence

The **battle against the Amalekites** teaches us that:

1. **Every role matters**—whether it's leadership, support, strategy, or execution.
2. **No one succeeds alone**—supporting others is just as important as being in the spotlight.

3. **Spiritual and physical action must go hand in hand**—prayer must be matched with practical effort.
4. **Victory belongs to those who work together**—success is a collective effort.

**Final Activity:**

- Identify one action you can take this week to **actively engage in your role**—whether at work, in ministry, or in your personal life.
- Commit to performing that action with **excellence and dedication**.

Let us step into our roles with passion, knowing that **our contributions matter**, and together, we can achieve great things!

## ABILITY AND PURPOSE

### God's Purpose and Our Inherent Abilities: Lessons from Joseph and David

#### Introduction

Many people search for meaning in life, wondering about their purpose and the unique abilities they possess. The Bible teaches that God works through our natural, learned, and inherent abilities to fulfil His divine plans. This lesson explores the lives of Joseph and David, two biblical figures who demonstrate how God uses our talents and skills to accomplish His purposes.

#### The Work of God Within Us

Philippians 2:13 (KJV) states: "*For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.*" This means that God has placed within us the desire and ability to fulfil His purpose. Our talents, skills, and natural inclinations are clues to discovering our divine calling. Recognizing and developing these abilities allows us to align with God's plan for our lives.

#### Case Studies: Joseph and David

##### Joseph: The Dreamer

Genesis 37-50 tells the story of Joseph, a young man with the remarkable gift of dreams. His ability to interpret dreams led him through various trials, from being sold into slavery to imprisonment. However, it was this same ability that positioned him to save his family, Egypt, and the surrounding nations during a time of famine.

Joseph's journey teaches us that:

1. Our greatest challenges often arise as we develop and use our abilities.
2. Hardships refine our character and prepare us for greater responsibility.

3. When we faithfully use our gifts, God can position us for greatness.

**Activity:**

- List three skills or talents you have.
- Write down a challenge you've faced while trying to develop or use one of these talents.
- Reflect on how overcoming that challenge has prepared you for greater opportunities.

David: The Musician and Warrior

David's life (1 Samuel 16-17) is another powerful example of how God uses natural abilities for divine purposes. Before becoming king, David's musical skills brought him into the palace. Later, his expertise with a sling allowed him to defeat Goliath and gain national recognition.

David's story teaches us that:

1. Our talents can open doors to opportunities we never imagined.
2. The skills we develop in small, private moments can prepare us for major victories.
3. Faithful use of our gifts can lead us to our God-ordained destiny.

**Activity:**

- Identify a talent you have used to serve others.
- Think of one opportunity that came your way because of that talent.
- How can you further develop this ability to serve a greater purpose?

Anointing and Abilities Working in Harmony

Anointing and Abilities: A Symbiotic Relationship

Anointing is a supernatural gift from God, while abilities are the natural talents He has given us. When the two work together, they create powerful results.

For example, David's skill with a sling was a natural talent, but it was God's anointing that empowered him to defeat Goliath. When we align our abilities with God's anointing, we unlock our full potential.

## Understanding Your Unique Set of Abilities

Each person has been uniquely gifted with a combination of talents, skills, and passions. These may include artistic abilities (e.g. singing, writing, painting) or practical skills (e.g. leadership, problem-solving, organization).

### **Activity:**

- Take five minutes to list at least five abilities you have.
- Identify which ones bring you the most joy and fulfillment.
- Pray and ask God how He wants to use these abilities for His purpose.

## Utilizing Abilities for Divine Connection

It is not enough to possess talents; we must actively use them to serve God and others. Our abilities are divine gifts meant to impact the world.

For example:

- Singers can inspire worship and bring hope.
- Inventors and innovators bring solutions that improve lives.
- Leaders can guide others toward success and purpose.

When we embrace our talents and align them with God's purpose, we become channels of divine influence.

### **Activity:**

- Think of one ability you have not fully utilized.
- Plan one step you can take this week to develop or use it more effectively.
- Commit to using your gifts to glorify God and serve others.

## Conclusion

The lives of Joseph and David demonstrate that our abilities are not random—they are divine tools for fulfilling God's purpose. While anointing represents God's supernatural empowerment,

abilities are the practical skills He has given us. When we integrate both, we position ourselves for greatness.

By recognizing, developing, and using our God-given abilities, we align with His divine will, impact lives, and walk confidently in our purpose.

Reflection Questions:

1. What abilities has God given you?
2. How have you used these abilities to serve others?
3. In what ways can you better align your skills with God's purpose for your life?

Embrace your gifts, cultivate them, and step into your divine calling!

## 10

### EXPANDING PURPOSE

Evolving into Higher Purpose: Lessons from Matthew, David, and Joseph

#### Introduction

In the journey of life, stagnation is not an option. Each of us has the potential to grow, transform, and evolve into higher roles, depending on how we utilize our present skills and opportunities. This lesson draws inspiration from biblical narratives to highlight the importance of expanding our abilities to fulfill our life's purpose.

We will explore:

- The **parable of the talents** (Matthew 25:23-30) and the consequences of using—or failing to use—our abilities.
- **David's journey** from a shepherd boy to a mighty king.
- **Joseph's transformation** from a dreamer to a national leader.

Through their stories, we will uncover practical lessons on how to grow into our higher purpose.

#### The Parable of the Talents: The Power of Multiplication

In **Matthew 25:23-30**, Jesus tells a parable about three servants entrusted with different amounts of talents (money or abilities). Two of them wisely invest and multiply their talents, leading to their promotion. However, the third servant hides his talent out of fear and loses even what he has.

#### Key verses:

*Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.  
[29] For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. — Matthew 25:28-29*

Lessons from the Parable:

1. **Abilities grow when used** – The more we invest in our skills, the greater our opportunities.
2. **Neglect leads to loss** – If we refuse to develop our abilities, they weaken and disappear.
3. **Promotion follows diligence** – Those who maximize their skills are entrusted with greater responsibility.

Activity 1: Personal Talent Audit

- List **three skills or abilities** you have been given.
- How have you **used** them in the past year?
- What steps can you take to **develop them further**?

David's Journey: From Shepherd to King

David's life is a perfect example of how consistent use of skills leads to higher opportunities.

- As a **shepherd**, he learned **courage** and **responsibility** while protecting his flock.
- As a **warrior**, he used his skills to defeat **Goliath**, earning recognition.
- As a **leader**, he developed **strategic and governance skills**, eventually becoming **king**.

**Key Lesson:** Your current role is training for something greater. No skill is wasted when used wisely.

Activity 2: Skill Application Challenge

- What **humble tasks** are you currently handling that could be preparing you for something greater?
- How can you approach them with **excellence and faithfulness**?

Joseph's Transformation: From Dreamer to Ruler

Joseph started as a **young dreamer**, sharing visions with his family. Over time, he **refined his abilities**, and his skill in interpreting dreams brought him before Pharaoh, leading to his appointment as Egypt's second-in-command.

### What if Joseph had ignored his ability?

- He would have **missed his opportunity** before Pharaoh.
- He would have remained a **forgotten prisoner** instead of a national leader.
- His purpose in preserving nations during famine would have been **unfulfilled**.

### Key Lesson: Growth happens when we consistently use and refine our gifts.

#### Activity 3: Identify & Develop Your Joseph Moment

- What is **one ability** you can sharpen to become valuable in your field?
- How can you position yourself for **greater opportunities** through it?

### The Ever-Evolving World of Abilities

The world is constantly changing, and so are we. Just as muscles weaken when unused, talents diminish when neglected. To evolve into a higher purpose, we must:

1. **Identify our core strengths** and seek opportunities to use them.
2. **Embrace new challenges** as learning experiences.
3. **Be diligent in small tasks**, as they prepare us for bigger roles.

#### Final Reflection: Where Do You Stand?

- **On a scale of 1-10, how actively are you using your abilities?**
- **What specific steps will you take to grow into a higher purpose?**

### Conclusion: Evolving into a Higher Purpose

The parable of the talents, along with the stories of David and Joseph, teaches us that true growth comes from actively using and developing our skills. **Diligence leads to promotion. Faithfulness leads to expansion. Excellence opens doors.**

As you reflect on your journey, ask yourself:  
**Am I investing in my abilities, or am I burying them?**







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## 11

### DIVINE GUIDANCE: THE KEY TO FULFILLING YOUR PURPOSE

#### Introduction

In the pursuit of our life's purpose, divine guidance is essential. Without it, we risk wasting time and experiencing unnecessary struggles. Divine guidance aligns us with our true path, opening doors of opportunity and ensuring that our efforts lead to fulfillment. As leaders, this guidance is even more crucial—it not only directs our steps but also influences those who follow us.

#### The Limitations of Carnal Guidance

The carnal mind, which relies solely on natural senses and human reasoning, is the lowest form of guidance. When we make decisions based only on what we see and feel, we limit ourselves to the physical realm. The Bible warns that being carnally minded leads to death (Romans 8:6), highlighting the dangers of relying solely on human wisdom.

#### Activity: Self-Reflection on Decision-Making

- Think of a recent major decision you made. What influenced it—logic, emotions, or spiritual guidance?
- How did the outcome of that decision affect your progress and peace of mind?

#### The Power of Spiritual Guidance

In contrast to the carnal mind, spiritual guidance provides access to wisdom, strength, and divine resources beyond human limitations. However, not all spiritual guidance leads to good outcomes. There are two opposing sources of spiritual power:

1. **Negative Spiritual Influence:** Some seek guidance from dark forces, such as occult practices, fetish rituals, or deceptive spiritual sources. While these may offer temporary success, they ultimately lead to destruction. The story of Macbeth serves as a warning—though he became king as prophesied by witches, his life was filled with turmoil and loss.

Similarly, Saul consulted a medium and received a prophecy that led to his downfall (1 Samuel 28).

2. **Divine Guidance from God:** This form of guidance leads to long-term success and fulfillment. It may start with challenges—just as Jesus endured suffering before His resurrection—but it ultimately results in life, growth, and abundance.

Activity: Evaluating Sources of Guidance

- List three common sources of advice or guidance in your life.
- Identify whether these sources align with divine wisdom or mere human reasoning.
- Make a commitment to shift towards God’s guidance in key areas of your life.

The Object of Focus in Guidance

Where you place your focus determines the kind of guidance you receive.

- **Self-reliance:** If you focus solely on your abilities, connections, or intellect, you will be limited by your personal strengths and weaknesses.
- **Negative spiritual influences:** If you turn to dark forces for help, you open yourself to their destructive power.
- **God:** When you fix your gaze on Him, you receive direction that leads to peace, prosperity, and purpose.

Psalm 16:4 warns that those who chase after other gods will experience multiplied sorrows. Instead, we are called to **fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2)**.

Activity: Aligning Your Focus

- Write down three distractions that have taken your focus away from God’s guidance.
- Identify ways to shift your attention back to Him, such as daily prayer, studying Scripture, or seeking godly counsel.

Practical Steps to Receiving Divine Guidance

To ensure we receive divine direction, we must actively seek it. Here are practical steps to follow:

1. **Focus on God:** Make Him your primary source of guidance.
2. **Identify Areas of Need:** Be specific about the areas in which you seek direction.

3. **Ask in Prayer:** Humbly and persistently ask God for guidance (Matthew 7:7).
4. **Develop a Strong Desire:** Cultivate a deep thirst for divine direction.
5. **Exercise Faith:** Believe that God will answer and avoid looking for alternatives.
6. **Listen for Specific Instructions:** Pay attention to insights received through Scripture, dreams, wise counsel, and inner convictions.
7. **Seek Confirmation:** Validate your guidance through prayer, godly mentors, and biblical principles.

#### Activity: Applying the Steps

- Choose one area of your life where you need divine guidance.
- Go through each of the seven steps above, writing down your observations.
- Note any insights, scriptures, or confirmations you receive over the next few days.

#### Conclusion

The power of focus determines the quality of guidance we receive. By shifting our attention away from human reasoning and negative influences and towards God, we align ourselves with His perfect will. Divine guidance leads to **clarity, wisdom, and fulfillment**, ensuring that we not only walk in purpose but also inspire those around us to do the same.

#### Final Reflection:

- What is one major area in your life where you need to trust God's guidance more?
- How will you commit to seeking divine direction moving forward?

Let us continually seek and trust in God's guidance, knowing that He leads us towards **excellence, abundance, and a life of purpose**.

## THERE IS NO SMALL JOB: UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY

### Introduction

In our pursuit of success, it is easy to dismiss certain jobs or tasks as insignificant. However, the true determinant of success is **not the size of the job but our approach to it**. History has shown that the most influential leaders and successful individuals often started with humble beginnings. This article explores why **there is no small job—only small-minded individuals**—and how embracing every opportunity with excellence can lead to greatness.

### Lessons from History: The Power of Small Beginnings

Throughout history, many great figures began their journeys in seemingly minor roles.

- **David and Moses** started as shepherds, tending to sheep, yet they became revered leaders.
- **Joseph** was once a mere dream interpreter for his family. His dedication eventually led him to the throne as a key leader in Egypt.
- **Aliko Dangote**, Africa's richest man, started as a small trader before building his business empire.

These examples teach us that **it is not the job that defines us, but how we perform it**. Every small task, done with commitment and excellence, can be a stepping stone to success.

### Recognising the Potential in Every Job

While some jobs may provide a faster route to fame, power, or wealth, **every job holds the potential for personal growth and achievement**. The key is to approach every task with enthusiasm, integrity, and a growth mindset.

### Activity 1: The Excellence Challenge

- Think of a small task you usually overlook.

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- This week, commit to doing it with **excellence and full dedication**.
- Observe how your attitude and effort change your results.

### The Power of Commitment and Excellence

Success is not dependent on external circumstances but on **our commitment, work ethic, and attitude**. By embracing a **mentality of excellence**, we develop valuable skills, build a strong reputation, and open doors for future opportunities.

A leader who does small tasks well earns the **respect of their followers**, making it easier to inspire and lead others. **Excuses create limitations, but commitment creates progress**.

### Activity 2: Rate Your Commitment

- Think about a job or project you are handling.
- On a scale of 1-10 (10 being the highest), how committed are you?
- What steps can you take to increase your level of commitment?

### The Power of Small Numbers: The Influence of Few

People often dream of speaking to large crowds or managing big projects. However, they **fail to recognize the power of small beginnings**.

Imagine wanting to address **10,000 people** but neglecting the **five individuals** currently in front of you. Those five could be the very people who will **open doors to a larger audience**.

### Activity 3: The Power of Influence

- Identify **three people** you regularly interact with.
- How can you **positively impact** them this week?
- Take action and observe how your influence grows.

### Excellence in Small Things Leads to Bigger Opportunities

A **responsible, diligent** person does not wait for grand opportunities. They **embrace and maximize** small ones.

Every great school started with **one student**. Every thriving business began as **an idea**. No matter where you are, **start small but think big**.

#### Activity 4: Excellence in Action

- Identify one task you often **rush through**.
- This time, **perform it with excellence**, as if the world is watching.
- Reflect on how it changes your experience and outcomes.

#### Conclusion: No Small Job, Only Small Minds

Disregarding small beginnings or undervaluing opportunities can **lead to wasted potential**. Success comes from **embracing every job with dedication, excellence, and a long-term vision**.

As Martin Luther King Jr. wisely said:  
*"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven played music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'"*

Let us strive for **excellence in all we do**, knowing that **every job holds potential**. There is no small job—only small-minded people.

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### WALKING INTO YOUR DESTINY

#### Introduction

Living a life of purpose and fulfilling our destiny is a universal desire, especially for those with a deep spiritual connection. We often sense what we stand for and the life we are called to live, yet many find themselves held back by fear, doubt, or external circumstances. This journey into destiny is about **recognizing the signs, embracing our strengths, and taking decisive action**. When we align with our purpose, we unlock our potential and create a life of fulfillment and impact.

#### Recognizing the Imprints of Destiny

At different stages of life, we feel an inner knowing—an unshakable awareness of what we are meant to do. These **indelible imprints** on our hearts suggest that destiny is not something we create but something we **discover**. Just as fingerprints are unique to each person, so is our divine assignment in life.

#### Activity: Reflection Exercise

- Take a moment to recall **three experiences** in your life where you felt completely in your element—where your actions felt effortless and rewarding.
- What were you doing?
- How did it make you feel?
- How do these moments align with what you believe your purpose might be?

## Signposts on the Path to Destiny

Various aspects of our personality, temperament, likes, dislikes, strengths, and weaknesses **act as signposts** directing us toward our destiny. Paying attention to these clues can help us **align with our purpose and find our unique contribution to the world.**

## Understanding Your Strengths

Each person has **natural strengths** that determine where they thrive. A cow can never outrun a horse, and a fish cannot live on land—likewise, we function best **when we operate within our strengths.** While motivational talks and personal development are valuable, true success comes from understanding and leveraging our **innate abilities.**

### Activity: Strength Identification

- Write down **five things** you excel at naturally.
- Ask three people who know you well to list **three strengths** they see in you.
- Compare both lists—what patterns do you notice?

## Stories of Destiny: Learning from the Past

Throughout history, many individuals have embraced their calling and made a significant impact.

- **Jeremiah** was called and ordained by God before his birth.
- **Joseph** was destined to deliver his generation from famine and stepped into his purpose through **faith and resilience.**
- **The Prodigal Son** realized his mistake, arose, and returned to his father, demonstrating that it is **never too late to walk into destiny.**

### Activity: Personal Role Models

- Identify **three people** (past or present) whose journey inspires you.
- What steps did they take to fulfill their destiny?
- What lessons can you apply to your own journey?

## Overcoming Obstacles and Taking Action

Discovering your purpose is only the first step. The real challenge lies in **taking action**. Many people **sense their calling** but never move forward because of fear, doubt, or waiting for perfect conditions.

### The Story of Mr. Samuel: A Lesson in Responsibility

Mr. Samuel, an elderly man, spent his later years **blaming** his parents, government, and society for his unfulfilled destiny. But the truth is, **destiny is a personal responsibility**. As the Bible says, *"What you allow or forbid on earth is reflected in heaven."*

### Common Excuses That Delay Destiny

1. **"I don't have enough money."**
2. **"I lack connections."**
3. **"I'm not skilled enough."**
4. **"The timing isn't right."**

These **excuses keep people stagnant**. The reality is, **no one will invest in you until you invest in yourself first**.

### Activity: Action Plan for Overcoming Excuses

- Write down **one major goal** you've been postponing.
- Identify the **top three excuses** holding you back.
- For each excuse, brainstorm **one small action step** to move forward despite the obstacle.

## Faith and Courage: The Key to Moving Forward

Ecclesiastes reminds us that *"those who observe the wind will not sow."* If you wait for perfect conditions, **you will never take the first step**.

Many great leaders and innovators **started with nothing**. They took action despite **limited resources** and trusted that provision would come **along the way**.

### Activity: The Faith Challenge

- Identify **one thing** you can do today—no matter how small—that aligns with your destiny.

- Take action **within the next 24 hours**.

#### Becoming a Recognized Brand: Paying the Price

If you want to step into greatness, you must **pay the price of preparation**. The world invests in **proven brands**, not untested individuals. Until you build credibility, you will likely have to **finance your own dream**.

#### The Journey of Building Myself

When I started, I had **no money, no connections, and no influence**—only a dream and determination. I wasted years waiting for validation from others, but then I realized:

- **God is my ultimate source** (Jeremiah 17:5-8).
- **No one is coming to save me—I must take the first step.**

#### Activity: Self-Investment Plan

- What **skills or knowledge** do you need to develop?
- Identify **three actions** you can take to invest in yourself (e.g., take an online course, attend a workshop, start a project).
- Set a **timeline** for each action.

#### Conclusion: Step Into Your Destiny Today

Walking into your destiny requires **faith, action, and persistence**. Stop waiting—**start doing**. As you move forward:

- Trust the **signposts** guiding your way.
- Recognize and **leverage your strengths**.
- Overcome **excuses and fear**.
- Step out **in faith, knowing provision will come**.

Your destiny is **waiting for you to take action**. **Rise up, embrace your purpose, and start living the life you were meant to live. What will be your first step today?**

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### WALKING INTO YOUR DESTINY – (PART 2)

#### Unveiling the Path to Fulfilment and Preeminence

##### Introduction

Many of us go through life struggling, feeling disconnected from our true calling. However, our challenges may not stem from laziness or lack of effort but from living outside the divine plan designed by God. When we discover our purpose, everything changes.

In this discussion, we will explore the **transformative power of purpose**, drawing inspiration from celestial bodies and real-life examples to highlight the importance of staying in our appointed roles.

##### The Power of Purpose

Purpose is our guiding compass—it **propels us forward, gives life meaning, and brings fulfilment**. When we align with our purpose, our struggles lessen, and we experience harmony in our journey.

##### Activity: Purpose Reflection Exercise

- Write down three activities that make you feel alive and fulfilled.
- Think about times when you felt in flow—what were you doing?
- Identify one area where you feel you make the most impact.

##### Lessons from the Celestial Bodies

In *1 Corinthians 15:40-41*, the Bible highlights the different glories of celestial and terrestrial bodies. The sun, moon, and stars each have **distinct roles**—so do we.

### *The Role of the Moon*

The moon reigns at night, shining in its time. Although it doesn't have the same dominion as the sun, it plays a vital role. **Every destiny has its moment of preeminence—when we stay in our assigned roles, we shine at the right time.**

### *The Danger of Crisscrossing*

Like stars that deviate from their paths and fall, **when we abandon our purpose, we lose direction.** Many people spend their lives shifting from one pursuit to another, never settling into their true calling.

Activity: Aligning with Your Purpose

- Identify areas where you have been inconsistent or distracted.
- What are some signs that show when you are in alignment?
- Write down one step you can take today to stay committed to your purpose.

### *The Importance of Staying in Your Office*

Your **office** (metaphorically representing your purpose) is where provision, fulfillment, and divine resources flow. Just as being in the right job determines the kind of salary and benefits you receive, **being in alignment with your purpose allows you to access the blessings meant for you.**

Activity: Purpose Evaluation

Rate yourself on a scale of 1–10 on your level of commitment to your calling.

- **1–4:** Need to realign
- **5–7:** Growing in purpose
- **8–10:** Thriving in purpose

### *Embracing Our Spiritual Offices*

Many of us have unknowingly vacated our spiritual offices, leading to **missed opportunities, frustrations, and unfulfilled potential.** Just as celestial bodies follow set courses, we must also remain on track.

### *The Pitfalls of Neglecting Our True Callings*

Not every calling is in the pulpit. Some pastors have **abandoned their real purpose** because of societal expectations, leaving them frustrated. Your calling could be in **business, politics,**

**education, media, or leadership.** Prioritising your **primary assignment** lays the foundation for everything else.

### Lessons from Elijah

Elijah's calling wasn't just to prophesy; he was assigned to **raise leaders**. God instructed him to anoint Hazael, Jehu, and Elisha—highlighting **diverse assignments beyond traditional expectations**. Your calling might unfold in **unexpected ways**.

### Activity: Purpose Discovery Process

1. **Intuition** – What do you feel drawn to?
2. **Exploration** – What have you tried and enjoyed?
3. **Utilisation** – What gifts and talents do you use naturally?
4. **Experience** – What lessons has life taught you?

Like Samuel, who heard God's voice multiple times before recognising it, **we may need guidance and patience in discerning our purpose**.

### Living in Purpose Over Profit

Pursuing purpose is about more than financial gain. While money is essential, it cannot replace the **deep satisfaction that comes from fulfilling our destiny**.

### Activity: Purpose vs. Passion

- Write down **three things you are passionate about**.
- Of these, which one aligns most with your **calling**?
- Identify one action step to deepen your commitment to it.

### A Journey of Divine Intervention and Self-Discovery

In 2009, I received a message from God: if I committed to a **nation-building project**, I would receive a sign. Though at my lowest, I took a leap of faith and produced stickers reflecting my calling. Miraculously, **a breakthrough followed**, resolving a financial crisis.

### The Ground Softens in Pursuit of Purpose

When we step into our calling, **barriers begin to break**. Just as **Jordan was a place of validation for Jesus**, our purpose acts as our **spiritual Jordan**, where **heaven opens, and divine blessings flow**.

## Understanding Primary vs. Secondary Assignments

It is easy to confuse **what we like** with **what we are called to do**. Many people chase careers or lifestyles based on personal preferences, only to **realise they lack fulfilment**.

I once admired farming, but I later recognised it was not my primary calling. Many great leaders excel in their **primary purpose** while expanding into secondary areas like education, entertainment, or healthcare. **The key is to prioritise your primary calling while allowing other expressions to emerge naturally.**

### Activity: What Is Your Primary Assignment?

- Identify **one thing you can do effortlessly** and with impact.
- What are some **secondary assignments** that can align with it?
- How can you bring excellence into your primary assignment?

### Embracing Divine Course: Staying Focused

**Short-term distractions can derail our purpose.** Just as **sugar is sweet but not nutritious**, some choices may seem enjoyable but are not beneficial. Lot, Abraham's nephew, chose a path that looked appealing but led to setbacks.

**We must stay focused on our divine course**—choosing purpose over temporary gratification.

### Action Steps to Manifest Your Purpose

1. **Let Your Actions Validate Your Purpose** – Ensure every effort aligns with your calling.
2. **Consistency Breeds Noticeability** – Stay dedicated; your purpose will shine.
3. **Embrace Diverse Platforms** – Your purpose may not require a church or TV show—use any available platform.
4. **Create Your Space** – Don't wait for permission; step out and act.
5. **Value Yourself First** – The world will value you as much as you value yourself.

### Conclusion: Embrace Your Unique Journey

We are meant for more than imitation or envy. Each of us carries a **unique purpose** that must be nurtured.

Final Reflection: A Quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson

*"There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better, for worse, as his portion... The power which resides in him is new in nature, and none but he knows what that is which he can do, nor does he know until he has tried."*

**Step into your purpose. Walk into your destiny. The world is waiting for you.**

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### WALKING INTO YOUR DESTINY – PART 3

#### Unlocking Destiny: The Puzzle Arrangement and Staircase Principle

##### Introduction

Fulfilling our destiny is a journey filled with challenges, discoveries, and divine timing. To understand this process, we will explore two powerful analogies: **the puzzle arrangement** and **the staircase principle**. These illustrations provide deep insight into how our purpose unfolds over time, emphasizing perseverance, faith, and patience.

##### The Puzzle Arrangement

Imagine sitting before a puzzle, its pieces scattered without any obvious pattern. At first, the arrangement seems chaotic, but as you persist, each piece finds its place, gradually revealing the full picture.

Similarly, our **life's purpose** begins as an abstract idea. We may have a vision, an inner conviction, and a set of experiences, but nothing tangible to prove our calling. When we share our dreams, people may dismiss them or fail to see their potential. Yet, just like a puzzle, our destiny becomes clearer with time and persistence.

##### Case Study: The World Changers Network

At its inception, many viewed World Changers as a simple weekly discussion group. However, the real vision was much greater: **to raise leaders across multiple nations**. In 2020, the foundation was laid, and by 2021, practical impact emerged through content development, online presence, and community-building efforts. This growth mirrors the process of assembling a puzzle—piece by piece, our purpose takes shape.

##### Historical Example: William Wilberforce

William Wilberforce dedicated his life to fighting against the transatlantic slave trade. For years, his efforts seemed fruitless, faced with overwhelming opposition. Yet, he remained committed. Eventually, in his later years, he witnessed the historic abolition of the slave trade. Had he abandoned his mission midway, this transformative change might never have happened.

Activity: Reflect on Your Puzzle

- List three major pieces (skills, experiences, or opportunities) that form part of your destiny puzzle.
- Identify one missing piece you need to work on to bring clarity to your purpose.

The Staircase Principle

A staircase is designed to be climbed one step at a time. No one leaps to the top in a single bound. Likewise, destiny unfolds **gradually**, with each step marking a phase of growth and progress.

Many people become discouraged because their journey does not take off instantly. However, just as **a building starts with a foundation**, our purpose develops **in stages**. Some seasons may feel like slow progress, but every step is essential for reaching the next level.

Overcoming Setbacks

Challenges and detours are part of the process. When facing obstacles, we must remember:

1. **Every setback is a setup for a comeback.**
2. **Each step prepares us for the next level.**
3. **Faith and perseverance are key to moving forward.**

Activity: Climbing Your Staircase

- Identify **three steps** you have already climbed in your journey.
- Write down **one major step** you need to take next.

Embracing the Eternal: Destiny as a Lifetime Program

Destiny is not confined to our **earthly existence**; it extends into **eternity**. This means we may never fully grasp the **totality of our purpose** while on earth. Even **Jesus' destiny** did not end at the cross—His impact continues to shape history.

## 1. Destiny is a Lifelong Journey

Many people assume that fulfilling their calling happens **overnight**. However, purpose unfolds **gradually** over a lifetime. We must embrace each stage, recognizing that our **current season is preparing us for the next**.

## 2. The Power of Humble Beginnings

No matter how great a destiny is, it often starts **in obscurity**. If your dreams do not seem overwhelming to others, they may not be big enough.

Consider Jesus:

- He could have chosen to be born into royalty, yet He arrived in **a humble manger**.
- If He had been born into prominence, King Herod would have killed Him.
- His **early challenges** were **part of a divine protection plan** for His future mission.

Likewise, **our challenges are not accidents**. They may be the very circumstances that protect and prepare us for greatness.

Activity: Reframing Your Challenges

- Write down one past struggle that, in hindsight, prepared you for something greater.
- Identify one current challenge and reframe it as a **stepping stone** rather than a barrier.

The Lesson: Patience and Process

We often become **impatient** when fulfilling our destiny. We expect **instant recognition** and **quick results**, but **purpose unfolds at an appointed time**.

Biblical Insight

- *“For the vision is yet for an appointed time... though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come.” – Habakkuk 2:3*
- *“We are being transformed from glory to glory by the Spirit of the Lord.” – 2 Corinthians 3:18*

**Avoiding**

**Comparison**

Comparing ourselves to others can lead to discouragement. Instead of looking at someone else's

success, we should focus on **our unique journey**. Destiny is not a race against others—it is a personal journey of obedience and faithfulness.

Activity: Focus on Your Race

- Write down one area where you have been comparing yourself to others.
- Replace that comparison with **one unique strength** or **opportunity** you have.

Conclusion: Embracing the Process

Destiny is **not a sprint but a marathon**. Each phase of our journey builds on the last, preparing us for something greater.

Key Takeaways:

1. **Your destiny is a puzzle—keep putting the pieces together.**
2. **Your journey is a staircase—take one step at a time.**
3. **Your purpose is lifelong—trust the process and remain faithful.**
4. **Your challenges are preparation—reframe them as stepping stones.**
5. **Your timing is divine—wait patiently for the vision to unfold.**

As **members of the World Changers community**, let us commit to running this race with **patience, wisdom, and faith**. Our destinies are not confined to this world—they echo into **eternity**.

Final Activity: Declare Your Destiny

Write down a **short declaration** about your destiny and read it aloud every morning. Example:

*"I am on a journey of purpose. Each step I take brings me closer to fulfilling my destiny. I will not be discouraged by challenges, but I will embrace them as stepping stones. I trust God's timing and remain steadfast in my pursuit of greatness. My destiny is unfolding, and I am walking in it every day."*

**Your destiny is worth the journey. Keep walking. Keep building. Keep believing.**

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### **YOU HAVE TO START: EMBARKING ON THE JOURNEY OF PURPOSE, DESTINY, AND WORLD TRANSFORMATION**

#### *Introduction: The Call to Action*

There comes a time in life when a deep longing stirs within—a hunger not for food and a thirst not for water, but for something greater. It is an unshakable restlessness, an inner turmoil that no physical comfort can ease. You seek direction, reach out to others for shared purpose, and yet, the response is silence. But in that silence, a truth emerges: **the journey begins with you.**

This is the story of the individual who dares to take the first step—the one who chooses to break free from uncertainty and embark on the mission of a lifetime.

#### The Lone Crusader: The Courage to Begin

Every great movement starts with a single individual. In the beginning, you may feel alone—without support, without guidance. Yet, with unwavering determination, you press forward, step by step. You don your armor of resilience, saddle your horse of purpose, and push through resistance.

Then, something incredible happens. **People take notice.** Men, women, and youths, inspired by your boldness, emerge from the shadows. They watch, they admire, and they begin to follow. From left and right, they come, drawn by your conviction, until what was once a solitary journey becomes a collective force for change.

#### From Solitude to Unity: The Power of Taking the First Step

At first, you walk alone. No one understands the vision burning within you. But as you **stay committed, show up, and put in the work**, others begin to believe. They see your dedication, your discipline, and your persistence, and soon, they want to be part of the movement.

Before long, your once-lonely path transforms into a shared journey towards something greater—a **world of peace, prosperity, and purpose**. This is the power of initiative. **One person's courage to start can ignite an unstoppable chain reaction.**

The Eternal Legacy: Leaving an Impact That Lasts

The true leader does not seek personal glory but serves as a **custodian of the people's aspirations**. Over time, they grow in wisdom, influence, and grace, standing tall like a colossus—yet remaining humble.

Eventually, every champion must fade into history, making room for new leaders. But the impact of their actions does not disappear. Their legacy stretches across generations, their work immortalized in the lives they touched. True leaders never truly leave; their influence continues to shape the future long after they are gone.

ACTIVITIES: Embracing Your Own Journey

Now, it's your turn. What is your purpose? What dream burns within you? How will you take that **first step** toward transformation?

*Reflection Exercise:*

1. **What are you passionate about?** What keeps you awake at night?
2. **What is one thing you've been wanting to start but keep postponing?**
3. **What small step can you take today toward that goal?**
4. **Who in your life could benefit from your courage to start?**

*Action Steps:*

- Write down your **top three goals** for the next year.
- Identify one small action you can take **this week** to move forward.
- Find an **accountability partner**—someone who will encourage and challenge you.
- Commit to being **consistent** for the next 30 days, no matter how small the progress.

Conclusion: The Time is Now

In the grand story of life, there are those who choose to step forward and change the world—and those who hesitate, waiting for the "perfect moment." The truth is, **the perfect moment will never come.** You have to **create it.**

So, what is holding you back? What are you thirsting to accomplish? And more importantly—**when will you start?**

The world is waiting. Your destiny is calling. **You have to start.**

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### LEADER WANTED: ANSWERING THE CALL FOR A TRANSFORMED WORLD

#### Introduction

*"The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men."* – Psalm 115:16

God has entrusted the earth to humanity, giving us the responsibility to shape its future. Yet, many fall into the trap of **inaction**, waiting for divine intervention while neglecting their power to bring change. The truth is, **God has already equipped us with the ability to make a difference**. Within each of us lies a **divine spark**, empowering us to **influence the course of history**. The world does not just need leaders; **it is desperately calling for them**.

#### The Fallacy of Waiting for Change

Too often, people wait for someone else—leaders, governments, or even God—to solve the problems around them. They hope for a miracle while ignoring their own ability to act. But **change does not come by wishful thinking—it comes through leadership, responsibility, and action**.

Many societies plagued by **poverty, corruption, violence, and underdevelopment** continue to suffer because their people expect change to happen externally rather than rising to be the change themselves. **True transformation begins when individuals take ownership of their circumstances**.

#### Activity 1: Personal Reflection

- Think of one problem in your community or workplace that frustrates you.
- What would happen if no one took responsibility for solving it?
- Write down three ways you can personally contribute to a solution.

## The Power Within You: Humanity's Omnipotent Potential

Human beings are not powerless observers in the world—we are **active participants**. **God moves through those who take action**, not those who sit and wait. Every great advancement in history has been driven by people who recognized their responsibility and stepped up.

If we continue to **wait instead of act**, the consequences can be severe:

- Chaos and disorder will take over.
- The wrong people will seize power.
- The streets will be unsafe for our children.
- Societies will fall into decline.

The world only improves **when people take action**. Every person has a unique gift and calling—**what will yours be?**

### Activity 2: Identifying Your Role

- What is one skill or talent you have that can contribute to a better society?
- Who in your community is already taking action, and how can you support or join them?
- Write down one step you will take this week to be a part of the change.

## The Cost of Progress: Leadership Requires Sacrifice

**History proves that progress does not come without sacrifice.** Great leaders are those who refuse to wait for others. They embrace responsibility and **pay the price for change**.

- **Martin Luther King Jr.** fought racial injustice.
- **Nelson Mandela** sacrificed decades in prison for freedom.
- **William Wilberforce** led the fight against slavery.
- **Abraham Lincoln** fought for the rights of all people.
- **Bill Gates** revolutionized access to information and technology.

These individuals **saw a need and stepped up**. The same opportunity exists today—for you.

#### Activity 3: Leadership Role Model

- Choose one historical or contemporary leader who inspires you.
- What qualities made them effective?
- How can you apply those qualities in your own leadership journey?

#### What Problem Are You Called to Solve?

The world is full of **unresolved problems**. But within every problem lies an opportunity for someone to step forward and **be the solution**.

Are you passionate about:

- **Education reform?**
- **Poverty alleviation?**
- **Climate change?**
- **Technological innovation?**
- **Healthcare improvements?**
- **Justice and human rights?**

Your **purpose** is often found in the problems that move you the most. Instead of waiting for someone else to act, **step forward and be the leader the world needs**.

#### Activity 4: Defining Your Mission

- Write down one major problem in your society that you care about.
- What **specific action** can you take to begin addressing it?
- Who are three people or organisations you can collaborate with to create change?

Conclusion: The World Needs You

A complacent society remains stagnant. A leaderless society regresses. But a world with **strong, responsible, and visionary leaders** flourishes.

**Are you ready to answer the call?**

Change **starts with you**. Identify the problems that resonate with your heart, take responsibility, and act. The world **isn't just looking for leaders—it is desperate for them**.

Final Reflection:

**What problem are you called to solve for humanity?**

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The world needs leaders. **Will you be one of them?**

## GOD'S LIEUTENANTS: BRINGING HEAVEN'S WILL TO EARTH

### Introduction

Jesus Christ taught us to pray, *"Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."* This reveals the divine expectation that His followers work to manifest heaven's grace, love, and justice in our world. As **God's Lieutenants**, we are called to be His representatives—bridging the gap between the brokenness of earth and the perfection of heaven.

This lesson will explore what it means to be a **God's Lieutenant** and how we can actively shape the world according to His divine purpose.

### Perceiving Beyond the Surface

While many complain about the state of the world, God's Lieutenants see beyond the present reality. They perceive the contrast between:

- The earthly order—marked by selfishness, corruption, and division
- The heavenly order—rooted in love, justice, and harmony

Rather than accepting the status quo, they work tirelessly to bring heaven's higher reality to life here on earth.

### Reflection & Activity:

1. What are the greatest problems in your community or workplace that do not reflect God's will?

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2. How do you think God's principles could change those situations?

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### The Earthly Order vs. The Heavenly Order

The **earthly order** is often driven by self-interest:

- The strong overpower the weak
- Corruption flourishes
- Greed and injustice are widespread

In contrast, the **heavenly order** reflects God's heart:

- Empathy and love guide relationships
- Everyone is empowered to become their best self
- Giving and sharing replace greed and selfishness

God's Lieutenants are **agents of transformation**, replacing earthly disorder with heaven's values.

Activity:

- Identify one practical way you can **replace** an earthly value with a heavenly one in your daily life (e.g., responding with kindness instead of anger, promoting fairness instead of favoritism).

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## The Role of God's Lieutenants

A **lieutenant** is a person of authority who carries out the will of their leader. As God's Lieutenants, we:

- Advocate for justice and fairness
- Show kindness and compassion
- Empower the weak and marginalized
- Challenge the status quo that opposes God's principles

Our mission is to **mirror heaven on earth** through our actions and leadership.

### Reflection Questions:

1. What do you believe God's will is for the world?

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2. Do you feel called to be one of His lieutenants? Why or why not?

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3. What specific role do you think God wants you to play in transforming the world?

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## THE POWER OF RIGHT LIVING: GOD'S LIEUTENANTS AND THE PATH TO GREATNESS

### Introduction

Moral values form the foundation of **true** progress. Without righteousness, no society, organization, or individual can experience lasting stability and growth.

As God's Lieutenants, right living is **not optional**—it is the very essence of our mission. This section explores how righteousness influences leadership, personal success, and social transformation.

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### The Limits of Unrighteousness

A society driven by deceit, greed, and self-indulgence may appear to be thriving, but its foundation is weak. Eventually, corruption collapses upon itself.

- How far can a people go when everyone is trying to outsmart one another?
- How far can a nation progress when dishonesty and immorality are the norm?

The answer is clear: **such societies stagnate and fall apart.**

Activity: Self-Assessment

Rate your level of integrity and righteousness on a scale of **1 to 10** (10 being the highest).

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Identify one area where you need to improve in right living:

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### Righteousness as the Foundation

The Bible states, "*Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people*" (Proverbs 14:34).

Right living is the **pivot** on which:

- Justice and fairness operate
- Societal progress is built
- True leadership is sustained

A leader cannot create meaningful impact without first establishing a **personal** foundation of righteousness.

Reflection Questions:

- What values do you believe are essential for a society to thrive?

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- How can you model those values in your leadership?

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The Role of Right Living in Leadership

Great leaders are remembered **not just for their achievements but for their character.**

- They **prioritise integrity** over shortcuts
- They **inspire trust** by leading with honesty
- They **leave lasting legacies** because their work is built on solid moral ground

Right living acts as a **preservative**, keeping their influence fresh for generations.

Activity: Your Leadership Blueprint

1. List three leadership qualities that you admire in great leaders:

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2. Which of these qualities do you need to work on personally?

CONCLUSION: BECOMING GOD’S LIEUTENANTS

Being **God’s Lieutenant** is a **call to action**—to align our lives with His will and **bring heaven’s values to earth.**

- **Right living** is the foundation for effective leadership and lasting impact.
- **Transformation begins with us**—our integrity, our actions, and our willingness to serve.
- **Heaven’s reality can be reflected on earth** when we actively choose righteousness, justice, and love.

Final Reflection:

- What is one immediate action you will take to live as God’s Lieutenant this week?

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Let us rise to the challenge, **step into our divine calling**, and work together to transform our world for God’s glory!

## WHEN YOU MOVE, THINGS MOVE: THE POWER OF ACTION AND RESPONSIBILITY

### Why Do We Feel Stuck?

Many of us experience frustration and dissatisfaction because our lives don't seem to be progressing as planned. Our dreams remain unfulfilled, our goals stay out of reach, and we feel trapped in stagnation. But before we point fingers at circumstances, we must ask ourselves a critical question:

### **Are we truly working towards our goals and dreams?**

#### Beyond Intentions: The Key to Achieving Goals

One of the greatest barriers to success is **inaction**. Many people dream, plan, and strategize, yet they fail to take meaningful steps toward execution. They lack the resilience, discipline, and determination to put in the hard work required to bring their vision to life.

Intentions alone **do not** change the world—**actions do**. If words and plans were enough, every nation on earth would be wealthy, prosperous, and developed. But the difference between success and failure lies in **who takes action** and **who remains passive**.

#### The Price of Progress: Hard Work, Persistence, and Sacrifice

Work is the engine that turns aspirations into reality. It is the process of:

- ✓ Doing what needs to be done
- ✓ Following through with consistency
- ✓ Understanding the purpose behind each action

While strategizing and planning are important, **execution is what makes dreams real**. The price of progress includes **sweat, sacrifices, and overcoming challenges**. Unfortunately, only a few people are willing to **pay the price**—and it is these few who rise to leadership and greatness.


### Embracing Responsibility: The Path to True Greatness

Greatness is not handed to anyone—it is **earned** through responsibility and hard work. True leaders don't wait for things to happen; they **take initiative** and **ensure results**.


If you find yourself stuck in one spot for too long, it's time to take responsibility. **Push forward with relentless effort, and soon, everything around you will start to move in your favour.**

### The Dynamic Flow of Life: Motion vs. Stagnation

Look at the universe itself:

 The sun rises and sets.

 The moon moves through its cycles.

 The planets orbit in continuous motion.

Even at the microscopic level, **molecules are always in motion**. Stagnation is unnatural—life thrives in **movement**.

Take Action Now!

Stop waiting for the perfect moment—**the perfect moment is now**. Move forward, take risks, and **make things happen!**

*ACTIVITIES: GET MOVING!*

**What meaningful steps can you take today toward your dream?**

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**What specific actions can you accomplish in the next 30 days to bring your vision closer to reality?**

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**What major achievement would create a significant leap toward your life vision or purpose?**

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Remember: **Leaders are the ones who take responsibility and act.** Don't let your dreams fade—**get up, move, and make them happen!**

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## WHAT THEY SAY DOES NOT COUNT: EMBRACE YOUR UNIQUE DESTINY

### *Dream Big and Embrace Your Calling*

Your life is yours to live, and your destiny is yours to fulfil. Open your mind to endless possibilities and let your dreams take flight. Ignite the fire of a great vision within you, welcoming the Holy Spirit to illuminate the bigger picture of your life. Once you receive it, take time to reflect, plan, and allow your mind to grasp the grand design of your purpose.

### *Step Into Your Season of Performance*

The world has been waiting for you. Now is your time to rise and shine. Step forward with boldness and let your abilities speak for themselves. Your unique journey is yours alone—no one else can bring your vision to life the way you can. Banish fear, take action, and walk confidently into your calling.

### *Ignore Detractors and Stay Focused*

What others say about you does not define your destiny. Many people will criticise, doubt, or even try to stop you, not because you are wrong, but because they fear your greatness. Some will attempt to inject self-doubt into your mind, hoping to keep you from rising. Hold onto your uniqueness, refuse to conform to their expectations, and move forward with purpose.

### *Defy Challenges and Claim Your Crown*

Every great person faces opposition. Anyone who tries to silence you or discourage your dreams seeks to keep you from reigning in your calling. Do not let them strip you of your greatness. Like Joseph, who was betrayed by his brothers but later ruled a nation, hold onto your dream and refuse to be stopped.

### Biblical Examples of Unshakable Visionaries

- **Paul's Boldness:** When Paul received his divine assignment to minister to the Gentiles, he did not wait for anyone's approval. He went straight to Arabia, fully committing to his

calling without hesitation (Galatians 1:15-17). His example reminds us that **God's calling does not require human validation.**

- **Joseph's Resilience:** Sold into slavery, wrongfully imprisoned, and forgotten by men, Joseph never let go of his dream. He remained steadfast until he saw his vision come to life. In the end, he not only interpreted his own dream but also helped shape the destiny of an entire nation.

*Stop Seeking Permission—God Has Already Approved You*

If you are waiting for others to "clear" you to pursue your dreams, you are wasting precious time. People cannot give you what only God has already provided. Seeking their validation will only lead to frustration, stagnation, and regret.

*Overcome the Frustration of Watching Others Rise*

It can be frustrating to see people with **less talent, grace, and ability** excelling while you remain hesitant. But remember: the world often **despises unfulfilled potential.** If you do not step into your greatness, you will remain ignored. Instead of seeking external approval, take charge and move forward with conviction.

*Break Free from the Need for Approval*

The cost of being a people-pleaser is **non-fulfillment.** If you live for others' opinions, you will never live your true purpose. Why settle for mediocrity just to gain their acceptance? True success comes from breaking free from external limitations and embracing **God's vision** for your life.

ACTIVITY: Self-Reflection & Personal Growth

Take a moment to reflect on these questions:

1. **What negative comments have you heard that seem to be affecting your confidence?**

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2. **Who are the people that seem to be limiting your progress or refusing to give you space to rise?**

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3. **Do you believe that God's calling on your life is greater than all limitations?**  
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4. **What steps will you take today to move forward in your divine assignment?**

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*Rise and Fulfil Your Divine Mandate*

The voices of doubt and discouragement hold no real power over your life. Only you can **decide to break free and rise**. Give yourself permission to **pursue your dreams, defy limitations, and live out God's purpose** for you.

You are called for greatness. Step into it boldly!

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### LEADERS FIND WHAT TO DO

#### Introduction

Leadership is a **great responsibility**—it is about **taking initiative, creating solutions, and shaping destinies**. True leaders are trailblazers who **chart new paths** and **challenge the status quo**. They do not settle for handouts or ready-made solutions; instead, they seek **understanding, explore possibilities, and take action** to improve systems and society.

#### Leaders as Initiators

Leaders are the **driving force of progress**. They **ignite change**, refusing to be trapped in **maintenance mode** like the majority who accept things as they are. Leaders find **opportunities for improvement** and act on them.

If you **always wait for someone else to act first**, you may not rise to leadership. Leaders do not follow the crowd; they **create the path for others to follow**. They take on challenges, **think independently**, and **make bold moves**.

#### Reflection Exercise:

- Can you recall a time when you waited for someone else to act before making a decision?
- How could you have taken the initiative in that situation?

#### Mindset of a Leader vs. a Follower

Life is about **mindset**. Followers look for security in numbers, preferring to blend in. They feel uncomfortable standing alone. But leaders embrace **solitude in thought, idea, and action**. They seek a **unique place for themselves**, just like the eagle, which does not flock with other birds yet reigns as their king.

Leaders are **never stuck**. When others feel trapped, leaders **find a way out**. They are not held back by circumstances—they adapt, innovate, and **create solutions**.

Activity: Think Like a Leader

- Identify a challenge in your workplace, school, or community.
- List three **possible solutions** you can initiate.
- Take action on at least **one** of these solutions this week.

Leaders Shape the World

Throughout history, **great leaders have transformed societies**. Without them, humanity would have **remained in cruelty, injustice, and stagnation**.

- **Medical leaders** have discovered cures for diseases once thought incurable.
- **Political and economic leaders** have shaped policies that changed nations.
- **Educational leaders** have redefined learning and knowledge-sharing.

In every sphere of life, leaders **search for what needs to be done—and they do it**.

Self-Reflection Questions:

1. How do you want to see **your church, community, or country evolve** in terms of leadership, governance, and moral values?

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2. Do you see **yourself** as responsible for making the world better, or do you believe that responsibility belongs to others?

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3. What practical steps can you take **today** to contribute to a better world?

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## Conclusion

Leaders **find what to do and take action**. They **refuse to be passive spectators** in life's journey. Instead of waiting for change, they **become the change**.

Will you be a leader who **makes things happen**, or will you wait for others to act? The choice is yours. **Step up, take charge, and lead!**

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### GET INTO THE TRENCH

If you are not fully involved, no one else will be. As a leader, your followers don't just do what you say—they do what you do. If you take your work lightly, they will do the same. But if you are hardworking and committed, they will follow your example.

Nothing gets done until you are actively engaged. Leadership requires involvement at every stage of the process. If your followers sense that you are distant or indifferent, they will cut corners, producing poor-quality work. This is what we call **supervision failure**. A leader may come up with excuses or shift blame onto followers, but in reality, the leader is responsible for both successes and failures.

#### The Danger of Assumption

Some years ago, when my son was six, he brought home an assignment. I supervised him carefully from question one to nine. However, for the tenth question, I assumed he already knew the answer, so I didn't crosscheck. The next day, he came home and told me bluntly that I was the reason he got that question wrong. At first, I wanted to argue, but on reflection, I realized I had been careless. I had assumed he would get it right without verifying.

This is a common mistake in leadership—assuming that followers will automatically do the right thing. Leaders should **never** assume; they must be fully engaged, aware of the details, and ensure standards are met. You are a leader because you understand the job better than your followers. If they know more than you, your position will soon be at risk.

#### Leadership Requires Direct Involvement

Roll up your sleeves, get into the trench, and work! You cannot lead effectively by merely overseeing; you must be hands-on, directly involved in every phase. This deep engagement gives you **insight, knowledge, and experience**—the very things that set great leaders apart.

When a leader lacks firsthand knowledge, subordinates can easily present excuses for poor performance. However, a leader who has been in the trenches understands the realities of the work. Such a leader can tell whether an excuse is valid or not and will **insist on excellence** regardless of obstacles.

For true leaders, **failure is not an option**, and **excellence is the only standard**. By labouring alongside their followers, they earn respect and commitment from their team.

### The Ability to Anticipate Challenges

A leader who is directly involved can foresee problems before they escalate. They can **take quick action** to prevent failure. In contrast, a leader who stays distant may not even realize there is a problem until it is too late. On the flip side, a leader who is engaged can also recognize when things are going well and **motivate the team** to push for even greater success.

Now, take a moment to reflect:

1. Look at the job or project that is struggling under your leadership. From **level 1 to 10** (10 being the highest), how would you rate your level of commitment?

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2. List areas of your life where you need to **increase your commitment**:

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Leadership is not about watching from the sidelines—it's about stepping into the trenches and leading by example. Get involved, take responsibility, and drive excellence!

## ON-POINT LEADERSHIP: THE POWER OF PRECISION

### *Success Principles Are Universal*

Success principles remain constant regardless of time, place, or circumstance. A leader's ability to be precise and intentional determines the level of impact they create.

### *The Impact of On-Point Leadership*

*"Lord, grant me the wisdom to be precise in my decisions and to walk with You always. Amen."*

Many of us desire to get things right on the first attempt. What we desire ultimately shapes our reality. In warfare, missing the target can expose us to unnecessary struggles. Consider the Israelites' journey from Egypt to the Promised Land—missing their way cost them an entire generation, except for Joshua and Caleb.

### **What was their secret?**

Unlike the others, Joshua and Caleb remained open to God's voice while many succumbed to fear and worldly distractions.

### LESSONS FROM SCRIPTURE

#### *Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch: Leadership Through Guidance*

Philip led the Ethiopian eunuch into a deeper life of faith by introducing him to Christ's redemptive work.

The eunuch had knowledge but lacked **direction**. He needed guidance, but he didn't know where to seek it. Similarly, in leadership, the burden of direction always falls on the leader. Followers are often lost, confused, and in need of clarity. A true leader does not wait for followers to find their way—he seeks them out and leads with precision.

## THE COST OF LEADERSHIP

- A leader must not expect followers to be as mature or disciplined as he is.
- Complaining and making excuses have no place in leadership.
- Jesus was crucified by the very people He came to save.

A true leader does not descend into the struggles of followers; rather, he lifts them up.

### *Are You the Sent One?*

God will never accept your excuse for turning away from your calling. Jesus said: *"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."* (Luke 9:62)

## THE LEADER'S ROLE IN DECISION-MAKING

A leader's role is to help followers make better choices that lead to success. To be precise and effective in leadership, we must explore key lessons:

### *1. Divine Assignment Over Self-Interest*

Philip did not assign himself—God called him (Acts 8:26).

Today, many engage in religious activities without true dedication. Some serve for personal gain rather than divine purpose. **Are you called by gold or by God?**

A true leader understands that money is a **residual reward**, not the primary pursuit. Success in life and leadership comes from aligning with divine purpose. Philip had specific instructions, and so must we.

**Activity:** Write down areas in your life where you may be focusing on self-interest rather than divine purpose.

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### *2. Obedience to Divine Instruction*

Knowing what to do is one thing; doing it is another.

Philip obeyed God and went to Gaza. Had he delayed, he would have missed the eunuch. Obedience to divine timing removes unnecessary struggles.

**Challenge:** Identify one area where you have delayed taking action due to uncertainty or fear. What step can you take today?

### *3. Action Leads to Clarity*

Many people wait for a complete picture before they start, but clarity comes through action.

Philip only understood God's purpose after taking the first step. Had he remained in Samaria, he would have never known. To be on point, we must act in faith, trusting divine direction.

**Key Lesson:** Do not measure divine instruction by your own level of knowledge—step out in faith!

### *4. Open Doors Await Those Who Obey*

When God sends you, He prepares the way before you.

Philip met a heart that was **ready**. When we follow God's lead, He places us in situations where our purpose is needed.

**Prayer:** *Lord, lead me into the places You have prepared for me.*

### *5. Christ Must Be the Center*

Philip's message was Christ-centered.

Leadership, ministry, and service must always point back to Christ. A life truly dedicated to Christ becomes precise and impactful.

## THE REWARD OF ON-POINT LEADERSHIP

When we take up God's assignment, He takes care of our needs.

Recently, I was in financial need but chose not to worry. Instead, I committed myself to mentoring students in purpose and leadership. Later, a client called and offered me a job opportunity. I told my wife, "If I had spent a month running around for money, I wouldn't have earned this much."

*"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." (Isaiah 30:15)*

When we hear and obey God, He causes everything to align in our favour.

## CONCLUSION

On-point leadership is built on **obedience**. It connects the person with the solution to the person with the problem.

**The world suffers when those with answers fail to show up.**

May God grant us the grace to be precise and impactful in our leadership. **Amen.**

#### ACTIVITIES FOR REFLECTION & ACTION

1. **Self-Assessment:** On a scale of 1-10 (10 being the highest), rate your level of **precision and obedience** in leadership.

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2. **Action Plan:** Identify three specific areas in your life where you need to improve in leadership precision.

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3. **Commitment Statement:** Write a short declaration committing to step out in faith and obedience.

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Leadership is not about waiting—it's about acting with divine precision. Let's get on point!

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### HARMONY WITH NATURE

#### Understanding the Balance Between the Spiritual and the Natural

##### Introduction

Many Christians, especially leaders, sometimes make unwise decisions in the name of spirituality. Some believe that relying on wisdom, strategy, and planning is too “human,” forgetting that God has given us intelligence to use it. Balancing spiritual and natural principles is essential for success in life and ministry.

##### Lessons from Nature: Biblical Insights

##### 1. The Ant as a Model of Hard Work

The Bible encourages us to learn diligence from the ant: *“Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.”* (Proverbs 6:6) God Himself directs us to observe nature and apply its lessons to our lives.

##### 2. Jesus’ Teachings on His Second Coming

Jesus used natural events to illustrate spiritual truths: *“But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch.”* (Matthew 24:43) Just as seasons give signs before they change, God provides signals for spiritual realities.

##### 3. The Power of Parables

Jesus often used earthly concepts to explain divine principles:

- The mustard seed
- The faithful servant
- The grain of wheat

- The lost sheep
- The hidden treasure

To grasp spiritual truths, we must first understand natural realities. Jesus even compared our relationship with God to an earthly father's love: *"If you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"* (Matthew 7:11)

Spiritual leaders who ignore natural experiences risk confusing their followers. Instead, they should teach how earthly experiences prepare us for heavenly realities.

### Key Areas Where We Must Harmonise Spiritual and Natural Principles

#### 1. Hard Work and Prosperity

Many preach divine provision but overlook the necessity of hard work. Some present grace as a shortcut to wealth, as if it replaces labour. Yet, even Jesus worked: *"My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I too am working."* (John 5:17) Paul also affirmed this: *"These hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions."* (Acts 20:34)

**Activity: Write down three practical ways you can combine faith with diligent work in your daily life.**

#### 2. The Myth of Full-Time Ministry

Some believe ministry means avoiding secular work. However, Jesus' disciples were fishermen, and Paul was a tentmaker. The Bible does not command preachers to avoid working when necessary:

*"If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat."* (2 Thessalonians 3:10)

A Personal Story:  
During my university days, I once faced financial distress. One morning, I saw a wristwatch in the bathroom. While I knew I couldn't steal it, I asked the owner for a "compensation" before returning it. Hunger had driven me to act out of character!

Desperation can push even preachers into compromising situations. This is why **wisdom and financial prudence** are crucial.

**Activity: Identify one skill or talent you can use to generate income alongside your spiritual calling.**

### 3. The Need for an Investment Mindset

Many churches teach about "kingdom investment" but neglect practical financial principles. Yet, Jesus taught the **parable of the talents**, showing that God expects us to multiply resources.

Africa remains poor despite widespread prosperity teachings because many of these teachings lack financial literacy. If believers fail to invest, they will remain employees of unbelievers.

*"Give, and it will be given to you... with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:38)*

Activity: **List three areas where you can start investing for your financial future.**

### 4. Taking Care of the Body

Ignoring the body's needs leads to premature death, no matter how anointed one may be. Some ministers fast excessively, deny themselves sleep, and push their bodies beyond limits. The human body is God's temple:

*"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." (Mark 6:31)*

A dead man cannot serve God. Life will continue, and others will step into the anointing we failed to nurture.

Activity: **Create a personal health plan that includes rest, exercise, and proper nutrition.**

### 5. Recognising the Anointing for the Marketplace

Not all anointing is meant for the pulpit. Many believers, out of zeal, abandon their God-ordained roles in business and governance. Yet, some of the greatest biblical figures—Joseph, Nehemiah, and Daniel—were called to leadership in these areas.

*"Occupy till I come." (Luke 19:13)*

Wherever God has placed you, **thrive in that space**. Impact matters more than title.

Activity: **Write down ways you can glorify God in your workplace or business.**

### Conclusion: Finding Your Place in God's Plan

Nature teaches us valuable lessons. When we align with God's spiritual and natural principles, we thrive. The Bible illustrates this beautifully:

*"The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us. But the olive tree said, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?" (Judges 9:8-9)*

Each of us must recognise where God has placed us and flourish there.

**Final Activity: Write a personal reflection on how you can better harmonise your spiritual life with natural responsibilities.**

God bless you all.

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## HARMONY WITH NATURE – PART 2

### Nature: The Dwelling Place of Man

Nature is our home, and when we neglect or destroy it, we inevitably suffer the consequences. Everything in nature—both its physical elements and spiritual forces—acts as a guide, helping us navigate life on earth.

When Jesus appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus, He said:

**"You cannot keep hitting your legs against thorns and have a nice time."**

In other words, you cannot act against divine order and expect a smooth journey.

### Nature as a Guide

The world operates as a system of signs, revealing whether we are on the right or wrong path. Those who ignore these signals remain stagnant, while those who observe and apply nature's lessons always find a way to rise, no matter how far they have fallen.

Paul reminds us in Scripture:

**"Does not nature itself teach you...?"** (1 Corinthians 11:14)

Nature is a teacher, offering wisdom to those who listen. Sadly, many people become so overly spiritual that they ignore these lessons. Yet, the Bible is filled with natural illustrations—Jesus Himself often used parables drawn from nature to teach deep truths.

### Paul's Awakening vs. Balaam's Downfall

### Paul's Transformation

On the road to Damascus, Paul was struck blind and fell to the ground. Later, Ananias restored his sight, and from that day, Paul's life took a new, progressive direction. He never returned to his old ways.

## Balaam's Tragic Mistake

In contrast, Prophet Balaam—a man of great spiritual reputation—ignored divine signs. King Balak of Moab wanted to curse Israel, so he summoned Balaam, who was eager for the king's reward.

As Balaam set out, his donkey refused to move forward. Despite brutal beatings, the donkey veered off course. Finally, God opened the donkey's mouth to speak, revealing an angel blocking Balaam's path, ready to strike him down. Instead of turning back, Balaam continued, leading to his ultimate downfall.

The Bible warns against such choices:

- **2 Peter 2:15 (KJV)** – *"They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam, who loved the wages of unrighteousness."*
- **Jude 1:11 (KJV)** – *"Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of Cain and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward."*

## Recognising Signs in Daily Life

Life presents us with signs in relationships, careers, businesses, and personal decisions. Ignoring these signs can lead to pain, stagnation, and even failure.

However, being spiritually discerning does not mean labeling every challenge as the work of witches or demons. Instead, we must be sensitive to divine signals—like Joseph, Jonah, and even Moses, who encountered burning bush moments that changed their destinies.

## God Speaks Through Nature

God does not oppose understanding nature; He opposes living solely for the flesh. Balaam was spiritual, yet greed weakened his judgment. When our desires override wisdom, we fail to recognize God's warnings.

Examples from Scripture and Life:

1. **Life's Unexpected Challenges** – Sometimes, problems arise after getting a new job, moving to a new city, or experiencing financial breakthroughs. Like Moses at the burning bush or Peter with the miraculous catch, these moments could be God calling our attention.
2. **Joseph's Journey** – Joseph's betrayal by his brothers seemed like misfortune, but it was nature's way of positioning him for greatness in Egypt.
3. **Jonah's Storm** – When Jonah ran from God's will, nature responded with a storm. Only after he acknowledged his mistake did peace return.

## Key Lessons from Nature

### 1. Borrowing and Debt

*"The borrower is a servant to the lender." (Proverbs 22:7)*

Debt leads to stress and financial instability. Nature teaches that financial discipline brings peace.

### 2. Sowing and Reaping

Hyper-grace theology may suggest blessings come without effort, but nature shows that harvest follows seedtime. Hard work and faith go hand in hand.

### 3. Health and Diet

You cannot consume unhealthy food and expect divine health. Long life is tied to good nutrition and a balanced lifestyle.

### 4. Thoughts and Anxiety

Negative thoughts create stress, which affects health. A peaceful mind contributes to a healthy body.

### 5. Academic Success

A student's performance is directly linked to focused study. What is not read with depth cannot be recalled in an exam. The brain is given for knowledge, not just decoration.

### 6. Choosing a Life Partner

Marrying a violent or dishonest person and expecting a peaceful home is unrealistic. *"As you lay your bed, so shall you lie on it."*

### 7. The Law of Cost and Value

Nothing in nature is truly free. Even salvation cost Jesus His life. Success requires sacrifice and effort.

### 8. The Existence of a Sovereign Creator

The complexity of mountains, oceans, and ecosystems proves that God exists. Nature testifies to His greatness.

## Reflection Activity: Aligning with Nature

### Self-Assessment

- Identify areas in your life where you might be ignoring divine signals.
- Score your level of awareness from **1 to 10** (10 being highly sensitive to nature's lessons).

**Write your score here:**

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### Action Plan

- List areas where you need to increase commitment and pay closer attention to signs from nature:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
- Identify one practical step to align yourself with God's natural order:

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### Final Thoughts

When we align with nature, we gain wisdom and live in harmony with divine order. Nature is not our enemy—sin is. God has designed the world to guide us toward success.

If nature seems to be against us, like in Jonah's case, it's a call to seek understanding. **Pay attention to the signs. God still speaks through nature—if only we will listen.**

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### THE ROLE OF CHRISTIANS IN GOVERNANCE

#### Introduction

A troubling trend among believers today is the tendency to complain about government failures while doing little to bring about change. Many Christians gather to criticise political leaders, blaming them for the nation's woes. However, according to spiritual wisdom, this is not how it should be.

The Bible does not call political leaders the salt of the earth—it refers to **Christians** as the salt. **We are the ones responsible for bringing godly influence into governance.**

**Matthew** **5:16** **(KJV)**  
*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."*

Throughout Scripture, we see how earthly rulers sought direction from prophets and priests in times of crisis. When faced with moral decay, economic hardship, or national disaster, leaders often reached their limits. That is when believers—carriers of divine wisdom—must rise to bring solutions.

**John** **1:5** **(KJV)**  
*"The light shines in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not."*

No matter how dark governance or society becomes, Christians **carry the light of God**—but only if we are aware of it and willing to act.

#### Biblical Examples of Godly Influence in Government

The Bible is filled with examples of believers who shaped leadership and influenced governance:

- **Elijah and King Ahab** – Elijah boldly confronted Ahab and declared the end of a national drought (1 Kings 18:1).

- **Elisha during the siege of Samaria** – He prophesied deliverance when the nation was in crisis (2 Kings 7:1-2).
- **Hezekiah and Isaiah** – The prophet Isaiah guided King Hezekiah in seeking divine intervention (2 Kings 19:1-7).
- **Jeremiah and King Zedekiah** – Jeremiah warned of judgment and called for national repentance (Jeremiah 38:14-18).

These men understood that governance was not just about policies and politics—it required **divine guidance**. Christians today must take responsibility, rather than stand as passive onlookers.

Christians Are Called to Pray for Leaders

The first and most important duty of believers is to **pray** for those in authority.

**1 Timothy 2:1-3 (KJV)**  
*"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour."*

If something isn't working in your government, it is a call to **prayer, not complaint**. Complaints do not change things—prayers do.

Why Should Christians Pray for Government?

1. **Spiritual Battles Influence Earthly Leadership** – Many leaders unknowingly operate under demonic influence. Through prayer, we deactivate these negative forces.
2. **Leaders Need Spiritual Strength to Execute Good Plans** – Good intentions alone are not enough; divine empowerment is needed for successful governance.
3. **Earthly Wisdom Alone Is Not Enough** – For real transformation, divine wisdom must be **superimposed** over human governance.

Jesus taught us to pray:  
*"Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."* – **Matthew 6:10**

No leader can succeed without God's help, no matter how good their policies or manifestos. **It is our duty to intercede.**

## Be a Spiritual Leader in the Background

Like the prophets of old, believers must rise as spiritual leaders behind the scenes. If we are not praying, we will have to accept whatever policies are imposed upon us.

**"If the salt loses its saltiness, it is cast away."** If Christians fail to influence governance, we will become powerless against ungodly leadership.

Enough of murmuring and complaints—it is time to **pray and take action!**

## Practical Activities to Engage in Godly Governance

1. **Daily Prayer for Leaders** – Set aside time each day to pray for your nation's leaders and decision-makers.
2. **Intercessory Groups** – Join or create a prayer group dedicated to interceding for national transformation.
3. **Engage in Governance Discussions** – Use social media and community gatherings to advocate for godly values.
4. **Support Christian Leaders in Politics** – Encourage and mentor believers who feel called to public office.
5. **Hold Leaders Accountable** – Use your voice to demand integrity, justice, and godly policies.

## A Call to Prayer

**Lord, we lift up our nation before You.** Raise men and women of prayer who will intercede for our leaders and government.

**Your** **Word** **says:**  
*"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray, seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven, forgive their sins, and heal their land."* – **2 Chronicles 7:14**

Today, we stand in the gap for our nation. Heal our land, take over the sovereignty of our government, and silence every ungodly influence.

**In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

## THE ROLES OF CHRISTIANS IN GOVERNANCE – PART 2

### Gratitude and Purpose

I am grateful to the Lord for the joy in my heart. Without the joy of the Lord, no one can truly commit to God's assignment. As Paul said, *"Through the Lord's comfort, we comfort others."* God takes care of our needs in marvellous ways so that we can stand for Him and fulfil His purpose.

### Introduction: The Reality of Our Prayers

Recently, I had a discussion with a brother that perfectly introduced this topic. He attends a very large church, and during one of their monthly prayer meetings, a woman stood up and asked a bold question:

*"We have been praying every month for God to give us good and godly leaders since I was a young girl. Now, I am married and raising children, yet the leadership in this country is getting worse by the day. Does this mean God is not answering our prayers?"*

This is a reality many nations face. However, the truth is that on earth, **God needs man just as man needs God** to execute divine plans and purposes.

### Faith Without Works Is Dead

Prayer alone is not enough—action must follow. James 2:26 reminds us that *"faith without works is dead."*

- 'Spirituality' without earthly relevance leads to slavery and loss of dominion.
- God desires His people to be in positions of influence and leadership.
- Our role is to take hold of His promises and actively work to transform our world, nations, and cities.

Isaiah 58:12 (KJV) says:  
*"And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations*

*of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in."*

This scripture shows that **man is given the responsibility to build and repair**. Prayer energises and equips us, but it is our responsibility to take action.

Activity:

- Write down three areas in your community or workplace that need Christian influence and leadership.
- Identify one practical step you can take in each area.

Why Are Our Prayers Unanswered?

Many Christians pray but fail to act, then blame God for the woes in society. The Bible makes it clear: **"By their fruits, you shall know them."**

- The children of darkness cannot deliver light.
- The devil empowers his own, and they boldly take control, influencing policies and culture.
- They promote **immorality, corruption, fear, and oppression**.
- No matter how much we pray, an orange tree will not produce apples—God expects us to **plant the right seeds**.

This is why the Bible commands us to **arise and shine!**

Activity:

- List three reasons why Christians hesitate to get involved in governance.
- Find a scripture that encourages boldness in leadership.

What Do We Need?

We need **faith and confidence** to arise and shine.

- If Satan's followers are bold, why should God's children be afraid?
- A little intimidation, and many Christians **withdraw**.
- Christ said, *"Whoever saves his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."*

- What is the use of a long life without impact? Generational slavery is passed down when people refuse to stand for what is right.

### Raising Leaders, Not Just Followers

Throughout history, Israel never endured slavery timidly. Even at their lowest, they looked forward to a Saviour, a Messiah.

- Christian leaders, churches, and ministries must intentionally **raise strong leaders—giant killers like David.**
- Consider how **worldly leaders boldly promote their agendas**—they understand the power of **sponsorship and influence.**
- Satan’s team **does not leave things to chance.** Why should Christians?

### Activity:

- Think of a Christian leader in governance or business who has made an impact.
- What qualities helped them succeed?

### Practical Steps for Christians in Governance

1. **Christians should sponsor credible leaders**—we must invest in leadership development.
2. **Christians should make themselves available to lead**—if we complain about bad leadership, we must step up.
3. **Christians must vote for the right candidates and policies**—prayer alone will not elect godly leaders.

I once spoke with a Christian brother who constantly complained about **poor leadership in his labour union.** I told him, *“That is why you must rise to lead.”* But his response was, *“The people in power use evil forces and voodoo.”*

Then I asked, *“Is Christ powerless?”*

The truth is, Christ is **not** powerless; we are the ones who lack **faith to act.**

### Activity:

- Identify one leadership position (big or small) where you can make a difference.
- What steps can you take this month to prepare yourself for that role?

Faith + Prayer + Action = Transformation

Many Christians lack the **power of effective prayer**.

- When **Elijah prayed**, he **confronted Ahab**.
- When **David was anointed**, he **confronted Goliath**.

Prayer is not an **excuse for inaction**. Instead, **prayer should give us boldness and clarity to act**.

- **God will do His part, but we must do ours.**
- **Last week**, we discussed the **power of prayer**.
- **This week**, we focus on the **power of action**.
- **Next week**, by God's grace, we will explore **scriptural examples of godly leadership**.

Activity:

- Find a Bible story where a leader combined faith with action.
- Write down three lessons from the story.

What Is Your Role?

1. **Pray for leadership and governance**—counter the influence of demonic leadership and intercede for godly governance.
2. **Rise to act as God's representative**—just like **Joseph, Elisha, David, Joshua, and others**.
3. **Educate and mentor future leaders**—so the next generation can uphold righteousness.

**Thank you, brethren, for joining me in this discussion. It is time to raise a generation of world-changers.**

**May God bless us all in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## THE ROLE OF CHRISTIANS IN GOVERNANCE – PART 3

I hope you've had a great day, sir/ma. Today is another beautiful day, and I pray that we position ourselves as instruments of impact and glory in Jesus' name.

In this study, we want to open our eyes to certain hidden truths that are plainly written in the Bible.

### Shifting Blame: A Common Human Flaw

It is easy to blame others when things go wrong. A husband may blame his wife for financial struggles, even when he refuses to work. A wife, in turn, may blame her husband while contributing little to the home.

This same attitude extends to governance. Citizens blame their leaders, and leaders blame the people. But the simple truth is **we are all part of the failure**.

When you desire a better society or nation, you have a role to play—especially as a covenant child of God.

### The Bible's Perspective on National Challenges

Many times, national struggles are a reflection of the people's actions. The sins of a nation bring suffering, while righteousness brings blessings.

When a nation is plagued by war, corruption, or moral decay, the problem goes beyond bad leadership. Leaders often reflect the values and state of the society they govern.

Instead of constantly blaming the government, we must ask:

- How do my actions contribute to the problem?

- What role can I play in bringing change?

History shows that national revival **often starts with one person**—someone willing to stand for righteousness, truth, and prayer.

### **Will you be that person?**

Biblical Foundation: 2 Chronicles 7:13-15 (KJV)

*"If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; [14] If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. [15] Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place."*

### Key Lessons from This Passage

1. Not all troubles are from the devil—some are consequences of our actions.
2. Our behaviour can open doors to calamity.
3. No matter how painful the consequences of sin, prayer and repentance can bring healing.
4. Righteousness attracts God's blessings, while wickedness brings reproach.

Instead of blaming leaders, we should examine ourselves.

### Sins That Contribute to National Decay

Take a moment to reflect on the following:

- Do I struggle with envy towards other people's progress?
- Am I selfish, thinking only of personal gain?
- Do I mismanage public resources or engage in corruption?
- Do I practice immorality or support unclean behaviour?

- Do I rejoice in violence, dishonesty, or injustice?
- Do I exploit others for financial gain?
- Do I ignore my role in making my community better?

If we genuinely seek change, we must first change ourselves.

### The Call to Righteousness

*"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."* — **Proverbs 14:34 (KJV)**

Instead of constantly blaming politicians, leaders, and bosses, we should first ask: **Am I contributing to the decay in my society?**

This is not an indictment, but an opportunity for personal reflection and growth.

*"Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."* — **1 Corinthians 10:12 (KJV)**

### The Unique Role of Christians in Governance

As Christians, we must:

1. **Be a bridge**—leading people from where they are to where they should be.
2. **Be an example**—living out the values of integrity and righteousness.
3. **Be intercessors**—praying for national transformation rather than just criticizing leaders.

Activity:

Write down three practical ways you can contribute to a better society:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## The Power of Repentance

When a nation turns back to God, He knows how to judge the wicked and replace them with godly leaders.

If we refuse to change, healing and abundance may be delayed.

Change **begins with you**.

When governance is failing, Christians must stand for righteousness. A **righteous remnant** can turn the tide of a nation.

Reflection:

What one action will you take today to align with God's righteousness?

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## Final Thoughts

Ultimately, **we determine the kind of leaders we get**.

For nations heading toward destruction, spiritual leaders must **speak the truth** rather than play politics or merely criticize bad governance.

Evil leaders cannot produce good governance. But when **we** change, God knows how to remove them and establish His own.

## Our Spiritual Position Determines Our Victory

When we align with God, **both human and demonic opposition will bow**.

The first step to change begins with **you**—through repentance and commitment to righteousness.

**May the Lord bless His word in our hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## THE ROLES OF CHRISTIANS IN GOVERNANCE – PART 4

This is the final instalment of our discussion on governance—at least for now. However, we must continue exploring how we, as believers, can influence the systems that govern us.

I keep emphasising this topic because many Christians remain passive in society, playing the role of victims while expecting the best life has to offer.

Take Your Space!

Jesus said, "**Occupy till I come.**"

### Luke 19:12-13 (KJV)

*"He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. [13] And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come."*

In other words:

- Take charge.
- Expand.
- Possess.
- Hold forth.
- Make an impact!

Whatever God has entrusted to you is your "**ten pounds**"—a resource meant to create influence. This is not a call for every Christian to become a politician; governance is much bigger than

politics.

We are all drops of water making up the ocean of governance. The way you handle your responsibilities in your little corner affects the larger system.

### Breaking the Cycle of Passivity

The servant who buried his talent committed the same sin many of us do today. He felt his single talent was insignificant compared to the one who had ten, so he hid it.

Isn't this how many of us bury our gifts?

- We assume our contributions are too small to matter.
- We let a **victim mentality** and **inferiority complex** hold us back.

But remember:

- Every **great fire** starts with a single spark.
- Every **great movement** begins with one person at its centre.

### The Power of Strength and Confidence

#### **Do you realise that weakness attracts destruction?**

- A wounded animal is easily trailed and devoured by predators.
- Displays of weakness invite exploitation.

In a documentary, an injured animal was left bleeding after a fight. Soon, **hyenas and vultures** began trailing it, waiting for the right moment to feast.

#### **Lesson:**

Show strength. Rise like the eagle!

- **Market your strengths.**
- **Stop advertising your weaknesses.**
- **Let your strengths overshadow your limitations.**

### Biblical Examples: Making an Impact in Governance

#### *Joseph: From Prison to the Palace*

Joseph had no obvious qualification for governance—he was simply a **dream interpreter**. But he faithfully used his gift, and that was what brought him before Pharaoh.

**What if Joseph had refused to interpret the dreams of his fellow prisoners?** Many of us are waiting for a "**big opportunity**," yet we neglect small acts of service. But it is in the small acts of service that we position ourselves for greater impact.

### Parenting as a Tool for Nation-Building

Your role in governance might not be a **political** one—it could be in how you raise your children. That child you nurture today could be the **future president**. Pour yourself into them and shape them for greatness.

**Future kings are not raised like common citizens.** Consider Jesse, David's father. He wasn't a king, yet he successfully raised four sons who became soldiers. One of them, David, eventually became King of Israel.

### The Most Important Contribution to Governance: Raising a Great Generation

Joseph and David were both shaped by strong foundations. If we can raise **godly, competent children**, we can restore hope for good governance.

- **Great nations** invest in the future—their children.
- **Third-world nations** invest only in the present, driven by greed.

### How to Influence Governance & Leadership

#### *1. Be excellent where you are*

- Joseph served **prisoners** before he served **Pharaoh**.
- David defeated **Goliath** before he ascended the **throne**.
- Faithfulness in **small roles** prepares you for greater impact.

#### *2. Raise godly children who will go ahead of us*

**Psalm** **127:3-5** **(KJV)**  
*"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."*

Raising great children is a powerful way to **dismantle the kingdom of darkness** and combat **corrupt governance**.

A good example is **Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum**, the ruler of Dubai. In his book, he wrote about how he and his siblings were **intentionally raised** to become great leaders—beyond just formal education.

### Raising Leaders for the Future

Even if you never hold a government position, you can still influence governance by **mentoring those within your reach**—your children, students, or protégés. Those you raise today will become **your voice and hands in governance tomorrow**.

### Daniel: A Slave Who Became a Leader

Daniel was a prince-turned-slave, yet he rose to prominence in both the **Babylonian** and **Medo-Persian** empires.

How? He held onto the **principles of God**, passed down by his ancestors.

His story mirrors that of **Mordecai**, another Jew who made a lasting impact in governance.

If you build yourself and those around you with the **truth of God's word**, your light will shine before men.

*"For the whole earth is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God." (Romans 8:19)*

### You Are the Change the World Is Waiting For

Instead of lamenting about **bad governance**, rise and take action.

- **Be excellent** in your current role.
- **Influence governance** by raising a generation of godly, competent leaders.

### Activities

#### 1. Self-Reflection

- What is your "ten pounds" (the gift or responsibility God has given you)?
- How are you using it to influence governance?
- Write down practical ways you can begin to **occupy your space** in society.

#### 2. Community Engagement

- Identify a **mentee or young person** you can help shape for leadership.
- Make a plan to **actively invest in their growth**.

### 3. Bible Study Exercise

- Study the lives of **Joseph, Daniel, and David**.
- Identify **three leadership traits** they demonstrated.
- Write how you can apply these traits in your own life.

### My Prayer

1. **May the Lord make us His instruments of intervention in Jesus' name.**
2. **May our children rise to rule in the midst of their enemies in Jesus' name.**

**Amen!**

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### PURPOSE AND PHASES OF MANIFESTATION

#### Introduction

Many people go through life without ever changing, upgrading, or improving themselves. Just as books are updated with new editions, people should also evolve and become better versions of themselves. Unfortunately, some remain stagnant—never changing jobs, getting promoted, or growing their businesses—because they fail to develop their skills and expand their mindset.

The same principle applies to every aspect of life. God expects us to **improve, grow, and scale up**—no one is meant to remain the same way they began. When we refuse to embrace new opportunities, we risk living beneath our potential.

#### The Dangers of Resistance to Growth

One common example of this stagnation is seen in ministers of God. Many fail to recognize that their calling can evolve. Even when God expands their assignment and increases their responsibilities, they resist change, choosing instead to remain at their initial level. This **resistance to transformation** can lead to missed opportunities, untapped potential, and a life of mediocrity.

#### Biblical Examples of Growth and Transformation

Throughout history, God has upgraded and expanded the roles of His chosen ones. The following biblical figures illustrate the importance of embracing new phases of manifestation:

##### 1. Moses – From Shepherd to Deliverer and Prophet

Moses began as a shepherd but was **transformed** by God into:

- The deliverer of Israel from Pharaoh and Egypt
- A prophet and leader
- The one who anointed Aaron and his descendants into perpetual priesthood

His story demonstrates that God expects His people to become **versatile and adaptable** in serving their generation.

## 2. Amos – From Cattle Rearer to Prophet

Amos was a simple cattle rearer before God called him to deliver prophetic messages to Israel. Through his obedience, he **transitioned** into a significant voice for his generation, proving that God can **elevate anyone** who embraces His call.

## 3. David – From Shepherd to King and Prophet

David's life is a powerful example of **progressive transformation**:

- **Shepherd** – tending sheep in the fields
- **Musician** – playing in the king's palace
- **Warrior and Leader** – leading a desert band and fighting battles
- **King** – first over Judah, then over all Israel
- **Prophet** – receiving divine revelation

At every phase, David **embraced growth** and prepared himself for the next level. His journey shows that greatness unfolds **step by step**, as we remain open to God's leading.

### Unlocking the Next Version of Yourself

Many people remain at only **one version** of themselves throughout their lifetime, never discovering their full potential. However, everyone has **hidden dimensions** waiting for expression.

### Reflection Exercise

1. **Self-Assessment:** Identify areas where you have remained stagnant.
  - Are you resisting change in your career, spiritual life, or personal growth?
  - What new skills or roles do you feel drawn toward but have not yet embraced?
2. **Growth Plan:** Write down three ways you can upgrade or evolve in the following areas:
  - **Career or Business:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Spiritual Life:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Personal Development:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Prayer and Commitment:** Ask God for the courage and wisdom to step into the next phase of your purpose.

#### Conclusion

God has **more** in store for each person than what they are currently experiencing. By embracing change, developing new skills, and remaining open to divine direction, we can manifest **higher dimensions** of ourselves. If we open our hearts to God, He will **anoint us for greater purpose** and lead us into **new phases of manifestation**.

Are you ready to **become more**? The next version of you is waiting!

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### YOU ARE MIGHTY

God did not tell Gideon, “*You are going to be mighty.*” Instead, He declared, “**You are a mighty man of valour.**” You were **created mighty**, born with the **gene of greatness**, designed to accomplish **wonderful and marvellous** things in righteousness. You are **not becoming mighty—you already are!**

The breath of God that was in Adam flows through every human being. This breath—**the very life of God in man**—is the **seed of greatness**, ready to be manifested whenever we choose to walk in it.

*“Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”*  
— **2 Corinthians 3:16-18**

#### Breaking Limits

Whenever we turn to God and embrace His greatness in us, limitations are automatically broken. Consider a **bulldozer**—its power is already built into its design, and its use simply reveals its strength. Likewise, **every human being is created great by design**—from Adam to the last man. Our **default setting is greatness**; it is only through abuse and ignorance that we fall into a powerless state.

The power within you is **limitless**. Even the smallest expressions of this power have led to **groundbreaking discoveries** in government, politics, science, health, and technology. Every breakthrough showcases what is **possible** when we tap into our God-given might.

#### No More Excuses—No More Limits

God declares: “**I am with you, mighty man.**” This means nothing should stop you!

- No **limitation** is strong enough to keep you from fulfilling God’s purpose.

- No **force from hell** can prevent you from expressing God’s beauty, glory, and abundance.
- No **bad habit or addiction** can withstand the **might of God** working in you.
- No **educational background, family history, or environment** can hinder God’s power.

*“Whatever is born of God overcomes the world.” — 1 John 5:4*

If God calls you to do something, He has already removed the limits! **Believe it. Step into it. Walk in your might.**

### Reflection & Activation

#### 1. Identify Your Strengths

List three areas where you already see **God’s greatness** at work in your life:

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#### 2. Overcoming Limitations

What personal limits (fear, doubt, past failures) do you need to break free from?

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#### 3. Take Inspired Action

What **one bold step** will you take this week to manifest the **mighty power of God** in your life?

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You were created mighty—**now walk in it!**

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### EMBRACING THE NOBLE CALLING: FINDING PURPOSE IN EVERY OCCUPATION

In a world filled with diverse professions and pursuits, the value of each occupation is often overshadowed by societal perceptions of status and prestige. But what if every job—regardless of title or position—was seen as a noble calling? What if, beyond the daily routines, we discovered a deeper purpose that transforms our work into a meaningful service to humanity?

#### The Higher Purpose of Work

Colossians 3:23 provides timeless wisdom:

*"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."*

This verse reminds us that the worth of our work isn't measured by its external recognition but by the **spirit and dedication** with which it is done. Every occupation, when approached with commitment and a heart for service, becomes a powerful avenue for contributing to society.

From the farmer tilling the soil to the scientist making groundbreaking discoveries, every effort plays a vital role in shaping a better world. The teacher nurturing young minds, the nurse tending to the sick, the engineer innovating solutions—all serve as instruments of positive change.

#### Work as a Calling, Not Just Employment

Work is more than a means of earning a living; it is a **calling to serve, uplift, and contribute** to the common good. When we recognize this, our daily tasks take on new meaning, and even the simplest roles become significant.

Colossians 3:17 further reinforces this perspective:

*"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."*

This scripture challenges us to approach our work with gratitude and purpose, viewing it as an act of service that honors both God and humanity.

## Honouring Every Occupation

Imagine a world where every job—whether high-profile or seemingly insignificant—is respected for its contribution to society. Whether you are a janitor, a CEO, a mechanic, or a street sweeper, **your work matters**. It matters not just for personal sustenance but for the impact it has on others.

A society that values all occupations equally fosters dignity, unity, and progress. True fulfillment comes not from the prestige of our jobs but from the dedication and love we put into them.

### Activities & Reflection Exercises

#### 1. Self-Reflection:

- On a scale of 1-10, how fulfilled do you feel in your current occupation?
- What aspects of your job contribute to the well-being of others?
- How can you shift your mindset to see your work as a calling rather than just employment?

#### 2. Work Purpose Statement:

- Write a short statement about how your work serves a greater purpose. Example: *“As a [your job title], I contribute to society by [describe how you add value].”*

#### 3. Acts of Service Challenge:

- Find a way to **elevate someone else’s work** this week—encourage a colleague, appreciate a service worker, or assist someone in their duties.

#### 4. Bible Study & Discussion:

- Read **Colossians 3:23-24** and discuss with a group how these verses apply to daily work life.

Conclusion: Making the World Better, One Job at a Time

It’s not the **title** of the job that makes it noble—it’s the **heart and dedication** behind it. By embracing our work as a **service to humanity**, we contribute to a better world. Let us remember the wisdom of Colossians 3:23 and find joy, fulfillment, and purpose in every task we undertake.

**What small change can you make today to see your work as a noble calling?**

## UNLEASHING THE POWER OF COVENANT CHILDREN: HEALING THE WORLD'S GROWING PAINS

### Introduction

The world is groaning under the weight of crises—moral decay, economic instability, leadership failures, and human suffering. Yet, amid these growing pains, a divine solution exists: the **covenant children**—those set apart by God to bring wisdom, healing, and restoration.

Like Joseph in Pharaoh's court and Daniel in Babylon, covenant children are called to rise, take their places in critical positions, and transform the world. But today, there is a scarcity of such individuals—people who embody God's wisdom, compassion, and strategic insight. The question is: **Will you step into your divine role?**

### Biblical Examples of Covenant Children in Action

#### Joseph: A Solution-Bearer in Times of Crisis

Joseph's life was marked by betrayal, hardship, and imprisonment, yet he remained steadfast in faith. His ability to interpret Pharaoh's dream and implement a solution saved nations from famine (Genesis 41). **He was a covenant child placed in a strategic position to heal the world's pain.**

#### Daniel: A Light in a Corrupt Kingdom

Daniel's unwavering faith and divine wisdom enabled him to influence kings, interpret dreams, and guide Babylon's rulers. Even in the lion's den, his trust in God remained unshaken, proving that covenant children can thrive and bring change even in hostile environments (Daniel 6).

Both Joseph and Daniel didn't wait for ideal conditions; **they stepped into their roles and transformed their world.**

## The Scarcity of Covenant Children Today

Our world is in desperate need of modern-day Josephs and Daniels—leaders, entrepreneurs, innovators, and influencers who walk in divine wisdom and integrity. **The real crisis is not just a lack of resources but a lack of covenant-minded individuals in key positions.**

Jesus recognized this need when He said in **Matthew 9:38**, “*Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.*” The harvest is plentiful, but where are the laborers?

### **Are you ready to answer this call?**

## Activating Your Role as a Covenant Child

To step into your God-ordained role, you must:

### 1. Develop Spiritual Strength

- Commit to daily prayer and Bible study to sharpen your spiritual insight.
- Seek God’s wisdom in all decisions, big or small.

### 2. Cultivate Excellence and Competence

- Like Daniel, become an expert in your field so you can influence effectively.
- Aim for excellence in all you do—whether in business, leadership, or ministry.

### 3. Stay Faithful in the Face of Opposition

- Expect challenges but remain firm in your faith, just like Joseph in prison and Daniel in exile.
- Trust that God is preparing you for greater influence.

### 4. Take Practical Steps to Lead and Solve Problems

- Identify a challenge in your community or workplace and develop a solution.
- Network with like-minded believers who are also committed to making an impact.

Reflection and Activation

Take a moment to reflect on your calling as a covenant child:

1. **What specific areas of your life do you need to strengthen to become a solution-provider?**

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2. **What challenges in your community or industry could benefit from divine wisdom and leadership?**

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3. **What steps can you take this week to step into your divine role?**

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A Call to Action

The world is waiting. The solutions are within you. **Now is the time to rise!**

Pray for God’s wisdom, step out in faith, and take your place in healing the world’s growing pains. **You are a covenant child—walk in that power!**

## SCHOOL OF PURPOSE – FINAL QUESTIONS

### Reflections on the School of Purpose: A Guide to Finding Meaning and Making an Impact

The following questions are designed to help you reflect on your journey through the *School of Purpose* sessions. Take your time to answer thoughtfully, as this exercise will not only summarise your learning but also set you on a path to align your actions with your purpose and contribute meaningfully to the world.

#### 1. Summarise What You Have Learned During the School of Purpose Sessions

Reflect on the key lessons you've gained during the sessions. Think about the principles, concepts, or experiences that stood out the most. How have these teachings impacted your perspective on life and your sense of direction?

Some guiding thoughts:

- What new insights did you gain about purpose and fulfillment?
- How have you grown in self-awareness using the Scripture?
- Were there any moments of clarity that helped you define your values, strengths, or passions?

#### 2. What Do You Think Your Life Purpose Is?

Based on what you've learned, articulate your life purpose in a clear and concise statement. Consider your natural talents, passions, and the impact you hope to make in the world.

- What drives you and brings you joy?
- What problems or challenges in the world resonate with you deeply?
- How do you see yourself contributing to the lives of others?

### 3. What Small Steps Can You Start Taking Now That Align with Your Life Purpose?

Purpose isn't achieved overnight—it's a journey of intentional actions. Outline practical and achievable steps that you can take to move closer to fulfilling your purpose.

- Are there habits you need to cultivate or skills you need to develop?
- What new opportunities can you explore, and who can you connect with to guide or mentor you?
- How can you integrate your purpose into your daily routines?

### 4. Can You Describe the Version of Yourself That You Want to See in the Future?

Visualise the person you aspire to become. Describe this version of yourself in detail, focusing on attributes, accomplishments, and contributions to others.

- What values will define you?
- How will you handle challenges and opportunities?
- What legacy do you hope to leave behind?

### 5. Which Areas Can You Contribute to Your School, Community, Church, or the World?

Purpose is often best expressed through service. Identify the spheres where you feel most passionate and capable of making a difference.

- What talents or resources can you share with others?
- Are there specific projects or causes you would like to support?
- How can your efforts ripple outward to create positive change in your immediate environment and beyond?

### **Call to Action: Your Purpose in Motion**

Remember, purpose is not just about understanding—it's about doing. Take the reflections and goals you've written and start implementing them in your life. Share your aspirations with a mentor, friend, or accountability partner who can support and encourage you along the way.

The future is a canvas, and your purpose is the brush. Start painting your masterpiece today!

**Answering the above questions satisfactory qualifies you for a certificate.**

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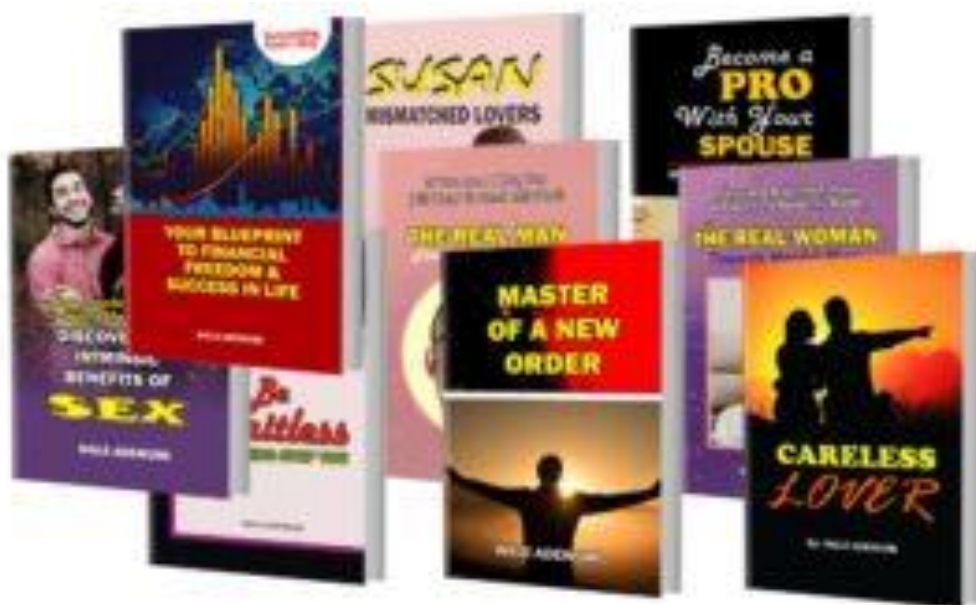
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A mentor is someone who has already completed the programme and is committed to walking alongside you on your journey of growth. Their role includes:

1. Guiding you through the foundational manual that outlines the core principles and values of our leadership development programme.
2. Sharing practical activities, exercises, and actionable tips drawn from the manual to help you apply what you learn in real-life situations.
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