

POSSESSING MY DESTINY

Preparing for Your Future
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"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)
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"I set before you today life and prosperity, or death and destruction. . . . Love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands . . . then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away . . . You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. . . . I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live." Deuteronomy 30:15-19 (NIV)

HOW TO POSSESS YOUR DESTINY

Joshua 1:1-11

1.

"After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua . . . 'Moses my servant is dead. Now then . . . get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them. . . . I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates . . . to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.'" Joshua 1:1-4 (NIV)

"Then Joshua ordered the leaders to go through the camp and say to the people, 'Get some food ready, because in three days you are going to cross the Jordan River to occupy the land that the LORD your God is giving you.'" Joshua 1:10-11 (GNT)

"Don't go charging into battle without a plan." Proverbs 20:18 (GNT)

"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, then he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)

2.

"Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do." Joshua 1:7-8 (NLT)

"Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing." Psalm 34:10 (NIV)
3.

3 times! "Be strong and courageous." Joshua 1:6, 7, 9

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"No one will be able to defeat you all your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forget you." Joshua 1:5 (NCV)
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"Be determined and confident, for you will be the leader of these people as they occupy this land which I promised their ancestors." Joshua 1:6 (GNT)
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"Have I not commanded? So be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

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DON'T WASTE TOMORROW

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"Look here, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit.' How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. What you ought to say is, 'If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.' Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil. Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it." James 4:13-17 (NLT)

MISTAKES TO AVOID

1.

"You say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to some city. We will stay there a year, do business, and make money.'" James 4:13 (NCV)

"Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'" James 4:15 (NIV)

"We may make our plans, but God has the last word. You may think everything you do is right, but the LORD judges your motives. Ask the LORD to bless your plans, and you will be successful in carrying them out. Everything the LORD has made has its destiny." Proverbs 16:1-4 (GNT)

"We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps." Proverbs 16:9 (NLT)

2.

"How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. . . . You are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil." James 4:14, 16 (NIV)

"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring." Proverbs 27:1 (NIV)

"A prudent man foresees the difficulties ahead and prepares for them; the simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences." Proverbs 22:3 (TLB)

3.

"Anyone who knows the right thing to do, but does not do it, sinning." James 4:17 (NCV)

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, 'Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you'—when you already have it with you." Proverbs 3:27-28 (NIV)

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HOW TO GET YOUR VISION BACK

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"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN

Luke 18:35-43

1.

"As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' He called out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'" Luke 18:35-38 (NIV)

"He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ. . . . Because of this, your trust can be in God who raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory. Now your faith and hope can rest in him alone." 1 Peter 1:19, 21 (TLB)

2.

"Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'" Luke 18:39 (NIV)

"The fear of human opinion disables you; trusting in GOD protects you from that." Proverbs 29:25 (MSG)

3.

"Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him!' So they called to the blind man, 'Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you.' Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus." Mark 10:49-50 (NIV)

"In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength." Isaiah 30:15 (NIV)

4.

"When he came near, Jesus asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Lord, I want to see,' he replied." Luke 18:40-41 (NIV)

"Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?" Romans 8:32 (NLT)

5.

"Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.' Immediately he received his sight." Luke 18:42-43 (NIV)

"Out of the fullness of his grace he has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another." John 1:16 (GNT)

"Was based on faith, in order that the promise should be guaranteed as God's free gift." Romans 4:16 (NLT)

6.

"Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God." Luke 18:43 (NIV)

"He regained his sight and began following Jesus on the road." Mark 10:52 (AMP)

"Let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision—you'll see it yet!" Philippians 3:15 (MSG)

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MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MIND

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“Though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)

1. _____
“The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?” Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV)
2. _____
“A wise person is hungry for knowledge, while the fool feeds on trash.” Proverbs 15:14 (NLT)

“I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless.” Psalm 101:3 (ESV)
3. _____
“The mind of a smart person is ready to get knowledge. The wise person listens to learn more.” Proverbs 18:15 (ICB)

“Wise men store up knowledge.” Proverbs 10:14 (NIV)

“Those who get wisdom do themselves a favor, and those who love learning will succeed.” Proverbs 19:8 (NCV)
4. _____
“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2 (NIV)

“You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!” Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)
5. _____
“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.” Acts 2:17 (NIV)

“Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—ininitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. May he be given glory forever and ever through endless ages because of his master plan of salvation for the Church through Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 3:20-21 (TLB)

“So prepare your minds for action.” 1 Peter 1:13 (NLT)

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