

7 Keys to Fulfilling Your Destiny

Finding Your Purpose in God

Have you ever wondered what your true purpose is? Many of us search for our calling, our destiny, but sometimes we're looking in all the wrong places. Understanding how to fulfill your God-given destiny requires wisdom and insight that can only come from above.

What Does It Mean to Have a Destiny?

Your destiny is your divine purpose—what God has specifically created you to do. Each of us has a unique calling that no one else can fulfill. First Peter 2:9 reminds us that we are "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, His own special people." You are royalty! You are special!

One fundamental purpose we all share is to "proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." The New Living Translation puts it beautifully: "You're God's very own possession."

Don't ever insult the Lord by thinking your calling isn't as important as someone else's. Comparison is dangerous—whether you're looking down on others or feeling inferior to them. Your purpose is uniquely yours, designed specifically for you by God Himself.

Why Do Some People Never Fulfill Their Destiny?

In 2 Timothy 1:9, we learn that God "has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began."

Think about that—your calling was established before time began! This should give you tremendous confidence. God doesn't give assignments without fully believing you can complete them.

So why do many people never fulfill their destiny? Because fulfilling your destiny isn't automatic. It requires intentional effort and spiritual wisdom. Many people never receive or walk in what God has already made available to them.

How Do I Press Forward Toward My Destiny?

The apostle Paul gives us insight in Philippians 3:12-14: "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me."

The Greek word for "press" means "to run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing." It's the picture of a runner determined to reach the finish line. Paul continues, "One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal."

This "forgetting" doesn't mean erasing memories—the Greek word actually means "neglecting" or "no longer caring for." You're simply too busy pressing forward to be held back by the past. No more regretting! Move on from what's behind you.

What Are the 7 Keys to Fulfilling Your Destiny?

1. Determination

The first key is determination—but not in the way you might think. In Philippians 3:10 (Amplified), Paul says, "For my determined purpose is that I may know Him, that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him."

Your determined purpose shouldn't primarily be to fulfill your ministry or calling—it should be to know Jesus. Too many people are ministry-minded without being Christ-centered. They're running around asking, "What's my calling? What's my gifting?" without first developing an intimate relationship with Jesus.

When you make knowing Him your determined purpose, everything else flows naturally. Your ministry becomes an overflow of your relationship with God.

2. Endurance

Hebrews 12:1-2 tells us to "run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

The Greek word for "endurance" means "steadfastness" or "constancy"—the characteristic of someone who isn't swerved from their deliberate purpose and loyalty to faith, even in the greatest trials and suffering.

Notice that the race is "set before us." The Greek word for "set" actually means "destined." Your destiny is already set up for you! All you need to do is stay in the race with your eyes fixed on Jesus.

3. Set Your Mind

Colossians 3:1-2 instructs us: "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

The Passion Translation says, "Feast on all the treasures of the heavenly realm and fill your thoughts with heavenly realities, and not with the distractions of the natural realm."

Distractions are dangerous because they pull you away from what truly matters. When your mind is filled with heavenly thoughts, you'll have the right answers when earthly concerns arise.

4. Trust

Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us to "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

Trust keeps you surrendered and free from striving. It anchors you when the path gets rough or unclear. But remember—you're not trusting in your own ability to stick with God or hear from Him. You're trusting completely in Him.

As you run with determination and endurance with your mind set on Him, trust helps keep your heart at rest in Him.

5. Incline Your Ear

Proverbs 4:20-23 (NLT) says, "My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, for they bring life to those who find them and healing to their whole body."

Incline your ear to God's Word, not to fear or gossip. Psalm 119:105 tells us, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." The Word shows you the direction to your destination.

While prophecies, dreams, and other spiritual gifts are wonderful, they must always align with Scripture. The Word must remain the foundation of your life.

6. Never Quit

Ephesians 6:13-14 (NLT) says, "Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle, you will still be standing firm."

Fulfilling your destiny isn't for the easily discouraged—it's for the resilient. But remember, true strength comes through weakness. As Paul learned, "When I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10).

When you feel like giving up, don't give up—give it up to Him! Quitting is like saying yes to the enemy. Instead, stand firm in God's strength.

7. Yes

The final key is simply saying "yes" to the Lord. Like Mary in Luke 1:38 who said, "Be it unto me according to your word," we must surrender to God's plan even when it doesn't make sense.

Even Jesus in the garden prayed, "Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours be done" (Luke 22:42). Jesus is our greatest example of surrendering His will to the Father's.

Life Application

This week, I challenge you to make knowing Jesus your determined purpose. Before you rush into ministry activities or worry about your calling, spend time developing your relationship with Him. Make this your daily prayer: "Lord, my determined purpose is to know You more deeply and intimately."

Ask yourself these questions:

- Am I more focused on knowing Jesus or on figuring out my ministry?
- What "weights" (not necessarily sins) are slowing down my race?
- Where have I been inclining my ear—to God's Word or to distractions?
- In what areas am I trying to be strong in my own power instead of finding strength in weakness?
- Am I saying "yes" to God's plan, even when it doesn't make sense?

Remember, your ultimate destiny is to know Him. As you make this your priority, everything else—your purpose, your calling, your ministry—will flow naturally from that relationship.

Quotes

Purpose & Destiny

1. Each one of you is filled with divine purpose. There is a plan—glory to God!—from the Holy Ghost for you to do what He has specifically called *you* to do.
2. Don't you *dare* insult the Lord by thinking your calling or destiny is less important than someone else's. That's an insult to Him.
3. Your destiny—your purpose—it's real. Come on, we are women of purpose in this room!
4. *"For my determined purpose is that I may know Him, that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him."*
5. Don't let your *main* determined purpose be just to fulfill your destiny. Yes, we want to fulfill it—but not by chasing the work first. The first thing is to *know Him*.
6. Too many people are ministry-minded first. They're chasing their calling, their gifting. "I've got to do it!" And I get it—I'm not against that. God's all for it. But when the order is wrong, the results will be out of order too.
7. To know Him *is* to know your destiny. The more you know Him, the more you'll know the path He has for you.
8. Doing God's plan will flow *naturally* when He's your life. When everything is centered around Him, serving becomes the overflow of your relationship with God.
9. People keep looking for this "big picture" of destiny. But in doing so, they miss the daily walk—step by step—in the very destiny God has already called them to.
10. Destiny is not for the easily discouraged. It's for the resilient.

Misconceptions & Mindsets

11. Don't ever tell your girlfriends, "You just have to be strong." You're putting more pressure on them. They *can't* be strong enough. They need to be told: *Be weak... so He can be strong*—surrender.
12. Devotion time isn't just a checkbox. It's meant to empower and propel us into living a truly devoted life.

13. Distractions are dangerous. Why? Because they pull you away from something *more important*. It's not always about what the distraction is—but what it's keeping you from.
 14. Trust keeps you surrendered. It frees you from striving. Trust anchors you when the path is rough, unclear, or when fear tries to move in. Trust is a must.
 15. I can't even get His help... without His help.
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Surrender, Strength & Ministry

16. Quitting is like saying “yes” to the enemy.
17. We don't give in—we give it all to Him.
18. Jesus didn't start out with the same will as the Father. He had to *surrender* His will. That's our example. He said “Yes” to God's plan—so we say yes too.
19. Destiny: to *know* You. And as we come to know You, we get to do Your works.
20. Ministry is meant to be overflow—*always* overflow—from our relationship with God

Verses

1. 1 Peter 2:9
2. 2 Timothy 1:9
3. Philippians 3:12-14
4. Philippians 3:10
5. Hebrews 12:1-2
6. Colossians 3:1
7. Proverbs 3:5-6
8. Proverbs 4:20-23
9. Psalm 119:105
10. Ephesians 6:13-14
11. Luke 1:38

12. Luke 22:42

13. 1 John 1:9

Summary

Fulfilling your God-given destiny requires understanding that you have a unique divine purpose established before time began. The seven keys to walking in this destiny are: making knowing Jesus your determined purpose, running with endurance, setting your mind on heavenly things, trusting God completely, inclining your ear to His Word, never quitting despite challenges, and saying 'yes' to God's plan even when it doesn't make sense. Your primary calling isn't about ministry activities but developing an intimate relationship with Christ. When you prioritize knowing Him, everything else—your purpose, calling, and ministry—will naturally flow from that relationship.