

DESTINY DECISIONS

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Destiny is the divinely appointed purpose or plan that God has for an individual's life—a unique calling and path that aligns with His will and glory. It encompasses the specific roles, assignments, or outcomes that God intends for a person to fulfill in accordance with His sovereign design.

2 KINGS 4:1-7 KJV

1 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen. 2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil. 3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. 4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full. 5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out. 6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. 7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

A widow of a deceased prophet comes to Elisha, distressed because her husband owed debts and the creditors are coming to take her sons as slaves. Elisha instructs her to collect empty jars and fill them with oil from her small jar until all jars are full. She obeys, works with her sons, and the oil multiplies, enabling her to sell it and pay off her debts, thus securing her family's future.

This story beautifully illustrates the journey from desperation to destiny through the widow's decisions. The interesting point in the story is that she came to the prophet clearly seeking assistance in a tangible way. Rather than assistance she got an instruction to locate what she presently had in her house and to expand her

capacity by collecting empty jars.

Your Prophetic Destiny Demands That You Constantly Increase Your Capacity.

Your Destiny is not automatic. It requires that you evolve into it daily. If You Don't Grow You Don't Go.

ISAIAH 46:9-10 KJV

9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done,

God Establishes Your Destiny Before You Enter The World And Then He Gives You The Privilege To Discover It.

PROVERBS 25:2 KJV

2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

DESTINY DECISIONS:

1. DECIDE TO DO SOMETHING

Most of the people who will miss destiny opportunities will do so because of procrastination, over analysis or perfectionism; all of which prevent action. This lady teaches us to do something.

2 KINGS 4:1 KJV

1 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

Instead of remaining in despair, the widow takes the crucial first step—she approaches Elisha for help. She could have stayed silent or resigned to her fate, but she decides to do something. The first step in moving from desperation to

destiny is action. No matter how small what you have seems, start where you are.

Mel Robbins: "You don't have to feel ready to start. Start and the readiness will come. Action is the antidote to fear."

PSALMS 37:23-25 KJV

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand. 25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

Declaration:

"I declare that I will take the first step in faith today, trusting the Lord to order my steps. I refuse to remain silent or inactive.

As Psalm 37:23-24 declares, 'The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD... though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down.' I move forward now in the power of God's promise!"

The t FCC Congregation response: "We take action now, trusting God's guidance!"

2. DECIDE WHOSE VOICE YOU NEED

The voice you follow will determine the path you travel and the ultimate location you land

The widow doesn't seek advice from neighbors or family, but from the prophet Elisha—a man with prophetic insight and spiritual authority. When facing destiny decisions, it's crucial to seek counsel from the right sources—those who hear God's voice and have wisdom to guide you through your unique challenges.

2 KINGS 4:2 KJV

2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

The Right Voices Will Ask Questions That Help You To Discover What You Have

JEREMIAH 23:4 KJV

4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

John Maxwell emphasizes: "Who you listen to determines who you become. Be selective about your advisors—they shape your future."

HEBREWS 13:7 KJV

7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

Declaration:

"I choose today to listen only to the voice that aligns with God's Word and leads me into my destiny.

Hebrews 13:7

Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow.' I will seek wise counsel and reject confusion."

(Congregation response: "We follow God's voice and His appointed leaders!")

3. DECIDE TO OBEY

Destiny will require follow through. The road will be littered with dilemmas; but, for every Destiny God provides instructions.

2 KINGS 4:4-5 KJV

4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full. 5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.

Elisha's instructions seemed unusual and daunting, but the widow chose obedience. Destiny counsel often requires acts of faith and obedience, even when the steps don't make complete sense. Choosing to obey the divine or wise counsel is a pivotal decision that propels you forward.

Bob Proctor states: "Faith is the bridge between where you are and where you want to go. Obedience builds that bridge one plank at a time."

ISAIAH 1:19 KJV

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

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Hebrews

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4. DECIDE TO WORK TOGETHER

The greatest challenge in a social media era is to go it alone and to do it myself.

Destiny Is a Team Sport Nobody goes anywhere in life by themselves.

2 KINGS 4:5 KJV

5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.

The widow didn't do this alone—her sons were actively involved. Destiny often requires teamwork and cooperation. Family, friends, or community can be part of

the journey, and working together multiplies your strength and resources.

ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12 KJV

9 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. 10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. 11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? 12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Simon Sinek: "Great things in business and life are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people."

Declaration:

"I declare that I will not walk alone but will embrace the help and partnership God provides."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Two are better than one... If they fall, the one will lift up his fellow.' Together, we will fulfill God's purpose!"

(Congregation response: *"We stand united in God's purpose!")

5. DECIDE TO FINISH THE ASSIGNMENTS

Destiny is often delayed because of half done assignments. You'll never realize God's full measure with a partial effort.

2 KINGS 4:6 KJV

6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.

They didn't stop halfway or give up. They continued until every jar was filled. Finishing the assignment, no matter how long or difficult, is essential to move from a place of lack to abundance. Persistence is key in fulfilling your destiny.

After They Had Done All They Could, In The Natural, Did They See What God Was Doing In The Supernatural

HEBREWS 10:36 KJV

36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Tony Robbins again reminds us: "Persistence overshadows even talent as the most valuable resource shaping success."

Declaration:

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Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

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6. DECIDE WHO MENTORS YOU

A most common error as we evolve and grow is to avoid counsel as we win. We assume we know what to do or we allow those closest to guide us. When you begin to win you need mentors who are already on that level

2 KINGS 4:7 KJV

7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

After the miracle, the widow wisely returns to Elisha for guidance on what to do next. Sometimes, even after success, mentorship is vital to steward your breakthrough correctly and plan your next steps. Don't stop seeking wise counsel

even after you've achieved a breakthrough.

HEBREWS 6:12 KJV

12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

John Maxwell: "I Mentorship is the secret weapon of successful people. If you want to go far, find someone who has gone far and learn from them."

Declaration:

"I commit to seek and submit to godly mentors who lead me in faith and wisdom."

Hebrews 6:12 exhorts us to be

'followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.' I will grow under wise counsel and steward my destiny well."*

(Congregation response: "We embrace godly mentorship for lasting success!")