

Fulfilling Your Divine Destiny **Proverbs 4:25-27**

What does it mean to fulfill your divine destiny?

First of all, what is destiny?

To better understand what I mean by destiny, let me attempt to distinguish DESTINY from another word that many use interchangeably, but they are NOT the same...

Fate versus Destiny...

Fate

Comes from the Latin word...

Fate - "Fatum" – "has been spoken"

The dictionary defines fate as...

Fate – The development of events beyond a person's control, regarded as determined by a supernatural power. The power or force held to predetermined events...

For the world, fate is those events that happen which are out of our control

They are... Unchangeable, immovable, unshakeable

Biblically, fate is the Divine Plan of God...

→ God's Divine Plan – Pic 1



Destiny

Comes from the Latin word...

Destiny - "Destinare" – "intended or firmly established"

Destiny is the path of our accumulated choices which lead us to our final destination

ONE THING

The CHOICES we MAKE guide us down the PATH we TAKE.

We will never THWART the FATE of God's DIVINE plan, but we can CHOOSE to MISS God's DESIRED path

The Lord has the desire to give you a good life... real life... abundant life...

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John 10:10 (NLT) — The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

→ **God's Divine Plan – Pic 1**



→ **God's Divine Plan – Pic 3**



2 Peter 3:9 (ESV) — The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

But sadly most will refuse God's abundant life...

→ **God's Divine Plan – Pic 4**



Question:

“We are each setting the course of our destinies, but is our course set on God's desired path?”

Our passage...

Proverbs 4:25–27 (NLT) — Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.

In this passage we are given FOUR STEPS to Fulfilling our Divine Destiny...

1. FIND your DIRECTION.

Proverbs 4:25a (NLT) — Look straight ahead...

Which direction is your life headed?

Sadly, most of us never actually contemplate the direction our life is headed...

... we simply go with the flow of the stream we are in...

→ **Your Destiny – Pic 1**



Let's think of our "accumulated choices" as the road we have chosen to take...

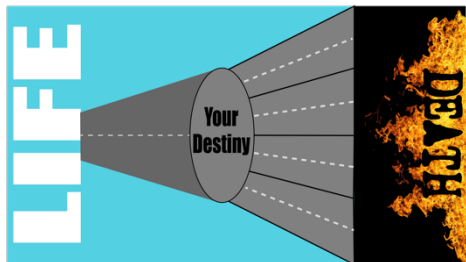
Jesus urges us to take the right road...

Matthew 7:13–14 (ESV) — "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

In this he declares TWO ROADS...

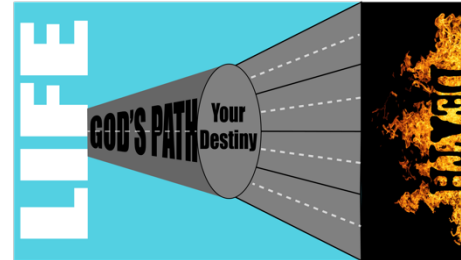
- One leads to life
- The other leads to death...

→ **Your Destiny - Pic 2**



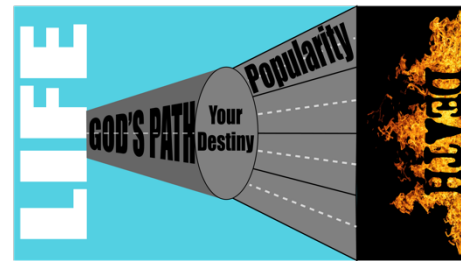
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One direction is God's Path which leads to life...

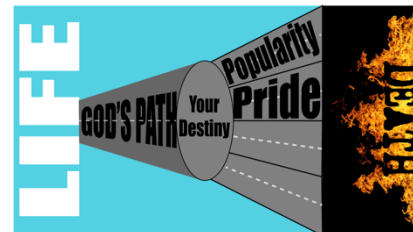


→ **Your Destiny - Pic 4**

However, the broad highway has many lanes that lead us to destruction...



→ **Your Destiny - Pic 5**



Proverbs 16:18a (ESV) — Pride goes before destruction ...

→ **Your Destiny - Pic 6**



1 Corinthians 15:33 (ESV) — Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

→ **Your Destiny – Pic 7**



1 John 5:19b (ESV) — ... the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

If you don't know if you are on the right path, then it is certain you are NOT following God's desired plan

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT) — For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

The choices we make guide us down the path we take.

1. **FIND your DIRECTION.**

2. **FIX your DESTINATION.**

Proverbs 4:25b (NLT) — ... fix your eyes on what lies before you.

Billy Graham warned us: “If you are ignorant of God's word, you will always be ignorant of God's will.”

Joshua 24:15 (ESV) — And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

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The choices we make guide us down the path we take.

1. **FIND your DIRECTION.**

2. **FIX your DESTINATION.**

3. **FOLLOW with DILIGENCE.**

Proverbs 4:26 (NLT) — Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path.

The key here is consistency...

I know I harp on developing systems and processes, but without them you are leaving your future on shaky ground...

Philippians 3:13–14 (ESV) — Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Set up a plan to walk with the Lord daily!

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1. FIND your DIRECTION.

2. FIX your DESTINATION.

3. FOLLOW with DILIGENCE.

4. FOCUS with DETERMINATION.

Proverbs 4:27 (NLT) — Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.

Hebrews 12:1–2 (ESV) — Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

I wish there was a way I could so soak this message into your heart that you would embrace it and watch your life enter into the abundance the Lord has for you...

However, I am not naïve enough to believe this message can really compete with ...

- **The 50-60 hours you are spending being indoctrinated by your social media tribes...**
- **The cultural pull that is dragging you into a delusional mindset**
- **Nor the lullabies Satan is singing to make you drowsy...**

But I am convinced the Lord brought some of you here to pull back the veil and awaken you to the truth of His love for you and His desire for you to experience real life...

→ Story – Cheslie Kryst



Born – April 28, 1981

Died – January 30, 2022

- **Cheslie Kryst was a Division I athlete.**
- **She earned a law degree and an MBA at Wake Forest University,**
- **Became a civil litigation attorney doing pro bono work to reduce sentences for inmates.**
- **She won the Miss USA pageant in 2019 and earned a spot in the top ten at the Miss Universe competition.**

- ***She then became a correspondent for the entertainment news program Extra.***

Last Sunday, according to police, she jumped from a Manhattan building and was pronounced dead at the scene. Yesterday, the medical examiner said she died by suicide. She was thirty years old.

Before she jumped, Cheslie posted a cryptic message on her Instagram page:

“May this day bring you rest and peace.”

In March 2021 Cheslie posted...

“I discovered that the world’s most important question, especially when asked repeatedly and answered frankly, is: why?” She added: “Why work so hard to capture the dreams I’ve been taught by society to want when I continue to only find emptiness?”

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The _____ we _____ guide us down the _____ we
_____.

1. _____ your _____.

2. _____ your _____.

3. _____ with _____.

4. _____ with _____.