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# Destiny Conference

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### NEW TESTAMENT SCHOOL OF THOUGHT

#### PRIMARY WILL

God's will must be perceived as a matter of "being" vs. "doing, going, or having."

Christ is living in & through us, regardless of circumstances.

Colossians 1:24-29 (NKJV)

- God was working in Paul mightily causing him to go & do.
- It was working in him first & foremost.

Philippians 2:12-16 (NKJV)

- God is at work inside us, we work it out.

I Thessalonians 5:15-17 (NKJV)

- What is God's will?
  - o Give thanks.
  - o Thanksgiving is the will of God. Not necessarily our circumstances.

John 16:33

*"In the world we will have trials. But be of good cheer..."*

Acts 16:22-30

- Paul & Silas in prison. (bad place)
- Everything is wrong with this picture.
- God's will was for them to be a witness.
- Christ was living BIG in & through them.

SECONDARY WILL (still vital)

What is my purpose?

Ps 139:13-18 (KJV)

*vs 14 "fearfully & wonderfully made"*

- We are made on purpose for a purpose.
- No two of us are alike.
- Ephesians 2:8-10
  - o *"We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works..."*

A. Everything has a purpose.

- No one is created by accident.
- Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NKJV)

B. Purpose creates passion.

- Passion demands attention.
- Attention creates opportunity to be a witness.
- People are drawn to passion.

C. Purpose creates energy for life.

- When you're in your element you thrive, not just survive.

- Example: Watching a cooking show
  - It makes you want to cook even if you can't.
  - Why? Because of the chef's passion.

D. If unknown or not understood, purpose leads to misuse & abuse.

- Example: A guitar.
  - If used as a hammer, it frustrates its original purpose.
- Example: Satellite Dish
  - If used as a wok to cook in, it frustrates its original purpose.

Primary Purpose?

- To be conformed to the image of Christ.

Romans 8:28-30 (NKJV)

- Romans 12:1-2
- Galatians 4:19

Secondary Purpose

- Your career
  - Preacher / School Teacher / Carpenter, etc.