Did you know that, on some level, everybody wants a promotion?

I think there is something inside every single person that drives them to stretch beyond their current limits.

Doing nothing isn't in our nature.

Everybody longs for something more.

I believe this desire comes from the LORD

He's wired us this way......

We want to conquer and stretch ourselves.

It's why we climb mountains—just because they are there.

My point is that I believe everyone wants to be the best version of themselves that they can be.

Many pray for it and desire it, but few are willing to do what it takes to experience God's best and see His plan come to pass in their lives.

I believe **GOD** loves you so much that He has instilled in you a deep desire to move forward and see what's NEXT.

In our I LOVE to LOVE series, we know how to LOVE once we understand the love of FATHER, and we have our identity in CHRIST.

Then and only then can we see **HIS** promotions.

God has a plan for each of us, but it doesn't happen automatically.

Did you know that before Jeremiah had ever done anything good or bad, God had a plan for his life?

Jeremiah 1:5

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

But this is not unique to Jeremiah. It applies to every single one of you.

It's just phenomenal.

Not many people realize it, but GOD has a PLAN for them.

Think about it: when you were born, you were created with a specific purpose.

If we apply that truth to the sixty million babies aborted in the U.S. alone, and consider that abortion is now a leading cause of death worldwide, it's staggering to realize what the world has lost.

Imagine all the inventions, accomplishments, and contributions those lives could have made.

But what I find tragic is many people end up taking their God-given potential to the grave with them without ever realizing God loves them so much he has a plan.....

In my personal life, I was called into the ministry, but it was quite an effort to transition from where I was in the ministry to where God wanted me to be.

After pastoring for over 20 years, I was in a bad marriage, in the wrong place and had to sacrifice relationships and all I knew to follow Gods plan.

But I've learned firsthand that walking in God's plan means taking risks and trusting Him completely.

Are you settling for less than God's best in your life?

Taking risks and acting in faith instead of fear—is where real GROWTH happens.

In this time of stretching and real FAITH, is where you experience the true LOVE of the father.

Once you understand this kind of LOVE, you can be LOVE to others.

I believe every person has a desire for more, a desire for promotion, whether in business, relationships, influence, or other areas of life.

IF I were to ask you today how many people are unsure of God's will for their lives.

I believe a lot of us would raise our hands.

I know you are eager to commit yourselves to God's plan for your lives.

As it say's in Romans 12:2 Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the

renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Many people simply accept the hand they're dealt instead of actively seeking and pursuing God's will.

Others know God's will but struggle to see it prosper due to the necessary steps required.

The Bible tells us that true promotion comes from God.

Psalm 75:6-7

6 Do not raise your horns against heaven! Do not speak with a stiff neck!"

7 For judgment comes not from east or from west, not from the wilderness or the mountains,

But again, it's essential to understand that while promotion comes from God, it doesn't happen automatically.

This is what hinders a lot of people.

They get into the teaching about the sovereignty of God and think that God just automatically controls their life and so anything that happens must be God's will.

You will never see promotion—you will never see God's best come to pass—with that mindset.

Not everything aligns with God's plan.

His desire for our lives doesn't include failure, sickness, poverty, or depression

Psalms 139:16-17

Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be.

17 How precious to me are your designs, O God; how vast the sum of them!

But we have to cooperate with Him to see His plans fulfilled.

If you take the sovereignty doctrine logic to its full conclusion, it would mean that prostitution must be God's will because after all, God is sovereign and it couldn't happen if God didn't will it.

It would mean that murder and rape and all the homosexuality, transgenderism, and wokeness happening in the world today must be God's will.

And yet the Scripture makes it very clear that those things are an abomination to God (1 Cor. 6:9–11; Deut. 22:5; Lev. 18:22; and Rom. 1:26–27).

The sovereignty doctrine makes people so passive that they don't take any initiative whatsoever.

I believe it is the worst doctrine in the body of Christ today!

You've got to believe the truth, which is that some things happen outside of God's will.

For example, God doesn't want anyone to perish but wants everyone to repent.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

So clearly, God desires everyone to repent and receive salvation.

Yet Jesus Himself said in Matthew 7:13–14 that more people will enter through the broad gate to destruction than the narrow gate to everlasting life.

That right there shows that God's will is for everyone to be born again, but not everyone is going to receive it.

So, you need to put these things together and understand that while promotion comes from God, there are things we have to do in order to receive God's will.

God is not going to force His will upon anyone.

His LOVE and PLANS are worth going after....

God wrote in a book what every day of your life is supposed to be like.

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Psalm 139:16

Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be.

I guarantee you that failure, sickness, disease, poverty, hurt, and anguish were not part of God's plan for your life.

And yet all of us have experienced these things.

Why?

Because His will doesn't just automatically come to pass.

God's love has a great plan for everyone, but sadly, the challenges they experience in life because of this broken world often hinder them from receiving God's will.

Another thing that hinders us from receiving God's blessing is the fact that many of us think it's our own efforts, talents, and abilities that promote us.

God is the One who gives us our abilities, and He'll use those things, but you've got to get beyond thinking that your ability is the source of your promotion.

In 1 Corinthians 1:26–28, it says that God often chooses the weak, despised, or seemingly insignificant to confound the wise and mighty.

So, trusting in our own talents rather than God's provision totally limits our potential.

God doesn't share His glory.

We need to humble ourselves and be dependent upon the Lord.

We're called to surrender our talents, abilities, and aspirations to His will and recognize that He alone deserves the glory.

This is not just about personal success; it's about fulfilling God's purpose for your life and bringing glory to His name.

Someone with an excellent spirit is faithful to God and doesn't compromise their convictions for the sake of getting along.

It means you do things properly at all times, whether anybody is looking or not.

That is an attitude of excellence, and that is God's path to promotion.

"For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south" (Psalms 75:6).

You need to know that promotion comes from God.

Some people miss this because they can't see God.

They can see their employer and the people around them, and they think that they've got to do all kinds of things to please them.

But honestly, Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, (Col. 3:23),

I can guarantee you, God's LOVE and WILL for your LIFE will PROMOTE you in all you do.

I have been promoted in many ways, and I have much more promotion coming my way....