

## **Pursuing the Spirit of God**

I believe that God has put in us a desire to pursue Him; I think that is why we are all here today. We have something inside of us that must search out the things of the Lord.

### **I have put together 10 ways to pursue the Spirit of God**

#### **The Desire for Promotion**

Did you know that on some level, everybody wants 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 God Himself.

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, I believe everyone wants to be the best version of themselves they can be.

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

### **God's Plan and Purpose**

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 you in the womb I knew you,  
And before you were born I consecrated you;  
I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations."*

But this is not unique to Jeremiah.

It applies to every single one of us.

It's just phenomenal. Not many people realize it, but God has a plan.

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.

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

But it's not just about aborted children.

Many people end up taking their God-given potential to the grave with them—without ever realizing it.

## **The Cost of Pursuing Excellence**

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.

Even after serving as a youth pastor and associate pastor, being in children's ministry, men's ministries and being the director of a mission, when God called me to Texas, it would have been much easier for me to just stay comfortable.

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

Leaving Arizona, Leaving my kids behind and doing what God had called me to do what my stretching,

But I knew God's calling, and I can tell you from personal experience that reaching God's best for your life requires effort.

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

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Andrew Wommack say's "Anyone can float downstream like a dead fish, but swimming upstream against the current"

***Taking risks and acting in faith instead of fear is where real growth happens.***

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

It's time to go after those things.....

## **Uncertainty and Seeking God's Will**

Let me ask you a question this morning.

How many people are unsure of God's will for their lives?

How many of you are committed to finding out?

*Romans 12:2*

*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

*Pursuing Gods Excellence is NOT Perfection but His Loving Spirit!*

Uncertainty is the breeding ground to doubting Gods will for your life

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This kind of uncertainty isn't unique.

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.

I was at the gym yesterday and I was on the Stair Climber "which I call the stair way to heaven" I raised my speed this year and I am still feeling the pain in the change of speed. I know my muscles will tear and stretch to the change I am forcing them to take.

Sometimes there is pain in the pursuit, but God has designed us to be over-comers!

## **True Promotion Comes from God**

The Bible tells us that true promotion comes from God.

*Psalm 75:6-7*

*6 For not from the east, nor from the west,  
Nor from the desert comes exaltation;  
7 But God is the Judge;  
He puts down one and exalts another.*

It's essential to understand that while promotion comes from God, it doesn't happen automatically. This is what hinders a lot of people.

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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.

Let's just laugh at that lie!

Not everything aligns with God's plan.

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

*Psalms 139:16-17*

*16 Your eyes have seen my formless substance;  
And in Your book were written*

*All the days that were ordained for me,  
When as yet there was not one of them.*

*17 How precious also are Your thoughts for me,  
God!*

*How vast is the sum of them!*

**Partnering with God is the Key to  
Promotion in your Destiny!**

You have to cooperate with Him to see His plans fulfilled for you life.

**The Trouble with the Sovereignty Doctrine**

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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.

And in my estimation, it is the worst doctrine in the body of Christ today.

Let's just laugh at this lie hahaha.....

"According to your doctrine, everything that happens must be God's will".

You have free will and choice, that is powerful!

## **The Balance Between God's Will and Human Responsibility**

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

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

*2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not willing for any to perish**, but for all to come to repentance.*

God desires everyone to repent and receive salvation.

*Matthew 7:13–14*

*13 “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is constricted that leads to life, and there are few who find it.*

Jesus Himself said that more people will enter through the broad gate to destruction than the narrow gate to everlasting life.

God's will is for everyone to be born again, but not everyone is going to receive it.

Understanding 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!

**God's Intended Plan vs. Life's Challenges**

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

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*And in Your book were written*

*All the days that were ordained for me,*

*When as yet there was not one of them.*

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 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.

**That is why we need to depend on God!**

**Dependency on God for Promotion**

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.

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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.

That's a radical statement right there, but it is truth!

This is why I believe that promotion only comes from God.

*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.

## **Embracing God's Purpose**

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

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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.

*Psalm 75:6*

*For not from the east, nor from the west,  
Nor from the desert comes exaltation;*

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.

*Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord and not for people,*

**DO ALL THINGS UNTO THE LORD.....**

I can guarantee you, you'd wind up pleasing the people that are over you. And your promotion would come directly from GOD.