

WHEN PURPOSE IS NOT KNOWN

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Topic: When purpose is not known...

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Text: Psalm 33: 11

The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.
(NKJV)

But the LORD's plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never be shaken. (NLT)

INTRODUCTION

Every human being has a divine purpose that God has given to him or her for their own generation to execute. His purpose can never change irrespective but He can change people. It doesn't matter who you are or your class, if you refuse to carry out God's purpose, He will replace you.

You remember during Jesus' triumphant entry when the Pharisees told Him to rebuke His disciples as they praised Him. He replied and said, *"I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."* This is to show that God's purpose will forever stand.

Another reminder in the Bible is Eli. God told him that he would be a great prophet with no comparison in the whole land of Israel but in the long run, he was substituted by Samuel in the agenda God had in mind. The agenda remained but the men has been changed.

"There is a danger for you not discovering purpose; not doing what you are born to do on earth and this danger is SUBSTITUTION. May you never be replaced."

God is always set to carry out His plans for you but He gives you a choice to make. Your choice matters because it either makes your purpose come to fulfillment or you become a nonentity on earth. There is a cry in the heart of God for you to fulfill your purpose. He never changes what He has purposed but He can change people. Saul was another person that was replaced in purpose because of misbehavior.

"Pray that every veil covering your eyes, God removes them so that you may see why you are here on earth. There is more to you than where you are."

God doesn't count age, He looks at impact - *Are you doing what He called you to do?* There is nothing like being too early to discover purpose. Purpose is more than passion. Hence, God is calling you to escape the danger of not fulfilling your purpose.

What happens when purpose is not known?

1. Time on earth is wasted

Ephesians 5: 15 - 17

*"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be **unwise**, but understand what the will of the Lord is." (NKJV)*

When you understand the scripture, you will know that every second counts, and some forces will want to delay you. As long as you are on earth and you do not discover purpose, you are wasting your life. Even despite your various achievements that you may count, the only concern of God is your impact.

Psalms 90: 12 - *"So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom." (NKJV)*

Numbering is different from counting. It is only a life that is impactful that is numbered. God is not interested in a person that wastes destiny because there is an account that will be given.

The parable Jesus gave in Luke 12: 16 - 21 shows us that a person living without purpose is likened to a fool. The man in the parable had thoughts going in his heart, forgetting that God weighs thoughts more than actions.

It is only when you walk in purpose that you get fulfillment in life. There is a difference between 'job' and 'work'. The latter will give you fulfillment/satisfaction while the former is just for salary (something to while away time.)

2. Glory is lost.

Genesis 3:23

" therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. " (NKJV)

You remember the story of Adam and Eve, they were in glory in fact before sin, they themselves were glory because they were created in the image of God. But the devil came and deceived them because they were ignorant of themselves; they didn't know hence they lost their glory after.

"Glory is not about material things, it is the fulfillment of purpose. May you never lose your glory."

Stop chasing mundane things. Samson was given the purpose to destroy the Philistine, but he entangled himself with things that are not of God because He didn't understand the gravity of the anointing of being a Nazareth. His parents warned but he did not give heed. He lost glory in his journey of purpose.

3. Progress cannot be measured

2 Corinthians 10:12

" For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise." (NKJV)

Whatever you think is progress without purpose is nothing. As we journey in purpose, comparison is one thing you shouldn't engage in. It is a lack of identity that makes you compare. Progress is measured by purpose not acquisition of things or appearance. Don't misplace purpose.

Let's look at this scripture, 2 Samuel 18: 17 - 30. When Absalom died, they wanted to relay the message to the King. Ahimaaz wanted to take the message to the king but he was told that it was not his work to do by Joab. In fact, in verse 20, it was repeated to him about three times that it was not his purpose.

"When someone is missing out on purpose, the repetition of instruction will surely come."

However, Ahimaaz was adamant to run despite the instruction given to him and even after sending another person. He eventually went without a message and even took a short cut but all his efforts were useless because he was benched (*check verse 30*).

Be intentional to run with a message (purpose) so that you won't be benched in the end.

Conclusion: Ask for the grace to live a life of fulfillment, so you won't miss it. You won't lose glory in the name of Jesus.

Prayer Point:

- Help me Lord to discover my purpose on earth and not waste my time.
- Father I don't want to die without fulfilling my purpose
- Finally, My life will glorify You through fulfilling the purpose which You have for me.