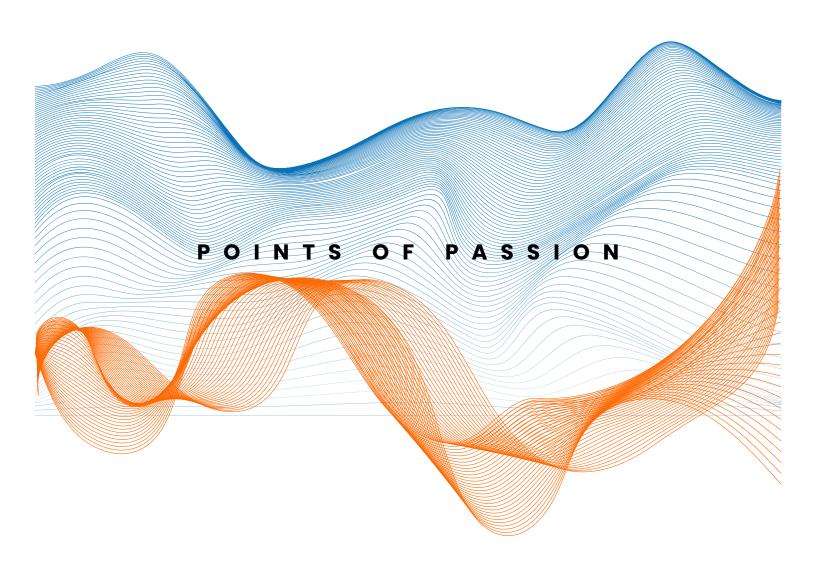


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points of passion

WHO WE ARE

WE ARE FAMILY

We believe everyone is significant! We are better when we do life together: encouraging and supporting one another in our Christian walk.

WE ARE WORSHIPPERS

We express our love, awe, and reverence for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit by our passionate praise and devoted lifestyle.

WE ARE SPIRIT FILLED

We embrace the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit in a Biblical fashion to more effectively deliver the gospel in its entirety.

WE ARE GENEROUS

We believe God withholds no blessing from us; therefore, we freely give to advance His works in our community and the world.

WHAT WE DO

WE RECEIVE

God has a specific purpose and destiny for our lives. By faith we receive His love, grace, and favor, as well as His knowledge, understanding, and wisdom that empowers us to fulfill His plan for our lives.

WE GO

We take the message of God's love, grace, mercy, and goodness to families, communities, and the world; boldly sharing the story of what God has done for us.

WE EQUIP

We place a high value on every generation. Through the practical and relevant teaching of God's Word, we instill principles of prayer, faith, character, and leadership that position us to walk out God's complete plan for our lives.

WE SERVE

The principle of God's Word is that in order to lead you must first serve. We, therefore, willingly serve God, our church family, and our community with joy.



ways to give

TITHE:

Leviticus 27:30-32 (NKJV): "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord. If a man wants at all to redeem any of his tithes, he shall add one-fifth to it. And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the Lord."

Malachi 3:10-11 (CJB): "Bring the whole tenth into the storehouse, so that there will be food in my house, and put me to the test," says Adonai-Tzva'ot. "See if I won't open for you the floodgates of heaven and pour out for you a blessing far beyond your needs. For your sakes I will forbid the devourer to destroy the yield from your soil; and your vine will not lose its fruit before harvest-time," says Adonai-Tzva'ot [Lord of Armies]."

ALMS:

Proverbs 22:9 (NKJV): "He who has a generous eye will be blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor."

Galatians 6:10 (NKJV): "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."

WAYS TO GIVE (cont.)

OFFERING:

Ecclesiastes 11:1 (NKJV): "Cast your bread upon the waters, For you will find it after many days."

2 Corinthians 9:6-10 (AMPC): "[Remember] this: he who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to someone] will also reap generously and with blessings. Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, "prompt to do it") giver [whose heart is in his giving]. And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation]. As it is written, He [the benevolent person] scatters abroad; He gives to the poor; His deeds of justice and goodness and kindness and benevolence will go on and endure forever! And [God] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity]."

WAYS TO GIVE (cont.)

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE [EXAMPLES] Benevolence	. \$5 per month
CPC Missions	.\$5 per month
Big Press	\$50 one time gift for 2025 by March 1st
Dominican Trip	\$100 - \$200 for 2025 by April 15th
New Stage Lights	1 light = \$1000 anytime in 2025 1/2 light = \$500 anytime in 2025 1/4 light = \$250 anytime in 2025 1/10 light = \$100 anytime in 2025
Children's Church (new carpet)	TBD



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SEED SOWN (cont.)

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Part 1 - The Power of Vision

- Covid
- Politics
- Society Changes

These things, along with other circumstances, have caused many christians to slip into an unintentional

LACK OF VISION

These things can cause vision to be deferred.

- You become weary.
- You can become discouraged.

You can .

Proverbs 13:12 "Hope deferred makes the heart sick."

Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision the people perish."

A LOOK AT VISION

vi·sion: "ability to see the	before it comes
into being"	

imag·i·na·tion: "the power to form a picture in the mind of things not present to the 5 senses; also, the ability to create new things or ideas in the mind's eye"

THE POWER OF VISION (cont.)

God is big on the power of imagination to help His people grasp the vision He is giving them.

Genesis 12:7 "Then the Lord appeared Abram and said, 'To your descendants I will give this land.' And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

Genesis 15:5 "Then He brought him outside and said, 'Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.' And He said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'"

Genesis 30:37–39 "Now Jacob took for himself rods of green poplar and of the almond and chestnut trees, peeled white stripes in them, and exposed the white which was in the rods. And the rods which he had peeled, he set before the flocks in the gutters, in the watering troughs where the flocks came to drink, so that they should conceive when they came to drink. So the flocks conceived before the rods, and the flocks brought forth streaked, speckled, and spotted."

The picture you have in your mind will become your _____.

That vision becomes your reality.

Habakkuk 2:2-3 "Then the Lord answered me and said:

'Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.

For the vision is yet for an appointed time;
But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.
Though it tarries, wait for it;
Because it will surely come,
It will not tarry."

- 1. See the vision
- 2. Write the vision
- 3. Wait for the vision



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you things to come."

<u>Part 2 - Types of Vision</u>

REVIEW		
Proverbs 29:18	8 "Where there is no vision the peo	ple perish."
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•	cture will become your vision. ion will become your future.	
	3 TYPES OF VISION	
TYPE 1: The vi Kingdom of G	ision that God has for you in order fo God.	or you to impact the
• •	vision is NOT something you dream u ood has had for you since before you	
Jeremiah 1:5	"Before I formed you in the womb I Before you were born I sanctified I ordained you a prophet to the no	you;
Everyone has	s a God given purpose for the Kingdo	om.
	"Even there Your hand shall lead m ht hand shall hold me."	ie,
FIND YOUR PU	URPOSE	
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	3:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of He you into all truth; for He will not sp	•

authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell

2.BEGIN TO SEE IT USING YOUR IMAGINATION

Examples:

Noah's Purpose:

Preserve Humanity from Total Destruction.

Genesis 6:14-16 "Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. And this is how you shall make it. The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks."

<u>Abraham's Purpose:</u>

Birth a Nation.

Genesis 13:14-17 "And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."

Genesis 15:5 "Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

Moses' Purpose:

Rescue God's People. Establish God's Law. Build God's Tabernacle.

In Exodus chapters 25 through 30 God Himself wrote the vision.

J	es	us'	Pur	'po	ose:

Restore Purpose. Restore _______.

Hebrews 10:7 "Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.' "

Recognize how God deals with you because you are unique.

Psalm 139:14 "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your works,
And that my soul knows very well."

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]."

There are people that you have an assignment from the Kingdom to:

- share Jesus with.
- disciple.
- minister to, with Power.

Truths to Remember

1.God is continually working to reveal His purpose for you.

Philippians 2:13 "[Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight."

2.You are where	you are		
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Acts 17:26 "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings."

3.Let God dream big through you.

1 Chronicles 4:10 "And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested."

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TYPE 2: The vision of what you want God to do _____ you.

Psalm 37:4 "Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart."

Mark 11:24 "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

John 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

God wants to be involved in your

- •
- Dreams
- Goals

You see God's heart with Solomon.

2 Chronicles 1:7-12

"On that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

And Solomon said to God: "You have shown great mercy to David my father, and have made me king in his place. Now, O Lord God, let Your promise to David my father be established, for You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?"

Then God said to Solomon: "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life—but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king—wisdom and knowledge are granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like."

<u>Truths to Remember</u>

- Ask God for something you cannot do yourself.
- Train yourself to ask BIG.

TYPE 3: The	vision of something you want to	o accomplish that is within
your own	and	<u>•</u>

2 Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Examples:

- Lose weight.
- Learn a second language.
- Get a degree.

THINK BIG! DREAM BIG!

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Part 3 - The Power of Favor

REVIEW

3 Types of Visions/Dreams

Type 1: God's vision for you in order for you to impact His Kingdom.

Type 2: The vision or dream of what you desire God to do for you.

Type 3: The vision or dream you desire to accomplish within your own power and ability with discipline.

With all 3 types of visions or dreams, the main thought is to DREAM BIG!

Thinking big is relative.

Thinking big can be very challenging for many of us.

Our normal expectations are a product of:

- The atmosphere in which we were raised.
- Past experiences of both successes and failures.
- Things we have been taught and parameters that have been set by trusted voices, education, and social media.

This is why thinking big is relative but also very limiting in most of us.

If we are ever going to receive and walk in all that God has for us it is critical that we begin to tear down these self-imposed boundaries that have been in our lives for years and/or even decades.

Romans 12:2 (NKJV) says, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Pat's Version: "Do not be conformed to this world by adapting and being molded into the customs of this world, thinking like the world thinks, but be transformed or changed by the total renewing of your mind. Adopt a new attitude with a new way of thinking that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God for you."

One of the main things we need to renew our minds in is knowing just how highly favored we are by God!

I believe that the greater our revelation of God's favor is then the greater our dreams and visions become.

Without it (revelation of favor) our dreams will always be limited by our subconscious, based on our Christian-walk at any given time.

Good week = bigger ask; Bad week = smaller or no ask

As we learn about how we are favored things begin to slowly change - our dreams and our visions begin to expand.

How does the Bible define favor?

In the OT it is a Hebrew word, "chen."

Throughout the OT, "chen" is intermittently translated both as "grace" and "favor."

In the NT it is the Greek word, "charis."

Throughout the NT, "charis" is also intermittently translated as both "grace" and "favor."

Case in point - in the Amplified Bible in the NT whenever the word "grace" is used it has in parentheses "God's unmerited favor."

Ephesians 2:8 (AMPC) says, "For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God"

FAVOR IS A GIFT!

That is favor/grace in a nutshell - a gift of God!

It's God pouring out His power, His ability, and His blessing simply because He loves us.

It is impossible for you to earn! Just accept it!

W.H. Griffith Thomas - "Grace in the NT is in some respects one of its greatest words. It always means two things - God's favor and His blessing;

His attitude and His action."

Harry Ironside - "Grace is the very opposite of of merit...Grace is not only undeserved favor, but it is favor, shown to the one who has deserved the very opposite."

Romans 8:32 says, "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

Favor gave us His son. Favor gives us everything else.

The favor of God on our lives enables us to do what we cannot do on our own. Favor enables us to believe for God's best while it also enables us to do supernatural things.

Jerry Savelle - "Favor is what causes God's 'super' to be added to our 'natural' and as a result the supernatural takes place. Favor can produce what money can't buy."

God's favor will

- open doors no man can shut.
- cause you to receive preferential treatment.
- change rules, regulations, and policies when necessary to get you where God wants you.
- bring you through life's toughest times and the most overwhelming of circumstances.

Knowing and experiencing God's favor will cause your faith to soar to heights never before imagined and to dream what you thought was impossible.

God's people experienced His favor all through the Bible, whether or not it was specifically referred to as "favor."

8 Benefits of Favor

BENEFIT #1: WE WILL EXPERIENCE SUPERNATURAL INCREASE & PROMOTION

As you look at the life of Joseph, even though you see he went through some incredible trials, you also see the favor of God all over his life.

Genesis 39:23, "The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper."

When God's favor is on your life it doesn't mean that the devil and world do not work overtime to keep you oppressed. It means that God's favor will cause you to **rise above** the enemy's attacks and **experience victory** over them.

This is what John 10:10 was saying,

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

When God favors you, victory, promotion and increase is guaranteed!

Genesis 41:39-41, "Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you." And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."

This is all the result of God's favor.

Before Joseph was moved up to Pharaoh he worked for a man named Potiphar.

Genesis 39:1-3, "Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there. The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord made all he did to prosper in his hand."

God's favor will not only cause you to be blessed, but those around you will reap the benefits of God's favor on your life as well.

Promotion is inevitable!

BENEFIT #2: WE WILL EXPERIENCE THE RESTORATION OF EVERYTHING THE ENEMY HAS STOLEN

We see this in the story of the people of Israel as they were preparing to leave Egypt.

Exodus 3:21-22, "And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed. But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians."

To "plunder" means to spoil, to recover, to rescue or to snatch away.

Notice that the children of Israel had to place a demand on the favor of God by asking for the things God had promised them.

As you dream and begin to acquire vision for what you would desire for God to do for you, remember that you are favored and everything the thief has stolen must be returned.

This is not talking about a person, but the devil!

John 10:10, "The thief does not come except to steal, to kill, and to destroy."

Proverbs 6:31, "Yet when he is found, he must restore sevenfold; He may have to give up all the substance of his house."

Think back! What has Satan stolen from you in the years gone by? You are <u>favored!</u> Demand it back <u>sevenfold!</u>

Dream Big!

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<u>Part 4 - The Power of Favor (cont.)</u>

REVIEW

Having a big vision is often determined by how much revelation we possess on how favored we are by God.

God's grace and favor is something that is totally undeserved and unmerited. It's God pouring out His power, His ability, and His blessing on us simply because He loves us.

Just accept it!

When you begin to see yourself as favored in these areas we are looking at then your vision begins to expand. The vision of:

- What you see yourself doing for the Kingdom of God.
- What you see God doing for you.

You are not a nobody! You are a somebody!
You are not limited in your ability! You are favored with His ability!
You are not a failure! You are a success!
You are God's favorite!

8 Benefits of Favor

BENEFIT #1: WE WILL EXPERIENCE SUPERNATURAL INCREASE & PROMOTION BENEFIT #2: WE WILL EXPERIENCE THE RESTORATION OF EVERYTHING THE ENEMY HAS STOLEN

BENEFIT #3: WE WILL RECEIVE HONOR, EVEN IN THE MIDST OF OUR ADVERSARIES

In *Exodus 10*, as the plagues were being released in Egypt, they did not affect the children of Israel.

Exodus 10:21, 23 " Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt,' ... But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings."

That's favor!

Exodus 11:3, "And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people."

- Moses was their enemy but was still considered great and honored as such.
- One of God's promises to Abraham in Genesis 12 was "I will make your name great."
- Psalm 23 states "I will prepare a table for you in the presence of your enemies."

BENEFIT #4: WE WILL INCREASE IN ASSETS, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF LAND AND REAL ESTATE

Psalm 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein."

Psalm 115:16, "The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men."

What this is saying is the earth belongs to God and He can give parts of it to whoever He chooses.

Genesis 12:7, "Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, 'To your descendants I will give this land."

Deuteronomy 6:10-11, "So it shall be, when the Lord your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant -"

The Bible is full of stories of God giving those that belonged to Him the assets of their enemies.

If these two verses are not part of your confession then they need to be!

Ecclesiastes 2:26 (AMPC), "For to the person who pleases Him God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and heaping up, that he may give to one who pleases God."

Proverbs 13:22 (AMPC), "A good man leaves an inheritance [of moral stability and goodness] to his children's children, and the wealth of the sinner [finds its way eventually] into the hands of the righteous, for whom it was laid up."

The favor of God causes land, real estate, and stuff that the world has accumulated to come to us!

BENEFIT #5: WE WILL EXPERIENCE GREAT VICTORIES IN THE FACE OF LONG ODDS

One of the things you see over and over again in the Bible is stories of great victories against impossible odds.

- Abraham took 318 men and defeated 4 kings armies [Genesis 14]
- Samson slew 1000 men with the jawbone of a donkey [Judges 15]
- All of the kings and armies of the promised land came agains Israel and were defeated [Joshua 11]

Joshua 11:4, 6 "So they went out, they and all their armies with them, as many people as the sand that is on the seashore in multitude, with very many horses and chariots...But the Lord said to Joshua, 'Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow about this time I will deliver all of them slain before Israel.'"

Remember Romans 8:31, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

BENEFIT #6: WE WILL RECEIVE RECOGNITION, EVEN WHEN WE ARE THE LEAST LIKELY TO BE SELECTED

Have you ever worked with your heart out and it seemed as if no one noticed or recognized your effort? Maybe others were even promoted ahead of you?

The favor of God can change all of that!

1 Samuel 16:19–22, "Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." And Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent them by his son David to Saul. So David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer. Then Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight."

BENEFIT #7: WE WILL EXPERIENCE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

I have leared that I can expect preferential treatment, especially if I show mercy, humility, and always tell the truth.

Proverbs 3:3-4, "Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart, And so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man."

James 4:10, " Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."

Look at the life of Esther.

Esther 1:15–17, "Now when the turn came for Esther the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her as his daughter, to go in to the king, she requested nothing but what Hegai the king's eunuch, the custodian of the women, advised. And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all who saw her. So Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus, into his royal palace, in the tenth month, which is the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. The king loved Esther more than all the other women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so he set the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti."

BENEFIT #8: OUR PETITIONS WILL BE GRANTED - EVEN BY UNGODLY, CIVIL AUTHORITIES

Esther 5:2-3, "So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, that she found favor in his sight, and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther went near and touched the top of the scepter. And the king said to her, "What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given to you—up to half the kingdom!"

Esther 7:1-3, "So the king and Haman went to dine with Queen Esther. And on the second day, at the banquet of wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!" Then Queen Esther answered and said, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request."

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Part 5 - Pen to Paper

Today let's get down to the nitty-gritty of not only how to <u>get</u> dreams, goals, and vision, but how to <u>get them to come to pass.</u>

First things you need to realize:

- This will take you changing how you have done things in the past.
- You will have to develop some new habits.
- This will take time.
- You will have to learn how to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Let's address this last one first.

Hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit

Realizations through the years when it comes to hearing from God:

- 1. The world thinks you are a crazy person.
- 2. Most christians don't think they <u>do</u> hear Him or even <u>can!</u>

However, this is inconsistent with what the Word of God teaches.

Galatians 3:26 says, "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus."

Romans 8:14 says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."

John 14:26 says, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

John 16:13 says, "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

Pastor's Version: "If you have made Jesus your Lord, then you are a son of God with the ability to be led by the Spirit of God. God's desire, through the leading of the Holy Spirit, is to teach you and guide you into everything you will ever need in order to fulfill every dream, goal, and vision that He has for you. No secrets with God, only revelations at the right time."

Bob Beaudine - "Once you meet with God, you'll discover something amazing. you'll find out He does more than just listen to you; He has a plan - plans to prosper you, give you hope, and always shed light on your great future. But to know those plans you have to stop and listen."

Major Keys to Learning How to Hear from God

- Learn to get some alone time.
- Write down, or journal, your thoughts.

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These things are not bad unless they use up all of the time you would have alone with both God and yourself.

Someone once said that the two main reasons we hate spending time alone is because <u>we get bored easily</u> or <u>we want to avoid the reality of where our life has ended up.</u>

Regardless of the "why," we must learn to carve out alone time to hear from God.

Moses spent time alone. David spent time alone. Paul spent time alone.

Luke 5:16 (AMP) - "But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray [in seclusion]."

Prayer is not just rushing and making our requests known to God and then rushing out. Prayer is also about <u>listening!</u>

Alone is where you receive direction, clarity, answers, and wisdom. It's where you receive confidence that God has spoken to you.

Find your time - start with 20 minutes - set a timer.

Practice the art of doing nothing.

This goes against the modern American grain.

- Turn the TV off.
- Put your phone in the other room.
- Sit and learn to quiet the mind.
- Learn to listen.

2. Put pen to paper:

Why is this important?

God will begin to speak to you through your thoughts, and if you don't write it down you will lose it.

Deuteronomy 17:18-19 says, "Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes."

Jeremiah 30:1-2 says, "The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, "Thus speaks the Lord God of Israel, saying: 'Write in a book for yourself all the words that I have spoken to you."

Habakkuk 2:2 says,
"Then the Lord answered me and said:
'Write the vision
And make it plain on tablets,
That he may run who reads it."

In your alone time, begin to write down your thoughts. Examples:

- What do I want my future to look like?
- Is my life going in the right direction?
- What is in my heart to do for God?
- Where would I like to be in 5 years?
- What sins are holding me back?
- What habits do I need to change?
- If money were not an issue, what would I do?

5 Things Successful People Write in Their Journals

1. Record Your Ideas

If you are serious about improving your life, reaching your potential, and completing your God given race, write it down.

- New ideas not captured within 37 seconds are likely never to be recalled.
- In 7 minutes, the ideas are gone forever.

Many times ideas you get in your alone time are God ideas.

Proverbs is a collection of God ideas that were written down and collected.

2. Identify Your Thoughts

Writing in a journal helps you express your thoughts and is a great tool for self-discovery and self-improvement.

As you begin to write down your thoughts, it's not just a goal setting tool. It helps you identify and come face to face with things in your life that need to be dealt with.

There is an answer in the Word of God for every problem in your life; however, you don't know where to focus the Word until you identify the problem.

Ask yourself the hard questions!

Writing helps you identify your strengths AND your weaknesses.

3. Find Clarity

Asking questions helps you find clarity.

Gary Keller - "Why focus on a question when what we really crave is an answer? It's simple. Answers come from questions, and the quality of any answer is directly determined by the quality of the question."

A number of the Psalms are not just David journaling his challenges, they are him coming up with the solution in the process of writing.

Read Psalms 69 and Psalm 142

Ask yourself these questions:

- What advice would you give to someone in this situation?
- What would make this situation better?
- What actions are needed to change things?
- What are you doing wrong?
- What are you doing right?

4. Plan Your Future

Remember Amy Purdy's story.

When was the last time you sat and wrote about your purpose, your dreams, your vision?

Never underestimate the power of a blank book!

5. Hear from the Lord in Prayer

Listening to messages and going to church is great, but nothing replaces hearing God for yourself.

The biggest question people have is, "how do I know if I'm hearing God or not?"

The quick answer is, "PRACTICE."

Quit overthinking your writing.

And don't be quick to only write down what you think is coming from your spirit when you start - slow down and *LISTEN!*

God created all of you, spirit, soul, and body!

1 Thessalonians 5:23, "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

God will primarily speak to you through your spirit, but He can speak to your mind through thoughts and ideas as well.

1 Corinthians 2:16 states, "But we have the mind of Christ."

Trust John 10:4 where Jesus said, "His sheep would follow Him because they would know His voice."

The more you do this, the easier it will become to discern what is your own mind and what is God.

Quick things that help this process:

- 1. Study the Word
- 2. Pray in the Spirit

Yes, you will miss it some, but if it's not leading you to sin, then so what?

Learning to hear God's voice clearly is a *PROCESS*, not an event!

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personal confessions

MY CONFESSION

In *Exodus 3* when Moses had received the mandate from God to deliver the children of Israel, he asked the Lord, "who do I say sent me?"

In Exodus 3:14 God replied, "And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM, and He said, thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you."

I know it may seem like a small thing, but God said "I AM," not "I will be."

When we make our confessions we need to shift from <u>"I'm going to be"</u> to "I am."

Example:

I'm going to be rich to I am rich.

I'm going to be healed to I am healed.

Faith is NOW, not somewhere in the future.

Create your own confession page(s).

PERSONAL CONFESSIONS (cont.)

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scriptural decrees

MY DECREE

The eternal purpose of God on this earth ordered by His word in my mouth and settled by the authority bestowed upon me as a believer!

Today, I decree for:

 Hebrew 11:3 to be true and affective in my life: "By faith I understand that the worlds were framed, thoroughly completed, (mended, repaired, restored) by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

So, <u>I decree</u>, that my world is being mended, repaired, restored, and thoroughly completed by the word of God.

I declare that I can stand on God's word because it is truth.

- John 17:17 says: "Sanctify them in truth, your word is truth."
- Psalms 119:160 declares: "The entirety of your word is truth, and everyone of your righteous judgments endures forever."
- Numbers 23:19 states: "God is not a man that He should lie, nor the son of man that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"
- Hebrew 6:18 states: "It is impossible for God to lie."

So, with these truths in mind, I confess and decree His promises over my life concerning God's promises found in His word!

PROSPERITY & SUCCESS

I confess God's promises over my finances and <u>decree</u> that it will come to pass in my life and in the lives of my family.

- Psalm 35:27 states: "Let the Lord be magnified who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."
- In 3 John verse 2 you prayed: "that we may prosper in all things and be in health, just as our soul prospers."
- 2 Corinthians 8:9 tells us: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."

rich = Greek word plouteo = to become wealthy or increase with goods

MY DECREE

God, I believe it is Your purpose for me to become rich. You are pleased with my success. I am increasing with goods.

There are 3 distinct reasons I can believe You for wealth.

First: The Blessing

 Proverbs 10:22 states: "The blessing of the Lord makes one rich and adds no sorrow with it."

So, Lord, when one is blessed, the blessing of the Lord makes him rich.

- Psalm 84: 11-12 says: "For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord will give grace (favor) and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. Oh Lord of host, <u>blessed is the man</u> who trusts in you."
- Psalm 1:1-3 declares: "Blessed is the man who walks not in the council of the ungodly nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful, but His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His Law, he meditates day and night. This person shall be like a tree, planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever this person does shall prosper."
- Jeremiah 17:7 states: "Blessed is the man who trust in the Lord, and whose hope is in the Lord, for he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes, but its leaf will be green and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit."
- Luke 11:28 says: "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"
- Psalm 34:8-10 declares: "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good;
 Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! Oh, fear the Lord you His saints!
 There is no want to those who fear Him. The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing."
- Psalm 112: 1-3 says: "Praise the Lord, <u>Blessed is the man that fears the Lord</u>, who delights greatly in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on the earth, the generation of the upright <u>will be blessed</u>. Wealth and riches will be in his house and his righteousness endures forever."

Psalm 115: 12-15 states: "The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us, He will bless the house of Israel, He will bless the house of Aaron.

He will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great. May the Lord give you (me) increase more and more, you (me) and your (my) children. May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

MY DECREE

Lord, I put my trust and my confidence in you and you alone. Lord I love your word, I delight in your word. When I hear your word, I strive to obey your word. I fear no man, but I fear you. Lord, my number one desire is to please you and worship you. I am not perfect, but I seek you and your presence in my life. Because of these things Lord, I am blessed, and that blessing makes me rich. So Lord, I do not become anxious or afraid during rough seasons. I produce in every season and whatever I do prospers. You are continually giving me more and more increase to both me and my children. Wealth and riches are accumulating in my life and I never lack for any good thing!

Second: The Abrahamic Covenant

 Galatians 3:13-14 says: "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree), that the blessing Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

 Galatians 3:26-27, 29 states: "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. And if you are Christ's then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

So, what is this Abrahamic blessing?

• Genesis 12:2-3 says to Abraham:

"I will make you a great nation.

I will <u>bless</u> you.

(Remember Proverbs 10:22, The Blessing of the Lord makes one rich.)

And make your name great.

And you shall be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you.

And I will curse those who curse you.

And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Was God faithful to Abraham?

- Genesis 13:2 says: Abram was <u>very rich</u> in livestock, in silver, and in gold."
- Genesis 13:6 states: "Now the land was not able to support them, that they (Abram and Lot) might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together."
- Genesis 24:1 declares: "Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things."

 Genesis 24:35 Abraham's servant declares: "The Lord has blessed my master greatly, and he has become great; and He has given flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys."

Now Isaac was an heir like me.

 Genesis 26: 12-14 states: "Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundred-fold; and the Lord blessed him. The man began to prosper and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So, the Philistines envied him."

What about Abraham's heir Jacob?

 Genesis 30:43 declares: "Thus the man (Jacob) became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks, female and male servants, and camels and donkeys."

Now Joseph was the great grandson of Abraham and an heir according to the promise!

Genesis 39:2, 23 declare about Joseph: "The Lord was with Joseph,
and he was a successful man. The Lord was with him, and whatever
he did, the Lord made it prosper."

MY DECREE

I am a born-again believer. Lord I am in Christ. Therefore, I am Abrahams seed and an heir according to the promise that you made to Abraham in Genesis 12. I am blessed or made rich just like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph were. I decree that I am very prosperous in commodities, in currency, and in lands. My businesses are blessed, and I am extremely successful. Everything I do the Lord makes it to prosper. I am so blessed (or made rich) that I am a blessing (help make rich) to others. I reap a harvest on ever financial seed I sow. Some 30, some 60, some a 100-fold. Deuteronomy 8:18 states: "I have been given the power to obtain wealth that He may establish His covenant." Wealth comes to me because I have a covenant with God concerning Abrahams promise."

Third: I am a Tither and a Giver

- Proverbs 3:9 says: "Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase; so, your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine."
- Malachi 3:10-11 states (complete Jewish Bible translation): "Bring the
 whole tenth into the storehouse, so that there will be food in my
 house, and put Me to the test says Adonai -Tzva'ot. See if I will not
 open for you the floodgates of heaven and pour out for you a
 blessing far beyond your needs. For your sakes I will forbid the
 devourer to destroy the yield from your soil, and your vine will not
 lose its fruit before harvest time say's Adonai-Tzva'ot.

• 2 Corinthians 9: 6, 7,8, 10 (AMP) declares: "He who sows generously and that blessings may come to someone, will also reap generously and with blessing, let each one give as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful, joyous prompt to do giver whose heart is in his giving. And God is able to make all grace, every favor and earthly blessing come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation.] And God who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your resources for sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity."

MY DECREE

Father, I am a tither and a giver of offerings, so I decree that my storage place is filled with plenty and is overflowing with new supply. I tithe so that there is food in this house, so I receive blessings poured out from heaven that not only meet my needs but go far beyond my needs. The devourer is rebuked by the Lord of Hosts. Lord I am a giver and I decree that every favor and earthly blessing comes to me in abundance. I always have more than enough. I am so blessed financially that am able to continually be a financial blessing to others. I can be trusted with the wealth you bring me!

Lord you also said:

- Proverbs 13:22 (AMP) it states: "A good man leaves an inheritance to his grandchildren, and the wealth of the sinner finds its way eventually into the hands of the righteous, for who it is laid up."
- Ecclesiastes 2:26 states: "For to the person who pleases Him, God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy; but to the sinner, He gives the work of gathering and heaping up, that He may give to the one who pleases God."

MY DECREE

Lord, that is me. I strive to please you always, so you are constantly giving me wisdom, knowledge, and joy. You are also causing the wealth of the sinner to come to me, so I am a blessing to my children, grandchildren, and those you lead me to.

HEALING

I confess God's promises over my health and decree that it will come to pass in my life and in the lives of my family.

I believe, according to God's written word, that it is His will for everyone to be healed just as it is for everyone to be saved.

- Isaiah 53:3-6 states: "He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely, He has borne our griefs (sicknesses) and carried our sorrows (pains); Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, everyone, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."
- 1 Peter 2: 24 proclaims: "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed."
- Psalm 107:20 declares: "He sent His word and healed them and delivered them from their destructions."
- Psalm 103: 1-3 instructs us: "Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases."

Your word also states in Romans 8:11: "But if the Spirit of Him who
raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from
the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit
who dwells in you."

MY DECREE

Lord, you have stated in Your word that not only was forgiveness given for my sins, but also that healing was provided for my physical body. So, I decree this day, that I am no longer a slave to sin and I am no longer a victim of sickness and disease.

The Bible builds on this truth through the life and ministry of Jesus.

- John 6:38 declares: "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."
- John 5:36 states: "But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me."
- John 14: 7-11 says: "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves."

So, if we observe the ministry and the works of Jesus, then we are observing the will of God the Father.

- Matthew 8:16 tells us: "When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word and <u>healed all</u> who were sick."
- Matthew 9:35 states: "Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing <u>every</u> sickness and <u>every</u> disease among the people."
- I like Mark 1: 40-41: "Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, you can make me clean." Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

Jesus was willing because the Father was willing!

- Mark 6: 54-56 says: "And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, 55 ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was. 56 Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well."
- Luke 4:40-41 states: "When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. 41 And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ."

- Luke 6:17-19 declares: "And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all."
- I love Luke 7: 22 where: "Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them."

So, we can see from the gospels that Jesus healed all who came to Him.

MY DECREE

By the truth set forth in the gospels that seeing Jesus is seeing the Father, I conclude that it is God the Father's will for all to be healed.

What is my part then?

 John 14: 12-14 states: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

Mark 16: 17-18 declares: "And these signs will follow those
who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak
with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink
anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on
the sick, and they will recover."

This is the same command Jesus gave to the twelve.

 Matthew 10: 1, 7 says: "And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

He also commanded another 70.

 Mark 10:1, 9 says: "Then He arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again.
 Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate."

By what power did Jesus heal those who came to Him?

 Luke 4:18 states: "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me
 To preach the gospel to the poor;
 He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
 To proclaim liberty to the captives
 And recovery of sight to the blind,
 To set at liberty those who are oppressed."

 Act 10: 38 declares: "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and <u>healing</u> <u>all</u> who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and Power.

 Then Acts 1:5, 8 states: "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

So, Lord in	I received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in
me at the new birth.	
Also, in	I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit upon
me.	

MY DECREE

The same power of the Holy Spirit that was upon and operated through my Lord Jesus Christ is the same power of the Holy Spirit that operates upon me and through me.

I am anointed to:

Preach the gospel to the poor.

Proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind. Set at liberty those who are oppressed.

Proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Through my hands and mouth, that are anointed by God, the Holy Spirit works through me to:

Cause the blind to see.

The lame to walk.

See sick people healed, see souls healed.

Cause the deaf hear.

The dead to be raised.

Give good news to the poor.

Destroy the spirit of poverty.

Preach the Kingdom.

See souls saved.

See that hell is plundered and heaven is populated.

AMEN!!

GUIDANCE

Today I decree over my life concerning the purpose of the Holy Spirit of God, who dwells in me and rests upon me, to guide me, counsel me, and impart unto me the knowledge, the understanding, and the wisdom I need to run my race and to live out every page of my book.

- John 16:13 (NKJV) proclaims: "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."
- Isaiah 58:11 (NKJV) declares: "The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail."
- Psalm 31: 1-5 (NKJV) states: "In You, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness. Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; Be my rock of refuge, A fortress of defense to save me. For You are my rock and my fortress; Therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead me and guide me. Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, For You are my strength. Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth."
- Psalm 32:7-9 (NKJV) states: "You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Do not be like the horse or like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you."

MY DECREE

The Holy Spirit who lives in me, continually guides me throughout the course of my life. At every fork on the road of life the correct direction is made vividly clear to me!

Concerning Counsel – to give advice.

- Proverbs 22:20 (NKJV) states: "Have I not written to you excellent things of counsels and knowledge."
- Psalm 33:11(NKJV) states: "The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations."
- Proverbs 8:14 (NKJV) you declared: "Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength."
- Proverbs 12:15 (NKJV) declares: "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise."
- Proverbs 19:20- 21 (NKJV) states: "Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days. 21 There are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the LORD's counsel—that will stand."

MY DECREE

God's written Word and God's Holy Spirit counsel me in the affairs of life and that counsel stands. It causes me to make wise decisions that cause me to prosper in this life.

Concerning Knowledge/ Understanding/ Wisdom

 Hosea 4:6 (NKJV) states: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children."

I declare Lord that I do not reject Your knowledge, but I seek it through both Your word and Your spirit.

- Proverbs 22: 17-20 (NKJV) states: "Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise and apply your heart to my knowledge; For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you; Let them all be fixed upon your lips, So that your trust may be in the LORD; I have instructed you today, even you. Have I not written to your excellent things Of counsels and knowledge."
- Proverbs 2: 1-11 (NKJV) declares: "My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, So that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; He guards the paths of justice, and preserves the way of His saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice, equity, and every good path. When wisdom enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul, Discretion will preserve you; understanding will keep you."

- Proverbs 4: 5-9 (NKJV) proclaims: "Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you. Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her. She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you."
- Proverbs 8:1-21 (NKJV) proclaims: "Does not wisdom cry out, and understanding lift up her voice? She takes her stand on the top of the high hill, beside the way, where the paths meet. She cries out by the gates, at the entry of the city, at the entrance of the doors: "To you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of men. O you simple ones, understand prudence, and you fools, be of an understanding heart. Listen, for I will speak of excellent things, and from the opening of my lips will come right things;

For my mouth will speak truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are with righteousness; Nothing crooked or perverse is in them. They are all plain to him who understands, and right to those who find knowledge. Receive my instruction, and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; For wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her. "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge and discretion. The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength. By me kings reign, and rulers decree justice. By me princes' rule, and nobles, All the judges of the earth. I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me. Riches and honor are with me, Enduring riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold,

And my revenue than choice silver. I traverse the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of justice, That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth, that I may fill their treasuries."

 Proverbs 9:10-11 (NKJV): "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. "For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you."

Lord I pray:

- Ephesians 1: 17-21 (NKJV): "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come."
- And according to Philippians 1: 9-11 (AMPC): "And this I pray: that your love may abound yet more and more and extend to its fullest development in knowledge and all keen insight [that your love may display itself in greater depth of acquaintance and more comprehensive discernment], So that you may surely learn to sense what is vital, and approve and prize what is excellent and of real value [recognizing the highest and the best, and distinguishing the moral differences], and that you may be untainted and pure and

unerring and blameless [so that with hearts sincere and certain and unsullied, you may approach] the day of Christ [not stumbling nor causing others to stumble]. May you abound in and be filled with the fruits of righteousness (of right standing with God and right doing) which come through Jesus Christ (the Anointed One), to the honor and praise of God [that His glory may be both manifested and recognized]."

- And also Colossians 1: 9-11 (AMPC): "For this reason we also, from the day we heard of it, have not ceased to pray and make [special] request for you, [asking] that you may be filled with the full (deep and clear) knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom [in comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God] and in understanding and discernment of spiritual things— That you may walk (live and conduct yourselves) in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him and desiring to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing and increasing in and by the knowledge of God [with fuller, deeper, and clearer insight, acquaintance, and recognition]. [We pray] that you may be invigorated and strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, [to exercise] every kind of endurance and patience (perseverance and forbearance) with joy."
- And Colossians 2: 2-3 (NKJV): "that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

MY DECREE

I decree today that I actively ask for and seek after Your knowledge, Your understanding, and Your wisdom. I refuse to reject Your knowledge. Therefore, I am not destroyed, but rather, I flourish in that which You have called me to. Your knowledge, understanding, and Your wisdom that come through the Holy Spirit will preserve and protect me. It will promote me and cause honor and grace to be active in my life. They cause me to speak excellent things and to reign righteously in life and decree justice. Your knowledge, understanding and wisdom cause my treasuries to be full and cause me to inherit wealth. They also multiply my days and add years to my life.