

God's Greatest Purpose



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Direction

Once we have determined the gifts, talents, passion, and anointing that God has placed in our lives, now we need the Lord's direction on how, when, and where He wants to use our lives to fulfill His Purpose.

4 WAYS THE LORD DIRECTS US

- HIS WORD
- HIS HAND
- HIS SPIRIT
- HIS PEOPLE



His Word

First and foremost, when seeking direction we need to turn to the wisdom and guidance of the Scriptures.

Psalms 119:105 “Thy **word** is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”

The following scriptures have played a huge role in my Christian walk for many years. They have helped me set my priorities and gave me an evangelistic perspective.

Matthew 6:33 First the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these (other) things shall be added to you.

2 Timothy 4:2 “Preach **the word**; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” (Always be ready to share the hope of the Gospel.)

1 Corinthians 9:19-22 “Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law, I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's

I am always looking for common ground with people and how my gifts, talents, abilities, and passions can help me to relate to them and bring them the Good News about Jesus.

His Hand

Revelation 7:3 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things says He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, **He that opens, and no man closes; and closes, and no man opens;**”

Watch for opportunities that the Lord opens for you, and be aware of the ones He is closing. Let me give you just one example...



Many years ago I went to a church that encouraged us to get involved in “reaching back”. In other words, take the Gospel message back to your friends, family, neighborhood etc. in a way that they would receive it. One way we did this was to take the music style we liked, and transform it into Gospel. I liked Hip-Hop & Rap when I got saved, so I got the instrumental versions of a few songs and I replaced the old words with gospel lyrics and Scripture.

One day, a brother from church invited me to go to prison ministry with him. I was still young in the faith and was not a very good speaker, but he asked me to come and just say a few words and share some of my testimony. While people from our group got up and spoke, the kids in the Juvenile Hall were not listening, not paying attention, and some were actually being disruptive.

I had not been rapping long but I saw the opportunity to reach out to these young men with the Gospel in way that they would hear it and receive it. As I was called up to speak, I popped a cassette in the boom box and hit play.

All I can tell you is this, those young men were so shocked and pleased to hear rap music they sat up, clapped along, waved their hands in the air, and as soon as they caught onto some of the Gospel lyrics and began singing along. At the end of the service, most of those seemingly uninterested youth were now praying a prayer of repentance and surrendering their lives to Jesus Christ. That was the beginning of over 20 years of prison ministry. During that time, I have been so blessed to see literally thousands of young men and women come to the Lord and make professions of faith in Christ. **God never ceases to amaze me. He can do so much with so little.**



His Spirit

1 Kings 19:12 “And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: **12**And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a **still small voice**. **13**And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?”

Through a season of prayer and fasting and seeking the face of God, He will speak to you. In that still small voice, the Holy Spirit will lay something upon your heart.

It could
be a word
or a phrase

It could
be
an idea

It could
be
an insight

It could
be a new
perspective

It could
be a moment
of clarity

It could
be
a person

It could
be a
conversation
you need
to have

It could be a re-
minder of some-
thing He spoke to
you a long time
ago, that you never
acted on

But remember that God will NEVER contradict His own Word, so if you get an idea, thought, or prompting that violates God's Word, **it is not from God.**

So take a step back and look at your unique gifts and talents. What passions and pursuits do you have that might be a door way into ministering and sharing the Gospel with people around you? What abilities has God given you that will enable you to reach out effectively to the world around you?



His People

2 Corinthians 13:1 *“This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.”* God usually confirms His direction through Godly people around us. Take heart, the footsteps of the righteous are ordered by the Lord, and He always knows what He is doing. And remember, the will of God won’t lead you, where the grace of God won’t keep you.



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