



## Fulfilling God's Purpose For your Life (part 6) Sunday May 07, 2006

### Recognising God's Purpose for Your Life

1. Recognise the general teaching and instruction of God's Word.
2. Recognise the 'seeds' in your life.
3. Recognise the stirring within
4. Recognise the Grace of God given to you
5. Recognise the leading of God's Spirit
6. Recognise the Circumstances
7. Recognise Godly Counsel and Wisdom

### 2.8. Recognise Times and Seasons

- God has a calendar. He has a timetable. God works according to His calendar.
- God has His appointed times and seasons for the things He does.  
Genesis 3:15— **"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel"** à 4000 years à Galatians 4:4—**"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law.**
- God has His times and seasons for your life.  
Psalms 31:15  
My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.  
  
Ecclesiastes 3:1,11  
<sup>1</sup> To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: <sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.  
  
Ecclesiastes 8:5,6  
<sup>5</sup> He who keeps his command will experience nothing harmful; and a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment, <sup>6</sup> Because for every matter there is a time and judgment, though the misery of man increases greatly.
- Every season has its appointed reason.
- When we recognise the season of life we are in, it becomes easy to recognise the purposes of God.  
  
1 Chronicles 12:32  
Of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command.
- Fulfil God's appointed purpose for the season you are presently in. He will then take you on into the next season of life.

### Examples:



- Foundation-laying season  
Involves:
  - Digging down, not building up.
  - No glamour, just hard work.
  - No applause, just spectators.  
Objectives:
  - A strong foundation.
  - A deep foundation.
  - A foundation that will allow you to expand.
- Tunnel season  
When you are going through a tunnel, there is only one way—forward. No left, no right, no going back. It is dark. The only light you have is the 'eye faith.' There are no mountains to move. The only way out is to go through it. Stay faithful!
- Just-enough season versus abundance, harvest.
- Season of grief and sorrow.
- Season of trials and challenges.
- Season of motherhood.

We must learn to respect the season of life the other person is in.

## ***2.9. Recognise God's Pattern of Working***

God is in the 'habit' of setting up examples, patterns and models for us to follow.

I believe that God sets a pattern of working in our lives.

1 Timothy 1:15,16

<sup>15</sup> This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. <sup>16</sup> However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

We walk in the steps of the faith of Abraham.

Romans 4:11,12

<sup>11</sup> And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also, <sup>12</sup> and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

Other people's lives are set up as examples for us.

James 5:10,11

<sup>10</sup> My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.

<sup>11</sup> Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.



1 Corinthians 10:5,11

<sup>5</sup> But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. <sup>11</sup> Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

As you keep walking with God, you will usually be able to recognise a certain pattern of His working in your life. God consistently uses you in certain areas, certain methods, certain kinds of ministries and so on.



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