

1 **Gifts of Grace**

Discovering & Fulfilling God's Purpose for Your life (your destiny)
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2 **Grace, Gifts & Calling**

- God has a plan & purpose for every human being – we are set on course to fulfil that plan when we give our lives to God at new birth (Jer 1:5, 29:11, Ps 139:13-16, Eph 2:10(amp))
- God's pre-determined purpose fits within His overall Kingdom Agenda
- We must be reconnected to God in order to fulfil His purpose for our lives (our destiny)
- All God given plans/purposes are equally important; could be diverse & multiple; unfolds in seasons; God's timing – Gal 4:1-5; Eccl 3:1-11
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3 **Three types of God given Gifts**

- Gifts of Grace - (Eph 4:7; Rom 12:3-8; 1Peter 4:10-11)
- Leadership Gifts in the church (Offices/Callings) – Eph 4:10-13; 1Cor 12:4-6,27-31
- Operational Gifts/gifts of the Holy Spirit – 1Cor 12:7-11, 27-31)

4 **Everyone Created to be a Leader**

- God's plan & His calling upon our lives is connected to the talents/gifs He has given to each one of us for service (1Cor 12:7; Eph 4:7)
- Our service is towards God & on two levels – 1. 'house-keeping' in the family (immediate/church) and 2. 'outside' the family
- God has given each one abilities & leadership qualities; He puts the potential in everyone as a seed (?)
- Our responsibility is to DISCOVER & DEVELOP the abilities/qualities = become the leader & fulfil God's purpose
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- God also provides us with opportunities to use & develop the qualities = WORK; life then makes sense & has meaning; we can enjoy God's blessings
- God expects us to be focussed & determined; to seek His will for our lives and fulfil it – John 4:34
- God is very serious about you fulfilling his goal for your life & very strict if you don't – Matt 25:14-30
- Abuse (of soul, body & talents) is inevitable when purpose is unknown; people cast off restraint/perish where there is no vision (Prov 29:18)

6 **How to discover Calling & Fulfil purpose**

- Connect to God & be at peace with Him – John 3:16, 1:12-14; Rom 10:8-13
- Holy Spirit Baptism – receive power from on high – Luk 1:35 & Acts 10:38; Acts 1:7-8, 2:1-4; 1Cor 12:4-11
- Sell out to God – John 4:34; Matt 6:33; Gal 2:20; 2Cor 5:15; Luke 9:62; Rev 3:15
- A clear sense of destiny – for such a time as this! – Est 4:14; Jer 29:11-13; Gal 4:1-5
- Seek God – ask questions, watch with prayer & fasting – Jer 33:3; Hab 2:1-3; Ex 24:15,18 & 25:9; Luke 4:1-2, 14-21
- Write down the vision
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7 **How to discover Calling & Fulfil Purpose**

- Identify clearly the calling through the gifts of grace – others around you will help as they see what you sometimes cannot see especially spiritual leaders over you – Godly parents, pastors, teachers etc
- Recognise what state in God's timing & respond accordingly – Eccl 3: 1-11; Dan 2:20-21
- Step out in faith; take responsibility; expect to be led and empowered by the Holy Spirit – Rom 8:14, 19
- Fulfil your calling! – Key ingredients:
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8 **Fulfilling your Call – Key Ingredients**

- Maintain a strong sense of destiny and an attitude of humility - Jn18:33, 4:34; 1Cor 15:10; Phil 2:5-11
- Treasure the Call & the mantle (anointing/grace)- Heb12:16; Phil 3:7-14;
- Be dedicated to & stay focussed on the call/Singleness of purpose- 2 Tim 2:4;
- Preparation – first of four stages/discern the stage - Eccl 3:1;
- Follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit - Rom 8:14; Jn 5:19, 16:13; 1cor 2:9-12; Acts 16:7;
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9 **Fulfilling your Call - Key ingredients**

- Look to the word day & night - Is 50:4-5; Ps 32:8;
- Faith, faithfulness & self-discipline - 1Tim 1:4; 1Cor 9:27, 4:1-2
- Diligence/Endurance/Perseverance- 2Tim 2:3, 4:5
- Joy of the Harvest/Eternal reward- Heb 12:1-3; 2Tim 4:7-8
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