



"¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen." Matthew 28:18-20

The absolute first thing that I saw in the spirit was when I was a little kid. I saw a demon's face at the end of my bed at night. I was wide awake and not imagining it. This was very terrifying. I called out to Jesus to help me. The demon disappeared. The next thing I saw was truly amazing and has always been a comfort to me.

It was very dark in my room and where the demon had been it was like a school chalk board with an invisible hand printing in white letters on the dark air, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age".

It looked like it was being written in chalk and as I read each word; the word fell away like dust and disappeared as the next word was written for me to read! I didn't realize what I read was this verse from the scripture until one day I came across it reading the Bible. Jesus had given me a promise in writing! He gives each Christian this same promise in writing in God's Word. Prior to this promise He tells us to make disciples of all nations and teach them to observe His Gospel.

This experience and verses of scripture are beacons of my destiny.

We refer to these scripture verses in Matthew as "The Great Commission".

Of course the Great Commission is accomplished in many different ways through an almost unlimited amount of ways by people. Street evangelism, missionary work, crusades, prayer, intercession, spiritual warfare, demonstrations of God's power, internet teaching and on and on.

So how does one find their destiny moment by moment?

Let's look at what not to do first.

Many people will say that they are "led by God" to go into a certain ministry only to find out that they were led by their own emotions and desires as they meet with failure. As an example, a USA couple "felt" they were to become missionaries to the Philippines. They spent three years there, converted none, and came back to the USA discouraged and soon divorced. Obviously they had good intentions, but going to the Philippines was not their destiny from God.

Another example discussed briefly in my book is from Rev. Howard Pittman from his book "Placebo".

He was a Baptist minister for 35 years with also a prison ministry and handed out tracts on the street. Doesn't sound like there's anything wrong with that to most of us. He died and was taken to heaven where God explained to him that all Pittman did was based on what Pittman wanted to do, not what God wanted him to do. Pittman was following his own desires, making his own destiny. God told him that all he did was based on self worship! Pittman was brought back to life with an altered outlook on destiny and God!

So we've learned from these few examples that we must avoid following our own wants, needs, desires, aspirations if we truly desire to be a servant to Who we say is our God. This also includes not drifting along with what the world is doing or what some leader or people are telling you what to do. If everyone in a group has decided that this Saturday at 10 AM is a convenient time to parade around the town to do spiritual warfare, do you really think what people have decided for you is God's destiny for you? Don't fall into the same self-worship trap that Pittman and so many others fall into!

In order to walk forward into success we follow Jesus' example. What did Jesus do?

"Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner." John 5:19

"I (Jesus) have glorified You (Father) on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do." John 17:4

Jesus' destiny was always and only what Father gave Him to do. Jesus didn't follow what the world was doing or expected of Him, He didn't follow the religious leaders of the day who were mostly corrupt; He didn't seek advice from other people or follow the crowd for His destiny. Neither do we!

Does following Father's destiny for your life mean all will be calm and peaceful?

Here's a testimony of someone who following Father's destiny, **"From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness" 2 Corinthians 11:24-27**

I know many people like Job's friends that would say this man must be doing something evil or out of God's will, otherwise God would protect and bless him! This is reliance on human logic rather than on discernment from God. People make determinations based on flesh mentalities. This is arrogance, pride, man-made religion and self-idol worship that is all sin that we need to avoid being trapped into by evil spirits, self will and crowd will.

We each need communication from God to get our destiny for the short term and long term. Jesus received from Father what He needed to do every day (short term) and knew His long term destiny on earth was ending up on the Cross.

Jesus spent alone time with Father in the wilderness or the mountains (**Mark 1:35, 6:45-46, 14:32-34, Luke 4:32, 5:16, 6:12**) which was not only a loving relationship with Father, but also to obtain what to do next (Father's strategy).

Be alone with Father, communicate with Him, ask questions, diligently seek His advice and then follow it. Many write down questions and ask Father for His answers and then write down what He says (journaling) which provides a written recording. Patience in areas of destiny is required, as another trap that many fall into is the "keep busy" trap, thinking that if they don't hear from God then they should proceed to "keep busy" as they think that doing nothing is a waste of time. That's the world's mentality. Moses was 80 years old and had been tending sheep for 40 years before God moved him into his destiny. God is on His time schedule and plan for your destiny, not you! Submit to God's plan and your destiny will be fulfilled! He created you for a purpose so He won't fail you! Just let Him!