

Introduction

“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but, this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13,14)

“**Determining Your Destiny**” is making the most of life. The spiritual quest of how one can affect their destiny is like the *water and wind* with endless possibilities of directions in which to follow to reach your ultimate goal in life which is the strongest possible *faith* in God. One must plan for the future. It is assured that those who do not plan for the future will have to live through it anyway haphazardly and perhaps in chaos. *“Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” (Psalm 90:12)*

While on this earthly spiritual quest, there is nothing that can make a Christian stronger except that which is carried inside of him. With this realization, a Christian begins their attempt to cultivate the finer inner qualities, when the finer spiritual qualities start to emerge it is then that he makes the most of life’s quest and becomes happy, peaceful, and strong.

“**Determining Your Destiny**” must be undertaken in a purposeful manner. The truly blessed and faithful in the Holy Bible were purposeful people. There was no royal road to destiny. One thing at a time, and all things in succession. That which progresses slowly endures. *“We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.” (Hebrews 6:12)*

Abraham in his devotion to the Lord sought *“a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.” (Hebrews 11:10)* Moses who *“when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.” (Hebrews 11:24,25)*. Joshua said, *“Choose you this day whom that you will serve...but for me and my house we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)* and finally the Lord Jesus Christ came with a definite purpose, *“to seek and to save that which was lost.”*

All of these great spiritual achievements were from those who had steadfast personal aims or goals in their life. Every individual should provocatively and seriously think about the spiritual type of person they want to become and what goals their future should incorporate to achieve this. Thoughtfully determining your goals will help you to then pursue them, looking straight ahead, and turning neither *“to the right hand nor to the left.” (Proverbs 4:25-27)*

