

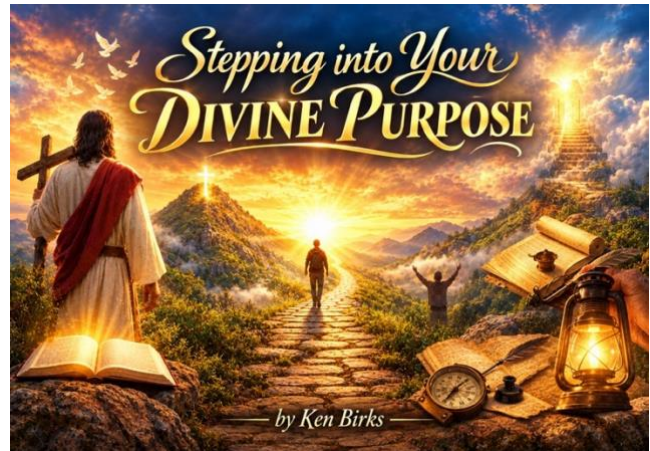
Stepping into Your Divine Purpose

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From the very beginning, God has woven our lives into a divine tapestry, crafted with intention, beauty, and eternal purpose. The book of Psalms pulls back the veil and allows us to glimpse the breathtaking truth of who we were designed to be.

Before our heartbeat ever echoed in our mother's womb, our days were already written, our destiny already

spoken, our purpose already seen by the One who formed us in secret. His thoughts toward us are not random—they are vast, precious, and filled with holy intention.



Psalms 139:15-17 “My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book, they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!”

Psalms 139 declares that the Master Craftsman skillfully wrought and fashioned us, and He never makes mistakes. Every detail of our design—our personality, our gifts, strengths, and our story—was authored by God with prophetic precision. We are not wandering through life, hoping to stumble into meaning; we are walking out pages written by God Himself.

And this is where the call of Christ becomes electrifying. When we respond to the invitation of His Son, Jesus Christ, we don't merely “get saved”—we step into the predestined storyline God prepared for us before time began. Salvation is not just rescue; it is activation. It awakens the divine blueprint within us and aligns our life with heaven's intention.

Paul told Timothy something astonishing—something that should shake every believer awake. He said that God saved us according to His purpose, a purpose anchored in grace and established before the foundations of the world. This means your calling is older than creation. Your destiny was spoken before light ever pierced the darkness. You are living out a plan conceived in eternity.

2 Timothy 1:9 *“who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.”*

Paul’s exhortation to Timothy reminds us that this calling is holy, weighty, and filled with supernatural significance. You are not an accident. You are not aimless. You are not left to figure life out on your own. You are summoned—chosen—woven into God’s unfolding story on the earth.

This is our moment to rise into the role heaven designed for us, to embrace the identity God authored, and to walk boldly into the days He fashioned. We can live with the confidence that our destiny is not fragile—it is divinely secured. He created each one of us with purpose, called us with intention, and destined us with glory in mind. And now, God who wrote our story is the same God who walks with us through every season of our lives. The promise given to the prophet, Jeremiah applies to us as well as inheritors of all God promises.

Jeremiah 29:11 *“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”*

Our part in this wonderful plan of life is to discover, embrace, and fully understand the life freely given to us by the Author of our Salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ, so we can step into the divine purpose God has prepared for each of us. The following verse in Jeremiah’s promise reveals our part.

Jeremiah 29:12-13 *“Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”*

The Process of Stepping into Your Divine Purpose and Destiny

1. Total Consecration

A major step into your divine purpose is total consecration to the purpose to which you are called. Total consecration demands we embrace the cross Jesus spoke of when He said to His disciples, *“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to*

a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”¹

Total consecration is the doorway into your God-given destiny because it is the moment you stop negotiating with God and fully surrender the ownership of your life to Him. When Jesus said, *“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me,”* He was describing the inner posture required for anyone who wants to walk in divine purpose. Denying yourself means releasing self-directed ambitions and the need to control your own future; taking up your cross means embracing the death of old priorities, identities, and comforts; and following Him means allowing Christ to define your path, assignments, and your calling. This is not punishment but positioning — the spiritual alignment that allows God to reveal the life He designed for you before time began.

Jesus warns that those who try to save their life will lose it, while those who lose their life for His sake will find it. This reveals the paradox of destiny: the life you cling to is the life you ultimately lose, but the life you surrender is the life where your true purpose is unlocked. Consecration protects your soul from getting swallowed by worldly pursuits and anchors your identity in Christ, so you are not corrupted by ambition or self-promotion. It is the furnace where courage, purity of motive, endurance, and spiritual authority are formed. In this way, consecration becomes a major step into your destiny — the death of the old life and the birth of the one God wrote for you, the only life in which your purpose, fruitfulness, and eternal impact can be fully realized.

2. Invite the Holy Spirit—the Helper

Another step in pursuing your divine purpose is inviting the Holy Spirit—the Helper—to illuminate the story of God’s work in your life. Consecration opens the door, but remembrance is what gives you clarity about the path God has already been shaping within you. Jesus said the Spirit would *“bring all things to your remembrance,”²* meaning He actively helps you recall the moments, seasons, and inner stirrings where God was drawing you, shaping you, and revealing pieces of your calling. These memories are not random; they are spiritual markers. When the Spirit brings them back to the surface, He is stitching together a narrative of how God has been forming your identity, your desires, your gifts, and your direction. In

¹ Matthew 16:24-26

² John 14:25-26

this way, remembrance becomes revelation—showing you where God has already been leading so you can better discern where He is leading next.

Inviting the Holy Spirit into this process is essential because destiny is rarely discovered in a single moment; it is recognized through patterns of divine activity across your life. The Spirit helps you see how certain experiences awakened compassion in you, how certain trials forged endurance, how certain opportunities stirred faith, and how certain encounters drew your heart closer to God. These moments become spiritual breadcrumbs—evidence of God’s hand guiding you long before you understood what He was doing. As you allow the Helper to highlight these seasons, your purpose becomes less mysterious and more like a story God has been writing all along. This step anchors your destiny not in guesswork but in Spirit-given insight, so you can move forward with confidence, clarity, and alignment.

Take Inventory of Your Life

Another important step in discovering your God-given destiny is taking an honest inventory of the life God has been shaping within you from the beginning. This means paying close attention to your life skills, personality traits, innate abilities, natural desires and passions, achievements, likes, and dislikes. These are not random features of your humanity; they are fingerprints of divine design. Scripture teaches that God formed you with intention and wired you in ways that align with the purpose He prepared for you. Even in seasons when you were unaware of His work, He was shaping your inclinations, sharpening your strengths, and allowing experiences that would later become clues to your calling. Taking inventory helps you recognize that your design is not accidental—it is prophetic.

When you pause to examine these aspects of your life, you begin to see how God has been at work long before you consciously pursued Him. The abilities that come naturally to you, the passions that consistently stir your heart, the achievements that brought you joy, and even the dislikes that steer you away from certain paths—all of these reveal something about the person God foresaw you would become. They form a mosaic of divine craftsmanship. *By acknowledging every good thing God has imparted to you* and that God Himself authored your design, you gain clarity and confidence in the direction He is leading you.³ This step grounds your

³ Philemon 1:6

purpose not in wishful thinking but in the undeniable evidence of how God has already shaped your life story.

3. The Role of Prophecy, Dreams, and Visions.

Another step in discerning destiny and purpose—but one that I have learned must be approached with humility and caution—is the role of prophecy, dreams, and visions. Scripture affirms that in the last days God will communicate through these means,⁴ and the book of Acts shows clear examples where visions and prophetic words confirmed the direction God was already leading and shaping in a person's life.⁵ Personal experiences of this nature are legitimate and deeply biblical, yet they are never meant to stand alone. The Bible commands us not to despise them, but to test them, weighing them against Scripture, the character of Christ, and the witness of the Holy Spirit.⁶ When handled rightly, they become powerful confirmations of God's work, not replacements for obedience, wisdom, or spiritual discernment. They serve as divine signposts—moments where God breaks into our awareness to highlight something He is doing, warning, guiding, or strengthening our resolve.

In my own journey, I have experienced a dynamic, life-altering vision after a near-death encounter, where the Lord showed me how He had been molding and shaping me at every stage of my life. I received one major dream that helped anchor my direction toward ministry. Over the years, I have received significant prophecies that helped confirm my calling and, at times, heard the audible voice of the Lord in my spirit. These encounters were not random; they were part of God's intentional process of revealing my purpose and calling while guiding me into the path He charted for me.⁷

Yet even with such profound experiences, the principle remains: test and prove all things. Genuine spiritual encounters will always align with Scripture, produce godly fruit, and lead us deeper into Christ. When approached with reverence and discernment with balance; prophecy, dreams, and visions become powerful tools the Holy Spirit uses to illuminate the purpose, and destiny God has prepared for us.

In the end, your purpose and destiny in Christ is not a mystery hidden from you, but a masterpiece God has been unveiling step by step, season by season,

⁴ Joel 2:28

⁵ Acts 22:10, 10:9-16, 10:32, 16:6-10

⁶ 1 Thessalonians 5:19-20

⁷ I write in detail about these experiences in two of my books: "The Adventures of Space and Hobo," and "The Journey—Discovering the Invisible Path," booksbyken.com/

encounter by encounter. As you consecrate your life, invite the Holy Spirit to illuminate your journey and discern the divine design woven into the fabric of your being. As you carefully consider every prophetic whisper, dream, and vision, you begin to see that God's hand has guided your purpose all along. The same Spirit who preserved you, spoke to you, awakened you, and shaped you will continue to lead you into the fullness of what He has ordained. Walk forward with holy expectation, for your future is not fragile—it is secured by the One who authored it. Yet walk with discernment, for every true calling is refined by wisdom and tested by truth. Lift your eyes with hope, steady your heart with caution, and let your spirit burn with the confidence that the God who has carried you this far is now calling you into the most fruitful, Spirit-empowered, destiny-filled season of your life.⁸

May God bless you richly as you discover all that has been written for you in God's great book.

About Ken Birks



Ken has walked with God through seasons of quiet wonder, deep refining, and unexpected grace — journeys that have shaped both his faith and voice. From early moments of sensing God's nearness to years of learning to listen more closely, Ken has discovered that the Lord often speaks in whispers, rhythms, and poetic impressions.

Out of those sacred encounters came a desire to write — not to impress, but to invite. To invite others into the same stillness, the same clarity, the same holy encouragement that has carried them through life's valleys and mountaintops. His devotional poetry and other writings flow from a heart that has wrestled, worshiped, and been transformed by God's presence.

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⁸ Philippians 1:6