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RESISTANCE

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GOALS PLUS
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CRITERIA-SPECIFIC,
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Volume 2 focusses on your purpose and fulfillment

It is Purpose that deserves empowerment. If you don't recognize yours, even God knows that you don't deserve the empowerment you seek.

DAY 1

TOPIC: **Empowerment and Divine Purpose**

Bible Reading

Proverbs 29:18 (NLT):

"When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild.
But whoever obeys the law is joyful."

Isaiah 40:29

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."

BODY:

The Bible says, "Whosoever the Son has set free is free indeed. John 8:36" But how many people truly want to be free? An often overlooked reality about freedom is that those unprepared or unwilling to embrace it may feel bored, idle, or useless when it is offered to them, probably because they are used to their previous bondage. Many may even misuse their newfound freedom, especially since it often requires leaving the comfort and familiarity of their previous environment to start anew. Some might prefer remaining in their established roles as slaves or workers rather than facing the challenges of building their own lives with freedom and dignity.

Just like freedom, empowerment can also be misused by those who do not recognize or feel the need for it. Empowerment can be even more problematic than freedom in the hands of those who lack purpose. It is not race, class, nationality, or religion that determines who deserves empowerment but rather one's sense of purpose. Those with a clear purpose for their freedom or power are more likely to use it effectively. If you already have or seek freedom or empowerment without a purpose, consider directing it toward a meaningful goal.

The most fulfilling purpose for using freedom, empowerment, or resources is to align them with the divine purpose for your life, which offers rewards in both this world and the afterlife. In this volume of the devotional, we will focus on empowerment, but my concern is whether I am addressing those who truly need it. Therefore, I may intertwine the discussion of empowerment with divine purpose to ensure relevance and impact.

One of the first hurdles is to overcome the feeling that discussing empowerment and divine purpose might not be relevant to your daily life or current struggles. To counter this, we'll connect these concepts to real-life scenarios. Also, I know that you are quite intelligent, only allow me to talk to some who might feel that this would be too advanced for them or feel they lack the background knowledge. We will start with the basics and build up gradually. I'll break down complex ideas into clear, manageable parts.

In this edition, we'll be discussing what may expect you to go out of your comfort zone, change your life routine or make adjustments to the usage of your resources, which can be intimidating. We'll focus on the positive outcomes of required change or adjustments and provide tools to help you manage and navigate these changes. Remember, growth happens outside of our comfort zones.

DAY 2

TOPIC: **Preferring Divine Purpose to Earthly Pursuits**

Bible Reading

Proverbs 19:21 (NIV):

“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”

Matthew 6:19-21; 1 John 2:15-17; Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 4:18

BODY:

In a world driven by trends, financial success, and personal ambition, it's easy to lose sight of a deeper, more enduring purpose. Many people chase after goals that provide immediate gratification or societal recognition, often sidelining the notion of a divine purpose. However, the Bible reminds us that while individuals may have numerous plans and aspirations, it is ultimately God’s purpose that prevails. This indicates that a life lived solely for earthly achievements, without regard to spiritual dimensions, may be missing a crucial component of true fulfillment.

The concept of divine purpose challenges individuals to look beyond the materialistic pursuits that dominate contemporary life. In regions like Nigeria, where spiritual practices and beliefs are deeply ingrained, there is a strong cultural recognition of the spiritual realm and the afterlife. The presence of shrines and practices such as invoking the dead highlights a collective awareness of a spiritual dimension that transcends earthly existence. Such practices suggest that there may be more to life than what is immediately visible, prompting individuals to consider the possibility of an afterlife and the implications for their actions while still alive in this world.

For those who are skeptical about the existence of an afterlife, it is wise to approach life with a balanced perspective that includes both earthly and spiritual considerations. Embracing a divine purpose doesn’t necessarily mean adhering to religious doctrines; it can also mean integrating values that align with a broader sense of meaning and fulfillment. By striving to understand and pursue a purpose that resonates on a spiritual level, individuals can ensure that they are not only making a positive impact in this life but are also preparing for a potential afterlife, thereby playing it safe whether or not one subscribes to the existence of a divine system greater than our world.

To make preferring divine purpose to earthly pursuits easy, I encourage you to reduce focus on materialism and immediate gratification below spiritual or long-term goals. This focus on short-term gains can make the idea of a divine purpose seem irrelevant or impractical. And don’t feel lacking in time or resources to explore your divine purpose.

DAY 3

TOPIC: **It is Purpose that Deserves Empowerment**

Bible Reading

Matthew 4:19 (NIV):

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV):

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,

“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

BODY:

It is not race, class, nationality, or religion that determines who deserves empowerment but rather one's sense of purpose. As a servant of God and based on my experience, I realize that in God's environment, empowerment comes with a divine purpose. When such empowerment arrives, it often transforms our desires and needs into opportunities that seek us out, rather than us chasing them. Consider the story of Peter, who was once a struggling fisherman. He labored tirelessly to provide for his family, caught in a cycle of effort and scarcity. Yet, when he encountered Jesus and received the promise of becoming a "fisher of men," his life took on a new direction. This promise revealed a higher calling that transcended his daily struggles. Until Peter embraced this divine destiny, God's empowerment did not fully manifest in his life.

Once Peter accepted this divine purpose, his previous concerns, such as struggling with fishing or managing bills, were no longer the focal point. Instead, he was enveloped in a greater mission, one that went beyond material needs. This shift in focus allowed God's empowerment to flow into his life, transforming his priorities and opportunities. The same principle applies to each of us: discovering and embracing our God-given purpose can lead to an outpouring of divine empowerment.

I encourage you to seek God's guidance to uncover your own purpose. It is through this alignment with divine intention that you will attract the empowerment you need. As your focus changes from seeking self-gratifying blessings or material concerns to partnering with God in fulfilling a higher purpose, you will find that the divine provision and support you seek will naturally follow. Embracing this profound partnership with God will position you to be worthy of the divine empowerment He offers, making your journey not only fulfilling but also transformative.

To further enrich this discussion, consider how aligning with one's purpose can also cultivate resilience and fortitude. When individuals are guided by a clear, divine purpose, they are often better equipped to navigate life's adversities with unwavering strength. This is because purpose infuses one's journey with meaning and direction, transforming challenges into opportunities for growth and learning. Much like how Peter faced numerous trials after his encounter with Jesus—trials that tested his faith and commitment—his purpose provided him with the resolve to persevere. When we center our lives around a higher calling, setbacks and difficulties no longer appear as insurmountable obstacles but rather as integral parts of a divine plan. This perspective shift is empowerment itself and can empower us to approach each challenge with renewed vigor and hope, knowing that our struggles are not in vain but serve to further our divine mission. Thus, embracing our purpose not only opens the door to divine empowerment but also fortifies us against the trials we may encounter along the way.

DAY 4

TOPIC: **Fulfilling Purpose at Any Stage**

Bible Reading

Genesis 12:1-2:

“The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.’” Abraham was called by God at an advanced age, demonstrating that purpose is not restricted by age.

Psalms 71:18:

“Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.”

Exodus 3:4-10; Isaiah 46:4; Philippians 1:6; Isaiah 43:19

BODY:

Purpose transcends age and circumstance. Your divine calling is not limited by how old you are or by your current situation. Throughout history, individuals have discovered their purpose at various stages in life, such as Abraham and Moses, who were called to their significant roles well into their years. Embracing your purpose at any point in life can lead to a profound impact. Moreover, with age often comes experience and wisdom, which are invaluable assets in the pursuit of your calling.

Pursuing your purpose can infuse your life with renewed energy and fulfillment. Engaging with a higher calling offers a sense of direction and satisfaction that surpasses material or temporary concerns. It’s important not to let everyday challenges, like financial pressures, overwhelm you to the point of postponing or neglecting your pursuit of destiny. The vitality and satisfaction that come from aligning with your purpose can provide a powerful counterbalance to life's demands.

Purpose is a journey rather than a destination. Discovering and living out your purpose is a continuous process, not a final goal. Avoid delaying self-reflection or spiritual exploration, and resist the urge to wait for a specific age or ideal circumstances to begin. Each day presents a new opportunity to take steps toward your purpose, no matter how small. Even if you feel you’ve missed previous chances, it's never too late to start anew or transition into a new phase of your calling.

It’s essential to remember that purpose is not bound by deadlines or past mistakes. Every moment offers a fresh opportunity to reconnect with and pursue your divine calling. Even if you believe you’ve missed certain opportunities or that time has passed, you can always begin again. Embrace the potential for new beginnings and remain open to evolving into new stages of your purpose. The journey of fulfilling your calling is ongoing and adaptable, always providing room for growth and renewal.

DAY 5

TOPIC: **Finding Purpose is Beyond Pastoring or Christian Ministry**

Bible Reading

Proverbs 31:8-9 (NIV):

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,
for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly;
defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

Psalms 82:3-4 (NIV):

“Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor
and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

BODY:

Divine purpose does not necessarily require involvement in a Christian ministry or overtly spiritual activities. It can manifest in practical, everyday actions aimed at addressing societal issues. For instance, discovering injustices or inefficiencies within your local government or municipality, and taking steps to expose discrepancies and corruption, is a way to pursue your purpose. Similarly, advocating for clean water access in underserved areas or tackling other pressing needs within your community demonstrates how purpose can be expressed through activism and civil engagement. You can begin today by exploring local budgets, raising awareness, and holding authorities accountable to create meaningful change.

Consider the example of Mary Slessor, who exemplified how purpose can be pursued through non-spiritual means. Arriving in Calabar in 1876, she was horrified by the practice of killing twins. While her Christian faith motivated her, she approached the issue through advocacy and strategic actions rather than religiously charged efforts. Slessor engaged with the local culture respectfully, challenging harmful practices while winning over the community through her dedication and personal example. Her efforts led to significant changes in local attitudes, and she is remembered for her humanitarian work and compassion, illustrating how purpose can be both impactful and respectful of local traditions.

Biblical figures such as David and Samson demonstrate that purpose is not confined to religious contexts. David, not a Christian, defeated Goliath to secure peace for the Israelites. Similarly, Samson, born with a divine mission, fought against Israel’s enemies during his lifetime without being a Christian. Historical figures outside of Christianity also pursued impactful purposes. Muammar Gaddafi, for example, opposed Western imperialism for the benefit of his people, and Funmilayo Ransome Kuti, a mother of four, began her activism later in life to fight government oppression in Abeokuta. These examples highlight that purpose can manifest in various forms and contexts, transcending religious boundaries.

The concept of divine purpose is thus broad and versatile, reflecting a commitment to justice, advocacy, and societal betterment in numerous ways. From tackling corruption and promoting clean water to challenging harmful practices and fighting oppression, purpose can be pursued through a variety of means. The examples of historical and biblical figures illustrate that one’s purpose can resonate deeply with divine intentions, even when it does not align strictly with religious roles. The pursuit of purpose is about making a positive impact and fighting for what is just and right, irrespective of the specific methods or contexts in which it is expressed.

DAY 6

TOPIC: **Divine Purpose vs Daily Responsibilities**

Bible Reading

Matthew 6:33 (NIV):

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.

Philippians 4:19; Luke 16:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12; Acts 20:34-35; Ecclesiastes 9:10;
Isaiah 41:10

BODY:

Balancing the pursuit of divine purpose with the practical demands of working and paying bills can indeed seem daunting. Many people wonder how they can reconcile the need to meet financial obligations with the desire to follow a higher calling. It is essential to understand that these responsibilities and divine purpose can progress together. You don't have to abandon your financial duties to seek out or begin your purpose. Instead, they can advance hand-in-hand until the divine empowerment for your purpose fully manifests.

Consider the example of Peter from the Bible. Even though he was destined to lead the church after Jesus' ascension, he returned to his fishing job when faced with the immediate need to provide for himself and his family. This illustrates that financial responsibilities are a part of life, and pursuing a divine purpose does not necessarily mean neglecting them. However, when Peter received divine empowerment on the day of Pentecost, the provision he once sought began to follow him. This transformation shows that divine purpose and practical needs can align, and one can enhance the other.

In light of this, I encourage you to engage in self and spiritual reflection to discover your own divine purpose. Remember that you were not born by mistake, and your journey in this world can be both fulfilling and purposeful. As you continue with your current work, seek to integrate your purpose into your daily life. If you have already started pursuing your purpose, then you are deserving of divine empowerment. Seek God earnestly for this support, knowing that it will help align your practical needs with your higher calling.

Ultimately, your work and responsibilities are not barriers to finding or fulfilling your divine purpose. Rather, they can be part of the journey. By recognizing and embracing your purpose within your current context, you allow for the divine empowerment to flow into your life. This balance ensures that you can manage your immediate needs while also advancing towards your higher calling, creating a harmonious and fulfilling path forward.

DAY 7

TOPIC: **Let's Move from Our Immediate Needs to Life's Greater Assignments**

Bible Reading

Matthew 16:24:

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.’”

Matthew 25:40:

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

Philippians 2:4; Acts 20:35; Galatians 5:13

BODY:

I often find myself emphasizing the pursuit of divine purpose, yet I struggle to find effective ways to awaken this awareness in others. As a pastor with years of experience, I've observed that many people are primarily concerned with their immediate needs. It raises a critical question: how many individuals are willing to engage in life assignments beyond their personal needs? Reflecting on those within my church and broader associations, it's clear that a significant portion, possibly even more than half, may not be inclined to take on responsibilities that don't directly address their daily sustenance. This trend is indicative of a broader societal issue where many remain focused solely on their own immediate concerns.

Consider the impact if in a country of ten million, 10 percent of the population were dedicated to advocating for transparency in governance, and another 10 percent were committed to promoting accountability and inclusive wealth distribution, then the potential for reducing poverty and improving societal conditions would be substantial. Yet, much like insects instinctively seeking food, many people remain fixated on their personal survival rather than contributing to broader societal goals. This narrow focus on immediate needs limits the potential for collective progress and improvement, which would be a delight to God.

To create meaningful change and leave a lasting legacy, we need to move beyond mere survival and address the larger issues facing our world. We must encourage a shift in perspective, where individuals recognize the importance of contributing to causes greater than their own immediate needs. By doing so, we not only enrich our own lives but also work towards a more equitable and just society.

Ultimately, our society's progress hinges on our ability to look beyond personal gain and engage in efforts that benefit the larger community. If we are to make a significant impact and ensure a better future for the generations that follow, we must be willing to expand our focus beyond just what is necessary for our own sustenance. Embracing and working towards divine purpose involves a commitment to the greater good, which can transform both individuals and societies.

DAY 8

TOPIC: **Strategic Preparation for One's Divine Purpose**

Bible Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:13:

"I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens." This verse highlights the importance of thorough research and study in understanding complex matters.

Proverbs 19:2:

"Desire without knowledge is not good—how much more will hasty feet miss the way!"

Psalms 119:105; Proverbs 15:22; Proverbs 4:7; Luke 14:28

BODY:

Once you have identified your divine purpose, it's crucial to understand that seeking empowerment or diving straight into action may not be the immediate next step. Realizing your purpose is only the beginning; it's important to take time to thoroughly contemplate and evaluate it before taking action. Honestly, you may be willing to change into something else, because at times, it is mere impulsive ideas for many people. Spend several days or even weeks reflecting on the various possibilities and implications of your purpose. This period of contemplation helps ensure that your decision is well-considered and aligned with your long-term vision. Something worth a significant part of your lifetime.

During this reflection period, it is essential to acknowledge that others may already be engaged in similar pursuits. Don't overlook the importance of researching the landscape related to your purpose. Read extensively about others who are active in this field, and understand the terrain they are navigating. This research will provide valuable insights and help you gauge the challenges and opportunities associated with your chosen path.

Preparing to pursue your divine purpose requires more than just initial enthusiasm; it demands a thorough and extended preparation phase. Allocate several weeks or even months to prepare yourself comprehensively—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. This preparation phase is not just about gathering information but also about equipping yourself to handle the demands, and challenges, of the journey ahead. Regularly review and simulate scenarios related to your purpose to build a deeper understanding and readiness.

Throughout this preparation period, ensure that you are consistently researching and engaging with the cause daily. This ongoing engagement helps keep your purpose at the forefront of your mind and allows you to adapt and refine your approach as you learn more. By investing time in thoughtful preparation and continuous research, you set yourself up for a more informed and resilient pursuit of your divine purpose, paving the way for long-term success and fulfillment.

DAY 9

TOPIC: **Serving Purpose from the Sidelines**

Bible Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-6:

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work." This verse highlights that diverse gifts and roles are all part of God's plan, whether leading or supporting.

Hebrews 6:10:

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."

BODY:

When considering the role of divine purpose in our lives, it's important to recognize that not everyone is called to start a movement, establish a civil society organization, or create a charity foundation. For many, the divine purpose involves a supportive role rather than a pioneer or leading one. Some individuals are destined to be active members of existing movements or organizations rather than founding new ones. For example, lawyers might offer their legal expertise pro bono to charitable foundations, or medical practitioners might volunteer their services to join existing organizations to provide free healthcare to under-served communities. Such charity organizations cannot achieve much without your free professional services, think about this.

The value of serving in a subordinate or supportive capacity is significant and often allows individuals to maintain their primary occupations. This approach enables those who may not have the resources or desire to lead their own initiatives to contribute meaningfully to causes they believe in. For instance, those with a strong drive for financial success can continue to pursue their business ventures while also supporting righteous causes through financial contributions. This dual approach allows them to fulfill their divine purpose by funding and supporting charitable efforts.

Supporting existing initiatives rather than starting new ones also ensures that essential work continues and thrives. Every organization or movement requires people to sustain it and carry its mission forward. For instance, a charity dedicated to providing education to underprivileged children relies not only on founders but also on volunteers, donors, and staff who keep the organization operational and effective. Without a network of support, even the most well-intentioned initiatives may struggle to make a lasting impact without destined or willing supporters.

Ultimately, understanding and accepting that not everyone is called to be a founder or leader is crucial. Contributing as a member or supporter is equally valuable and plays a vital role in the overall success of any cause. By embracing your unique role, whether it involves providing professional services, financial support, or volunteer work, you align with your divine purpose and contribute to the broader mission of creating positive change in the world. Just as the Bible puts it that we are the salt of the world, even light of the world, bringing hope and calvary to people in ways that reaches their hearts, and the heart of God.

DAY 10

TOPIC: **Our Good Works are Considered Fasting Before God**

Bible Reading

Isaiah 58:6-7 (NIV):

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?”

BODY:

Many people around the world believe that they can ask and receive blessings from God through fasting and prayer. Traditionally, fasting is seen as a way to humble oneself and earn favor from God, often involving prolonged periods without food. This approach is widely practiced, with the belief that such acts of self-denial can soften God's heart and prompt Him to respond favorably to one's requests. However, this understanding of fasting may not be the only or most effective dimension of this practice.

Jesus mentioned in the Gospels, precisely Matthew 17:20-21, that certain spiritual privileges, such as power over devils and casting them out, require both fasting and prayer, suggesting that intense spiritual disciplines like fasting are necessary to gain power over demonic forces. This statement of Jesus aligns with the traditional view of the kind of fasting hinged on prolonged periods without food, and it also emphasizes this kind of fasting as a means to spiritual empowerment and overcoming obstacles. Let me briefly distract by saying, recent scientific insights reveal that this kind of fasting can also serve other healthy purposes beyond seeking spiritual power.

In Isaiah 58:6-7, the Bible presents a different dimension of fasting that focuses on social justice and compassion. This passage highlights fasting as an act of engaging in actions that relieve suffering and promote justice. It speaks of loosing the chains of injustice, setting the oppressed free, sharing food with the hungry, and providing shelter and clothing to those in need. This form of fasting aligns with God's desire for active compassion and service to others, rather than just self-denial in prolonged periods without food.

Reflect on the many organizations and foundations dedicated to serving the needy in your community and beyond. Have you ever volunteered or supported such causes? Have you ever visited or would you consider visiting orphanages, prisons, or rehabilitation centers? It's worth asking whether your fasting practices align with the broader call to serve others as described in Isaiah 58. True fasting, in this sense, integrates personal sacrifice with active efforts to make a positive impact on the lives of those who are less fortunate among us. Why are the ethical and charitable institutions folding up in our world today and the perverse things gaining the attention? Silly and ungodly movements getting supporters and financiers, while free child and family counseling foundations are closing down? We all need to reflect on this and decide if we really want evil behaviors to overtake our communities, while we continue our religious dry marathon fasting.

DAY 11

TOPIC: From Passion to Action Requires Empowerment

Bible Reading

Ephesians 3:20:

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us."

Acts 1:8:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

BODY:

In this edition of our daily devotion, there are three stages to under-study which include your destiny or purpose-recognition, empowerment-to-deliver and resource-supply. Our focus will now shift to empowerment, an essential step that follows recognizing your purpose or destiny. Over the next ten days, we will explore how empowerment plays a crucial role in helping you fulfill your deeper purpose and make a meaningful impact. While understanding your purpose is important, it's only the beginning. To truly deliver on your calling, you need the right skills, support, and knowledge.

Think of someone who dreams of starting a foundation to reduce divorce rates and support families in crisis. Their passion and vision are like a gold mine buried in a rock. Without the proper tools and expertise, this gold remains hidden and inaccessible. Empowerment is the process that helps reveal and utilize this potential. It involves learning essential skills, gaining confidence, and understanding the practical steps needed to make a difference. Without empowerment, even the strongest passion can fall short due to a lack of practical ability or insight.

Empowerment means equipping individuals with the ability to take control of their lives and make informed decisions. It's about building the necessary skills and confidence to act effectively and improve one's situation. If you don't have the right skills or understanding, your ability to help others is limited. For instance, you can't rescue someone from a deep well if you're standing on unstable ground. Similarly, you can't fully share your talents with the world if you're not empowered first.

Therefore, gaining empowerment is essential for turning your potential into real, impactful action. It's not just about acquiring knowledge but about understanding how to use that knowledge to make a tangible difference. Empowerment ensures you are well-prepared to act on your purpose, turning your inner potential into positive change for yourself and others.

DAY 12

TOPIC: **Guide from Vision to Impact in Nonprofit Environment**

Bible Reading

Proverbs 25:2 (NIV):

"It is the glory of God to hide a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings."

(This verse is appropriate for encouraging us into research and the pursuit of knowledge)

Proverbs 18:15 (NIV):

"The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge; the ears of the wise seek it out."

BODY:

Many divine callings and life purposes find their place within the nonprofit sector, where service and fulfillment often outweigh profit as primary motivations. To truly empower oneself in this realm, it's vital to understand the workings of nonprofit organizations and their role in creating social impact. Key areas of focus include understanding how foundations operate, mastering effective fundraising strategies, and learning how to measure social impact. This exploration will provide you with essential knowledge to navigate the nonprofit world successfully and make a meaningful difference.

The nonprofit sector is both diverse and dynamic, covering a broad spectrum of organizations dedicated to various social causes such as poverty alleviation, education, and healthcare. These organizations, including foundations, charities, and nonprofits, work tirelessly to address pressing issues and improve communities. To effectively engage with this sector, it is crucial to comprehend their structure, governance, and funding mechanisms. Nonprofits frequently rely on donations, grants, and fundraising events to sustain their missions, while also adhering to regulations that ensure transparency and accountability.

Fundraising is a cornerstone of nonprofit operations, requiring organizations to develop and execute effective strategies to support their missions. This might involve organizing events, applying for grants, and running donor campaigns. Success in fundraising depends on principles such as donor engagement and retention, which can be enhanced by crafting compelling stories, demonstrating impact through clear metrics, and building strong relationships with supporters. Moreover, spiritually motivated giving can also play a role in attracting support for your cause.

Measuring social impact is essential for evaluating the success of nonprofit initiatives and understanding their effectiveness in achieving desired outcomes. This process involves collecting and analyzing data to assess how well an organization's efforts are making a difference in the community. For example, tracking literacy improvements or gathering feedback from beneficiaries can provide valuable insights into program success. By learning how to accurately measure impact, you can better demonstrate the value of your work and secure the support needed to further your mission.

DAY 13

TOPIC: **Go for Intensive Training**

Bible Reading

Proverbs 1:5 (NIV):

"Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance."

Proverbs 4:13 (NIV):

"Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life."

BODY:

Discovering your true passion or purpose in life is a profound achievement, but it's just the beginning of the journey. Once you've identified your calling, it's crucial to seek intensive training in that field. Relying solely on on-the-job learning can lead to a series of costly mistakes and missed opportunities. While trial and error can be part of the learning process, a structured, focused training approach will accelerate your growth and enhance your effectiveness. Without a solid foundation of knowledge and skills, your impact may be limited, and your progress may be slower than necessary.

For those aiming to build a career in areas like music, songwriting, scriptwriting, movie-making, or child-rearing, comprehensive learning is essential. Each of these fields has its own set of complexities and nuances that require dedicated study and practice. By immersing yourself in the intricacies of your chosen discipline, you not only refine your craft but also demonstrate a high level of professionalism and commitment. This depth of knowledge can set you apart from others and earn you greater respect from your audience and peers.

Even if you possess natural talent, it's important to complement it with formal training. Talent alone is not enough to reach the highest levels of success; it must be honed and shaped through skill development. Intensive training allows you to build on your innate abilities, providing you with the tools and techniques necessary to maximize your potential. This investment in skill-learning is crucial for translating your talent into tangible achievements and making a significant impact in your field.

Ultimately, the pursuit of excellence in your chosen path requires more than just enthusiasm; it demands a rigorous and informed approach. By committing to intensive training, you are not only enhancing your own capabilities but also ensuring that you can offer the best possible contribution to your field. This dedication will not only elevate your own work but also inspire those around you, leading to greater personal satisfaction and professional success. I respect your talent, passion, divine calling and chosen life-purpose, but you need that training to broaden your horizon and sharpen your talent. I promise you that you will be happier if you chose to go for training for your life pursuit.

DAY 14

TOPIC: **Goals Plus Actions Yields Results**

Bible Reading

James 2:26 (NIV):

"As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead."

Ecclesiastes 11:6 (NIV):

"Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well."

BODY:

Creating a strategic plan is a pivotal step in transforming your vision into reality. Whether you aspire to become a gospel singer or use drama and movies to spread your message, a well-developed strategic plan will guide you in setting clear goals and outlining actionable steps to achieve them. This process is essential for ensuring that initiatives born from your vision are both effective and achievable, setting a solid foundation for your endeavors.

Goal setting is a fundamental part of this process, and using the SMART criteria—Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound—can help you establish clear and actionable objectives. Specific goals provide clarity and direction, such as aiming to "Provide literacy training to 100 adults in the next six months" rather than a vague intention. Measurable goals allow you to track progress concretely, like "Increase monthly donations by 20% over the next year." Achievable goals are realistic within your resources, such as starting with a pilot program. Relevant goals align with your broader mission, ensuring they address core issues, and time-bound goals establish a deadline, like "Complete the initial phase by the end of Q2."

Once your SMART goals are set, the next step is to create a detailed action plan. This plan involves breaking down your goals into manageable tasks, such as researching needs, recruiting volunteers, and organizing events. Identifying the necessary resources—whether financial, human, or material—is crucial for completing these tasks effectively. For instance, if hosting a fundraising event, budget for venue rental and promotional materials. Setting clear timelines for each task and regularly monitoring progress ensures that your project stays on track. Review your action plan periodically to address any challenges and make necessary adjustments.

By setting SMART goals and developing a comprehensive action plan, you establish a clear path to achieving your objectives. This strategic approach helps maintain focus and ensures that every step you take is purposeful and aligned with your overall mission. A robust strategic plan is key to turning your vision into actionable results, ultimately empowering you to make a lasting impact in your community.

DAY 15

TOPIC: Empowerment: Developing the Required Skills

Bible Reading

Proverbs 22:29 (NIV):

"Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank."

Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV):

"If the axe is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success."

BODY:

To transform your inner purpose into a tangible reality, honing essential skills is crucial. Today's focus is on two key areas: leadership and management, and fundraising and marketing. Mastering these skills will enable you to effectively launch and manage your initiative, ensuring both financial stability and enhanced visibility. Developing proficiency in these areas is vital for achieving your goals and making a significant impact.

Strong fundraising and marketing skills are critical for sustaining and amplifying the impact of your initiative. Many individuals overlook these areas, akin to artisans who excel in their craft but lack marketing acumen. Effective marketing involves establishing a strong brand presence, creating engaging content, and leveraging platforms like social media to build awareness and support. Similarly, successful fundraising requires strategic planning, donor relationship management, and exploring various funding sources such as events and sponsorships. Acquiring skills in grant writing is also essential for securing funding, as it involves crafting compelling proposals and aligning with funders' priorities.

Equally important are leadership and management skills, which are fundamental for guiding your initiative and achieving success. Whether you're joining an existing charity or starting your own foundation, effective leadership involves inspiring and directing your team. Training in leadership can enhance your abilities in communication, decision-making, and conflict resolution. Additionally, mastering project management techniques, such as planning and using organizational tools like Gantt charts, ensures that your projects stay on track and deadlines are met. Organizational skills are also critical; effective time management and resource organization are necessary for running your operations smoothly and making measurable progress.

Developing skills in leadership, management, fundraising, and marketing will empower you to bring your vision to life. These competencies are integral to managing operations efficiently, securing necessary resources, and increasing your initiative's visibility. By focusing on these areas, you will be well-equipped to turn your purpose into action, achieve your goals, and create a meaningful impact.

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DAY 16

TOPIC: **Network and Collaborate with Others**

Bible Reading

Ecclesiastes 4:9:

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor.” This highlights the power of working together for a common goal, illustrating the impact of collective action.

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV): "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

BODY:

In any field or pursuit, networking and collaboration are invaluable strategies that often overshadow mere competition. While competition is a common approach, it often limits the scope of success and impact. Through personal experience, I've learned that collaboration holds a distinct advantage: it allows you to expand your reach and effectiveness with less individual effort. By joining forces with others in your field, you can combine resources, share expertise, and achieve greater results than you could alone. As the saying goes, "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go with a team." Embracing this mindset can significantly enhance your impact and efficiency.

One effective way to build a supportive network is by connecting with experts and mentors. Establishing relationships with seasoned professionals, such as mentors, nonprofit experts, and experienced leaders, can provide invaluable guidance and support. These connections can offer new perspectives, share critical insights, and open doors to opportunities that might otherwise be inaccessible. Engaging with individuals who have walked the path before you can help you navigate challenges more effectively and make more informed decisions, accelerating your progress toward your goals.

Seeking value-added partnerships is another crucial aspect of collaboration. By aligning yourself with existing organizations, community groups, and stakeholders, you can leverage their resources and networks to amplify your impact. Founders or leaders of similar organizations often share your level of passion and commitment, making them ideal partners rather than competitors. These alliances can provide mutual benefits, from sharing best practices to co-hosting events or initiatives. This collaborative approach not only enhances your reach but also fosters a sense of community and collective effort within your field.

Moreover, extending your network to include individuals such as music artists, writers, and small organizations can further enrich your collaborative efforts. These connections can act as support groups, offering creative input, sharing resources, or even co-creating projects. By viewing similar entities not as rivals but as potential allies, you open up opportunities for synergistic growth and innovation. Collaboration, therefore, becomes a powerful tool for achieving shared success and making a more significant impact in your chosen path or passion. Don't build your joy or glory in "I did it alone!", you will worn yourself out too soon, try to feature people who you may even consider your competitors. As long as they are not exactly opposite of your values, collaborate with them, bring them to speak on your platforms and the collation of all your audience would be impacted and the body would be seen as united. Do not seek the glory of "I".

DAY 17

TOPIC: **Impact Assessment**

Bible Reading

Proverbs 27:23 (NIV):

"Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds."

Galatians 6:4 (NIV):

"Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else."

BODY:

Impact assessment is a vital process for both nonprofits and individuals aiming to evaluate the effectiveness of their initiatives. The first step in this process is to set clear, measurable objectives for your projects. Define success through specific metrics, such as the number of people reached, changes in community conditions, or improvements in participant outcomes. Collect data using surveys, interviews, and performance tracking tools to measure these metrics. Regular analysis of this data will help you determine if you are achieving your goals and highlight areas needing improvement. Engaging with stakeholders and beneficiaries through feedback sessions can offer qualitative insights, providing a deeper understanding of your initiative's true impact. If your role involves financing charities, ensure accountability by asking how your donations are spent and replacing organizations that fail to demonstrate the desired impact. Holding them accountable ensures that your contributions serve their intended purpose.

Effective communication is crucial for sharing your achievements, challenges, and stories with stakeholders, supporters, and the public. Start by developing skills to craft clear, compelling narratives about your initiatives. Tailor your messaging to resonate with different audiences, focusing on aspects that align with their interests and values. Mastering various communication channels—such as social media, newsletters, and public speaking—will enhance your reach and engagement. Providing consistent, transparent updates about your progress and challenges builds trust and keeps stakeholders informed and invested in your mission.

Utilizing feedback is essential for refining and improving your initiatives. Actively seek input from beneficiaries, partners, and other stakeholders to gain insights into their experiences and perspectives. This feedback can highlight strengths and areas needing adjustment, helping you make necessary changes to improve your programs. Implementing a structured feedback loop, where you regularly review and act on the insights gathered, ensures that your initiatives remain relevant and effective. Demonstrating a commitment to continuous improvement not only enhances your impact but also strengthens relationships with those you serve.

Embracing constructive criticism is also key to growth and improvement in any field, especially within the nonprofit sector. Criticism, whether from stakeholders or the public, is inevitable and can be challenging to handle. Instead of allowing it to discourage you or make you doubt your purpose, use it as an opportunity for growth. Developing a thick skin and an open mind towards feedback will help you adapt to new challenges and refine your approach, ensuring that you remain focused on your mission despite setbacks or negative feedback.

DAY 18

TOPIC: **You Also Need Resilience and Adaptation**

Bible Reading

James 1:2-4 (NIV):

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

Proverbs 24:16 (NIV):

"For though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes."

BODY:

Resilience and adaptation are crucial qualities for anyone on a mission to fulfill their destiny. The path to achieving your goals is rarely smooth, and challenges are bound to arise that may test your resolve. For example, imagine launching a free career guidance program for elementary school students, believing it will have a significant impact. Despite your best efforts, including reaching out to numerous schools, you may find only a handful of students attend your first session. This initial disappointment can be disheartening, but it's vital to maintain your resilience. The journey toward making a difference is often marked by setbacks, and the ability to persevere through these difficulties is what will ultimately lead to success.

Support for resilience involves acknowledging that difficulties are part of the process and not a sign of failure. When faced with such challenges, it's important to remain steadfast and continue refining your approach. Perhaps the low turnout on the first day indicates a need for different outreach strategies or better alignment with the schools' schedules. By adapting your methods and seeking feedback from participants, you can enhance the program and increase engagement. This adaptive approach allows you to pivot in response to unforeseen obstacles and turn potential setbacks into opportunities for growth.

Encouraging adaptability is equally essential as it helps you stay relevant and effective in changing circumstances. As you progress, you might encounter new challenges or shifts in the needs of your target audience. For instance, if the career guidance program's initial focus needs adjustment based on students' interests or local educational trends, being flexible enough to make these changes can lead to greater success. Adapting your strategies and staying open to new methods will help you stay aligned with your mission and better meet the evolving needs of those you serve.

Ultimately, resilience and adaptability are intertwined and critical to achieving long-term goals. They ensure that you can weather the inevitable storms and adjust your course as needed. By embracing these qualities, you transform challenges into stepping stones and maintain your commitment to your purpose. This persistent effort, coupled with a willingness to adapt, will enable you to make a meaningful impact despite the difficulties and unexpected twists along the way.

DAY 19

TOPIC: **Starting Strong and Moving Forward Against All Odds**

Bible Reading

Romans 5:3-4 (NIV):

"Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NIV):

"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

BODY:

The way you start your destiny or nonprofit journey and the challenges you face along the way are part of a much larger narrative. Remember, the initial stage of any endeavor may be humble and mixed with obstacles, but this is merely the beginning of your story. Just as book authors often find themselves stalled in the middle of their manuscripts, unsure of the next chapter, you may encounter moments where progress seems slow or obstacles feel insurmountable. It's important to recognize that these early hurdles are not indicative of your ultimate success. They are simply a part of the journey, and they provide opportunities to grow and refine your approach.

Getting stuck is a natural part of any ambitious venture, including pursuing your purpose or running a nonprofit. Even the most seasoned professionals encounter periods of stagnation or struggle. These challenges are not a sign that you should give up but rather a call to persevere and adapt. Just as a writer might overcome writer's block by exploring new ideas or seeking inspiration, you too can navigate through tough times by reassessing your strategies, seeking advice, and remaining open to new approaches. Each setback is a chance to learn and to develop a deeper understanding of your mission and how to advance it.

Your current position or struggle does not define your future success. Many successful nonprofit leaders began with modest means and faced significant obstacles early on. What distinguishes those who achieve their goals is their unwavering commitment and their ability to adapt and keep moving forward despite difficulties. Use these moments of stagnation as a chance to build resilience, refine your strategies, and strengthen your resolve. Remember, the journey to making a meaningful impact is rarely linear, and perseverance is key to overcoming challenges and reaching your goals.

In the grand scheme of your nonprofit career, the way you start and the obstacles you face are just parts of a larger, inspiring story. Embrace the challenges as opportunities for growth and keep your vision in focus. Your passion for fulfilling your destiny and making a difference is your driving force, and with resilience and adaptability, you will navigate through the rough patches and come out stronger. Stay committed to your mission, and remember that every difficulty you overcome brings you closer to achieving your ultimate goal. Keep pushing forward, for your dedication will ultimately shape the success and impact of your dream or nonprofit.

DAY 20

TOPIC: The Power of Knowledge in Empowerment

Bible Reading

Hosea 4:6 (NIV):

"My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. 'Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children.'"

BODY:

The most potent form of empowerment you can obtain is knowledge. Think of it as uncovering a gold mine within a rock—knowledge has the power to reveal the very best of yourself and enable you to provide exceptional value to those you aim to help. Whether you are a financier supporting various causes, a dedicated volunteer, or the founder of a nonprofit, having the right knowledge is crucial to ensuring that your efforts are impactful and well-informed. It is this understanding and expertise that will enable you to make the most significant contribution to your chosen field and truly support those in need.

To harness the full potential of knowledge, explore a variety of platforms dedicated to learning and development. Workshops and seminars offer hands-on experiences and direct interactions with experts, providing valuable insights and practical skills. These events can be especially beneficial for networking and sharing ideas with others in your field. By attending these gatherings, you can stay updated on the latest trends and best practices, enhancing your ability to contribute effectively.

Online platforms and courses are another excellent resource for acquiring knowledge. The digital age offers a wealth of information at your fingertips, from in-depth courses on specific topics to webinars and virtual workshops. These resources provide flexibility and accessibility, allowing you to learn at your own pace and tailor your education to your specific needs. Engaging with online content can help you stay informed and continuously develop your skills, ensuring that you are well-prepared to address the challenges you may face in your nonprofit work.

Local organizations can also be a valuable source of knowledge and support. Community groups and local nonprofits often offer training programs, networking opportunities, and collaborative projects that can enhance your understanding and effectiveness. By engaging with these organizations, you can gain practical experience, build relationships with like-minded individuals, and contribute to initiatives that align with your mission. Embracing these diverse means for learning will equip you with the knowledge and tools needed to make a meaningful impact and fulfill your purpose with excellence.

DAY 21

TOPIC: **Seven Needed Resources for Destiny Fulfillment and Greatness; (1) Knowledge**

Bible Reading

Ecclesiastes 7:12 (NIV):

"Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves those who have it."

Luke 14:28-30 (NIV):

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'"

BODY:

In our exploration of destiny and empowerment, we've delved into the importance of recognizing one's purpose and acquiring the necessary skills to realize it. Now, we turn our attention to a critical element that supports and sustains success: the supply of resources. Over the next ten days, we will examine ten core resources essential for achieving greatness in any field. This discussion builds upon our earlier focus on skill and knowledge acquisition, highlighting how these resources underpin effective action and achievement. Understanding and utilizing these resources is crucial for turning purpose into tangible results.

Among these resources, skills and talents are indispensable. They must align closely with your goals and aspirations, regardless of the scale of your endeavor, whether it's a small NGO or a large-scale impact foundation. Fundamental skills such as communication, problem-solving, and critical thinking form the backbone of effective performance. Beyond these basics, expertise in a specific domain can distinguish you from others, providing a competitive edge. For instance, technical prowess, creative flair, or leadership capabilities can significantly enhance your ability to make a meaningful impact.

Talent and skills represent a vital resource supply that cannot be overlooked. Without them, advancing in your chosen path becomes exceedingly difficult. Whether your aim is to excel in playwriting, assist out-of-school children, build homes, or prevent divorce, the gathering of relevant knowledge and skills is paramount. This requires a commitment to continuous learning—regularly expanding your expertise, adapting to new developments, and engaging in both formal and informal educational opportunities. The process involves learning, unlearning, and relearning to stay relevant and effective in your pursuits.

Investing in your growth through seminars, books, and relevant training is a strategic approach to resource acquisition. However, it is equally important to approach new knowledge critically. Avoid being swayed by popular or unverified information; instead, vet knowledge thoroughly before integrating it into your understanding. This discerning approach ensures that you build a solid foundation of reliable information and skills that will support your journey toward greatness. By continuously investing in and refining your resource pool, you position yourself to achieve meaningful and lasting success.

DAY 22

TOPIC: **Seven Needed Resources for Destiny Fulfillment and Greatness; (2) Human Capital**

Bible Reading

Nehemiah 4:6 (NIV):

"So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart."

Matthew 18:19-20 (NIV):

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

BODY:

When it comes to resources, human capital stands out as the most crucial element in achieving success. While financial resources are undoubtedly important, they often pale in comparison to the value of having the right people by your side. Building a strong team can drive your organization or foundation toward extraordinary accomplishments, making the investment in skilled and dedicated individuals a top priority. It's not just about having a workforce; it's about having the best people who are aligned with your mission and vision. As such, human resources should be at the forefront of your strategic considerations, as they can significantly influence the trajectory and effectiveness of your efforts.

One critical aspect of managing human resources effectively is ensuring that your organization's operations are not solely reliant on volunteers. While volunteers can offer invaluable support, it is essential to have a core team of paid employees who handle the administration and daily activities. This approach ensures consistency, accountability, and a higher level of commitment. When selecting employees, it's important to be thorough and diligent in your recruitment process. The adage I formulated and use regularly "people make places" underscores the significance of hiring individuals who are not only skilled but also passionate and aligned with your organizational goals. The right people can transform your organization and elevate it to new heights, making this a key area to invest time and effort in.

Building and nurturing relationships with peers, industry leaders, and influencers can be a game-changer for your organization. Such networks can open doors to new opportunities, collaborations, and resources that might otherwise remain out of reach. If networking is not your strong suit or you find it challenging to engage with influential figures, consider leveraging your intellectual strengths to create platforms, campaigns, or initiatives that attract valuable connections. Creative and strategic approaches to networking can help you assemble a robust network that supports your mission and amplifies your impact. An effective network can be a significant asset, providing support, insights, and opportunities that contribute to your success.

Good pastors and coaches also play a vital role in your growth and development. Their guidance and experience offer invaluable insights that can steer you through challenges and help you navigate complex decisions. A good pastor's wisdom and a coach's strategic advice can enhance your effectiveness and accelerate your progress toward your goals. Therefore, seek out mentors and coaches who can provide constructive feedback and support. Their contributions can be a powerful addition to your array of resources, helping you to refine your approach and achieve your objectives with greater precision and confidence.

DAY 23

TOPIC: **Seven Needed Resources for Destiny Fulfillment and Greatness; (3) Finance**

Bible Reading

Ecclesiastes 10:19 (NIV):

"A feast is made for laughter, wine makes life merry, but money is the answer for everything."

Exodus 35:5 (NIV):

"From what you have, take an offering for the Lord. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the Lord an offering of gold, silver, and bronze."

BODY:

Financial resources, while not the only pillar of success, are undeniably crucial for fulfilling one's destiny and achieving greatness. Effective management and strategic allocation of funds can enable you to realize your vision, implement your plans, and scale your efforts. Financial resources provide the foundation upon which many initiatives are built, allowing for the acquisition of necessary tools, the hiring of key personnel, and the execution of impactful projects. However, it is essential to approach financial planning with a clear strategy, ensuring that funds are used wisely and efficiently to support your goals.

One effective strategy to build financial resources is to rely on savings generated from your own efforts. Instead of waiting for external funding sources, which can be unpredictable and time-consuming, focus on accumulating savings through your work. This approach not only empowers you to take immediate action but also demonstrates your commitment and resourcefulness. By funding your initial endeavors with your own resources, you establish a solid foundation and create a track record of responsible financial management. This self-reliance can also make your projects more appealing to future larger funders, who are more likely to support organization that have already shown promise and dedication.

Additionally, leveraging support from friends and family can be an effective way to gather the initial capital needed to get started. While this approach may involve a personal touch and requires careful management of relationships, it can provide a crucial financial boost when you're beginning your journey. Engaging your close network not only helps you raise necessary funds but also builds a community of supporters who are invested in your success. It's important to communicate clearly about the goals and potential impact of your pursuit and how it aligns with their personal conviction, ensuring that your supporters understand how their contributions will make a difference in our world of many challenges.

Ultimately, the goal is to establish a financial track record that demonstrates your value and potential. As you build and grow your project with savings and initial support, you increase your credibility and attractiveness to larger funders. Once your foundation, organization or life-purpose begins to show tangible results and a clear trajectory, you will likely attract the attention of significant funding supporters who can provide additional resources to scale your impact. By starting with your own savings and support from those around you, you lay a strong foundation for future funding opportunities, setting yourself up for long-term success and financial sustainability.

DAY 24

TOPIC: **Seven Needed Resources for Destiny Fulfillment and Greatness; (4) Time**

Bible Reading

Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV):

"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV):

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

BODY:

Time management is an often overlooked but pivotal resource in the pursuit of greatness and destiny fulfillment. While time itself may seem intangible, its impact on achieving goals is profound and irreplaceable. Effective time management enhances productivity and efficiency, allowing individuals and organizations to accomplish more with the same amount of time. By prioritizing tasks, setting clear goals, and minimizing distractions, you can harness the full potential of your time. This disciplined approach not only accelerates progress but also maximizes the effectiveness of your efforts, ensuring that every moment contributes toward your overarching objectives.

For personal achievement, mastering time management means creating a structured plan that aligns with your goals. Allocate time blocks or even special days of each week for specific tasks, maintain a balanced schedule, and set deadlines to ensure steady progress. Prioritizing tasks based on urgency and importance, can help you focus on what truly matters. Regularly reviewing and adjusting your schedule allows for flexibility and responsiveness to changing circumstances, while also preventing burnout by ensuring that you maintain a healthy work-life balance. Effective personal time management translates into more efficient use of resources and a more direct path to realizing your aspirations.

In organizational contexts, time management extends beyond individual tasks to encompass the efficient use of time by donors, volunteers, and employees. Donors and volunteers, although often contributing their time freely, require careful coordination to ensure their efforts are utilized effectively. Clear communication about expectations, structured schedules for volunteer activities, and regular updates on progress can help optimize their contributions. By acknowledging their time as valuable and integrating their efforts seamlessly into your operations, you enhance their engagement and the overall impact of their involvement.

Similarly, managing the time of employees involves creating an environment where their time is spent productively and aligned with organizational goals. Implementing effective project management practices, setting clear objectives, and providing regular feedback can help employees focus on high-priority tasks. Tools such as time-tracking software and collaborative platforms can streamline workflows and improve coordination. By fostering a culture of efficiency and respect for time, you ensure that all members of your team contribute meaningfully towards achieving the organization's mission. In essence, time management is a critical resource that, when effectively utilized, drives significant progress and maximizes the potential for success in any endeavor.

DAY 25

TOPIC: **Seven Needed Resources for Destiny Fulfillment and Greatness; (5) Tools and Technology**

Bible Reading

Proverbs 21:31 (NIV):

"The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord."

Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV):

"If the axe is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed; but skill will bring success."

BODY:

Tools and technology are indispensable resources that significantly contribute to achieving greatness and fulfilling one's purpose. In the modern world, leveraging the right technology can transform how we approach tasks, streamline processes, and enhance overall efficiency. By integrating advanced tools and systems into your workflow, you can tackle complex challenges with greater ease and precision. This approach not only accelerates progress but also improves the quality of outcomes, allowing you to focus on strategic aspects of your goals rather than getting bogged down by mundane tasks.

From my personal philosophy, investing time in selecting and implementing efficient tools is crucial for the success of any project. For a silly example, in a 10-day project, dedicating 5 to 6 days to identify and set up the right tools is a strategic move that pays off by simplifying and expediting the work. This preliminary phase allows you to assess various options, choose those that best align with your needs, and integrate them into your project. Whether it's project management software, communication platforms, or specialized applications, the right tools can greatly enhance your productivity and effectiveness, making your project more manageable and successful.

Furthermore, technology can facilitate collaboration and communication, which are vital for team-based projects. Tools such as cloud-based document sharing, real-time communication apps, and collaborative workspaces enable seamless interaction among team members, regardless of their physical location. This connectivity ensures that everyone is aligned and informed, which minimizes misunderstandings and delays. By harnessing technology to improve team coordination, you can leverage collective expertise and achieve more significant results in less time.

In essence, technology and tools are not merely supplementary resources but fundamental components that can drive success and fulfillment. Their ability to optimize workflows, enhance communication, and provide valuable insights makes them crucial for any endeavor. By prioritizing the selection and implementation of efficient tools, you set a strong foundation for achieving your goals and realizing your purpose. Investing in the right technology not only simplifies tasks but also empowers you to focus on strategic and creative aspects, ultimately leading to greater effectiveness and accomplishment. Make better use of your phones, download relevant mobile apps with alarm to serve as digital handy tools for your productivity and efficiency.

DAY 26

TOPIC: **Seven Needed Resources for Destiny Fulfillment and Greatness; (6) Health and Well-Being**

Bible Reading

Genesis 2:2-3 (NIV):

"By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done."

Mark 6:31 (NIV):

"Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'"

BODY:

Health and well-being are fundamental resources for achieving greatness and pursuing one's life purpose. Without a foundation of good health, the energy, focus, and resilience needed to tackle ambitious goals can be severely compromised. Maintaining physical health through regular exercise, a balanced diet, and adequate rest ensures that you have the stamina and vitality required to handle the demands of pursuing significant objectives. Similarly, mental well-being, achieved through stress management, mindfulness, and emotional support, plays a crucial role in sustaining motivation and creativity. Prioritizing health and well-being not only enhances your overall quality of life but also supports sustained effort and effectiveness in reaching your goals.

For workaholics, the challenge lies in balancing intense dedication with the need for self-care. The drive to complete tasks swiftly and achieve goals can lead to neglecting health, resulting in burnout and diminishing returns. To manage this balance, it's essential to incorporate structured breaks and establish clear boundaries between work and personal life. Integrating short, regular breaks into your schedule helps prevent mental fatigue and maintains productivity. Techniques such as time-blocking for focused work sessions followed by intentional relaxation periods can enhance both performance and well-being. By respecting these boundaries, you maintain a healthier work rhythm that supports long-term success.

In addition to breaks, adopting healthy habits is crucial for workaholics who want to achieve their dreams without sacrificing their health. This includes ensuring that you get sufficient sleep each night, as rest is vital for cognitive function and overall recovery. Regular physical activity, whether through structured exercise routines or daily movement, contributes to both physical health and mental clarity. Nutritional choices also play a role; a balanced diet rich in essential nutrients supports energy levels and cognitive function. Implementing these habits into your routine helps sustain your health while keeping you energized and focused on your goals.

Lastly, recognizing the importance of mental well-being is equally essential. Engaging in mindfulness practices, watching movies, comedy, playing games, seeking support from friends or professionals, and pursuing hobbies and interests outside of work can help manage stress and maintain emotional balance. By addressing both physical and mental health proactively, you create a resilient foundation that supports your ambitious endeavors. Balancing work with self-care ensures that you can pursue your dreams energetically and effectively, ultimately enhancing both your achievements and your overall quality of life.

DAY 27

TOPIC: Seven Needed Resources for Destiny Fulfillment and Greatness; (7) Planning and Strategy

Bible Reading

Proverbs 15:22 (NIV):

"Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed."

Proverbs 16:3 (NIV):

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."

BODY:

Planning and strategies serve as the guiding wisdom in the effective integration of all resources necessary for achieving greatness and fulfilling one's purpose. A well-structured plan provides a clear roadmap, aligning your resources, actions, and goals in a coherent manner. This doesn't mean you need elaborate documents or complex methodologies; often, a simple, working plan—such as lists of tasks and reminders on mobile apps—can be highly effective. The key is to have a systematic approach that organizes your efforts, tracks progress, and adjusts to changes, ensuring that every resource is utilized optimally toward achieving your objectives.

Strategic planning involves more than just laying out a plan; it requires anticipating potential obstacles and devising flexible strategies to address them. The reality of pursuing ambitious goals is that challenges and unforeseen circumstances will arise. A robust strategy incorporates contingency plans and allows for adaptability. By anticipating potential hurdles and preparing alternative approaches, you can navigate disruptions more effectively and maintain momentum toward your goals. This proactive mindset ensures that you are not only prepared for setbacks but also able to pivot and re-align your resources as needed.

Moreover, planning and strategy help prioritize tasks and allocate resources efficiently. Effective planning involves breaking down larger goals into manageable tasks, assigning deadlines, and identifying key milestones. Utilizing tools like task management apps on your phone or simple to-do lists allows you to focus on immediate priorities while keeping sight of long-term objectives. Strategic thinking helps you determine which tasks are most critical and which resources need to be mobilized at various stages. This prioritization is essential for maintaining focus and ensuring that efforts are directed toward activities that have the highest impact.

Ultimately, the essence of planning and strategies lies in their role as tools of wisdom that guide resource integration and action. A dynamic plan, adaptable to change, and a thoughtful strategy enable you to leverage your resources effectively, navigate challenges, and stay aligned with your goals. By keeping your planning processes flexible and responsive, you ensure that you can handle the complexities of pursuing your dreams and achieve your desired outcomes with greater efficiency and resilience.

DAY 28

TOPIC: **God and You for Your Life Purpose**

Bible Reading

1 Chronicles 22:19: “Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God. Begin to build the sanctuary of the Lord God, so that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord and the sacred articles belonging to God into the temple that will be built for the Name of the Lord.”

BODY:

It is written in scripture that "no one receives anything except it is first given from God in heaven" (John 3:27). This profound truth underscores the importance of seeking divine approval and support for any endeavor. When you embark on a pursuit to impact the world positively, it is both honorable and wise to present your plans and intentions to God in prayer. This act of making your application known to God not only aligns your efforts with divine will but also invites God's blessing and guidance. In acknowledging that all resources and opportunities are ultimately gifts from God, you position yourself to receive the necessary grace and favor to achieve your goals.

If you recognize the presence of evil forces in the spiritual realm, you display a deeper understanding of the complexities influencing our world. Such awareness highlights the need for divine protection and support, especially when undertaking initiatives aimed at helping those in distress. Many individuals and communities may be under spiritual bondage, and without God's intervention, your efforts to assist them could inadvertently encounter resistance or complications. Therefore, securing God's backing through prayer is crucial to ensure that your initiatives are protected and effective, rather than potentially undermined by spiritual adversities.

Living by the wisdom that both good and evil spiritual forces exist necessitates more than a mere desire to do good. It requires obtaining divine endorsement to proceed with your plans. While the intention to serve humanity is noble, embarking on such endeavors without God's guidance can lead to unforeseen difficulties and personal regrets. Seeking God's nod or approval before you start—and maintaining that connection throughout—ensures that your actions are spiritually aligned and safeguarded against potential pitfalls. This proactive approach helps mitigate risks and enhances the likelihood of successful and impactful outcomes.

Even if you have already initiated your work, it is not too late to invite God into your endeavors through continued prayer and a moral relationship. Maintaining this spiritual connection offers protection and guidance, especially when facing challenges or opposition. By inviting God's presence into your efforts, you fortify your endeavors against spiritual storms and align your mission with divine purpose. This ongoing relationship with God ensures that your work remains grounded in grace and wisdom, ultimately leading to a more profound and lasting impact on those you seek to serve.

DAY 29

TOPIC: **God and Your Purpose; Prayer and Dreams or Visions**

Bible Reading

John 15:5:

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

Acts 2:17:

‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.’

Philippians 2:13; James 1:5; Philippians 4:6-7; Ephesians 2:10

BODY:

For those whose pursuits aim to make a positive impact in the world, connecting with God can profoundly enhance their efforts. According to scripture, God's interest lies in bettering humanity, making any endeavor that seeks to improve the world align with divine purpose. Engaging with God is not reserved for those formally ordained as pastors or religious leaders; rather, anyone striving to serve others and contribute to the greater good is participating in the work of God. By seeking a relationship with God, individuals tap into a source of guidance, strength, and inspiration that transcends mere human and material support.

Prayer is one of the most direct and personal ways to communicate with God, offering a channel through which individuals can express their intentions, seek guidance, and find solace. It is through prayer that believers can articulate their desires to positively impact the world and request divine assistance in their efforts. This personal connection allows for a deepened understanding of one's purpose and the wisdom needed to navigate challenges. Additionally, God often communicates back through dreams, providing insight and direction that can illuminate one's path and offer solutions to complex issues.

Building and nurturing a simple, loving, and burden-free relationship with God can be a transformative experience. Unlike structured religious practices that may sometimes feel restrictive or influenced by the motives of leaders, a personal relationship with God is based on sincerity and mutual respect. This approach allows individuals to connect with God in a manner that feels authentic and empowering. Such a relationship focuses on individual needs and divine support rather than external pressures or expectations, fostering a sense of peace and clarity in one's mission to make a difference.

By transcending the purely material and human aspects of support and seeking spiritual backing, individuals enhance their ability to impact the world positively. This spiritual dimension provides not only guidance and strength but also a profound sense of purpose and alignment with a higher calling. Through prayer and personal connection with God, those dedicated to serving humanity can gain deeper insights, overcome obstacles, and ensure that their efforts are truly in service to a greater good. Such spiritual engagement enriches their journey and fortifies their commitment to making a meaningful impact.

DAY 30

TOPIC: **Become a Blessing: How Your Contribution can Empower Goodness**

Bible Reading

Luke 6:38: Jesus said -

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Proverbs 19:17:

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Matthew 25:35-40; 1 Peter 4:10; Galatians 6:9

BODY:

Finally, I encourage you to become a vital resource for God’s works and services to humanity. Whether you're actively running an initiative or just beginning to explore ways to contribute, it’s important to recognize that withholding your resources from supporting others not only limits their potential but also hinders the flow of blessings and opportunities to yourself. This is a universal principle: when you give, you open the channel for receiving. By generously sharing your resources, you align yourself with the flow of abundance and goodness, contributing to a cycle of positive impact that benefits both you and those around you.

Many impactful initiatives and organizations depend on external support to sustain and expand their efforts. These groups often arise to address critical issues and counteract negative forces in society. For instance, some NGOs are established specifically to counteract harmful movements or social injustices. If these benevolent organizations lack the resources needed to operate effectively, their efforts can be undermined, allowing detrimental forces to gain ground. Supporting these initiatives with your resources—be it time, money, or material goods—ensures that they can continue their vital work, helping to balance the scales of justice and righteousness in the world.

Your resources can take many forms, from financial contributions to tangible items like land, equipment, or food. Even your time and skills as a volunteer can make a significant difference. Donated used clothes, textbooks, and baby items can greatly benefit those in need, while your professional expertise can support various causes. By actively engaging in acts of charity and service, you provide practical help and encouragement to organizations striving to make a positive impact. Your contributions, no matter how seemingly small, can have a profound effect on the success and reach of these initiatives.

As you reflect on the messages of this 30-days devotional, I urge you to step forward and become actively involved in supporting and contributing to initiatives that strive to better the world. Move beyond focusing solely on your immediate family and consider the broader community and global challenges. Too many people remain passive, detached, or indifferent while societal issues persist and worsen. By choosing to serve a purpose and contribute meaningfully, you become part of the solution, helping to address the world’s needs and fostering a spirit of collective responsibility and hope. Let your actions be a testament to your commitment to a better world.

The long term goals of this daily devotional have yet to be initiated. I urge you to continue using it to prepare yourself with information about what lies ahead. Satanism and Anti-Christ are gathering significant support from government, covert societies, media, NGOs, and many mainstream sectors, so it's crucial to be vaccinated with the truths of the Holy Scriptures so that you can stand stronger chance to RESIST, for the sake of your eternal dwelling place.

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