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## YOU WERE DESIGNED TO SOLVE A SPECIFIC PROBLEM



### *Truth Can Appear Suddenly.*

When I was a teenager, I heard a story about a farmer whose son went off to college. The father was a bit concerned over the exposure his son would have to atheistic teaching. He knew how articulate and seductive these skilled communicators could be in spreading their own disease of doubt.

### *Frustration is always contagious.*

His fears were eventually confirmed. His son returned home for a visit, obviously grappling with his faith in God. As they were conversing one day under an old oak tree, the son suddenly blurted out, “Dad, I just can’t believe in God anymore. Why, look at those pumpkins over there on the ground. They are big and heavy, yet have small and tender vines. But, this big oak tree, capable of supporting the weight of the pumpkins, only produces tiny acorns. If there was really an intelligent God of this universe, He would have placed the pumpkin on this oak tree, and the tiny acorn on the fragile vine.”

Suddenly, an acorn fell from the tree, bouncing lightly off the top of the young man’s head. As the truth slowly dawned, he sheepishly spoke, “Dad, thank God that was not a pumpkin!”

At some point, you may question the existence of your Creator. *Your logic will always compete with your faith.*

Especially your explanation of an invisible authority...*God.*

He exists. Our *heart* knows it... *The Evidence of His Presence Far Outweighs The Proof of His Absence*. The world has order...so an Arranger must exist.

A song is proof that a composer lives.

A book is an obvious footprint of an author.

Only fools toil over the question, “Does God exist?” The wise ask *different* questions: Why did He make *me*?

What is His purpose in *my* life?

What does He want *me* to do?

What does He want *me* to be?

What is *my* Assignment on the earth?

What problem was I created to *solve*? What problems am I *highly motivated* to solve?

Someday it will hit you like a bolt of lightning—your Creator is a *planner*...incredibly *organized*...meticulous with *details*...and, like any successful manufacturer, He is totally committed to the success of His product...*you*.

Think on it.

Meditate daily on this truth.

Make up your mind to discover what God has *assigned* you to do.

You are *designed* to solve a specific problem.

#### **RECOMMENDED INVESTMENT:**

The Assignment Vol. 1: The Dream & The Destiny (Book/B-74/164 pg)



# 2

# YOU WERE CREATED TO BE AN INSTRUMENT OF PLEASURE TO GOD



*You Affect God.*

You control the *feelings* of God!

You have the power to pleasure or displeasure Him. The Bible teaches us how to have a relationship with Him. “For Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created,” (Revelation 4:11).

The Bible contains the Personal Profile of our God. His personal likes and dislikes. His dreams and expectations. He is definitely an *extrovert* who enjoys people. He longs to be pursued...and even understood.

## ***4 Things That Pleasure God***

### **1. Prayer Pleasures God.**

“If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land,” (2 Chronicles 7:14).

### **2. Healing Pleasures God.**

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him,” (Acts 10:38).

“Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases,” (Psalm 103:3).

“Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed,” (1 Peter 2:24).

### **3. Evangelism Pleasures God.**

“And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature,” (Mark 16:15).

“How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:14-15).

### **4. Praise Pleasures God.**

“Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!” (Psalm 107:15).

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name,” (Psalm 100:4).

*The Proof of Respect Is The Investment of Time.* So, stop. Invest fifteen minutes every morning in... The Secret Place. Enter singing. Love on God. Ask Him to mentor you. Stay long enough in His presence to create a memory.

**RECOMMENDED INVESTMENTS:**

The God Book (Book/B-26/160 pg)

The Holy Spirit Handbook (Book/B-100/153 pg)



## WHEN YOU PLEASURE GOD HE WILL PLEASURE YOU



### *Picture A Reward System.*

Think of an invisible cord linking your heart to the heart of God. Whatever emotion you create *in His heart* is the *same* feeling you create in your own heart—good or bad, joy or frustration. This means that when you disappoint Him, you will feel it, too...through personal frustration, guilt and emptiness.

Likewise, when you pleasure Him, you will create, within yourself, an almost unexplainable, exhilarating joy and enthusiasm. “If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land,” (Isaiah 1:19).

Depression is usually the proof you have offended The Holy Spirit. He *withdraws*. The Proof of His Presence Is Joy. (See Psalm 16:11.) So focus on obedience...pleasuring His heart.

Joy will be the fragrance He deposits.

# 4

**GOD IS PLEASED THROUGH EACH ACT OF OBEDIENCE THAT  
PROGRESSIVELY COMPLETES HIS DREAMS AND GOALS IN YOUR  
LIFE**



*Instructions Matter.*

There is a reason for His commands and instructions. It is not to create a King-peasant relationship. Each task He requests is a *piece* of the puzzle for tomorrow's success. His restrictions and insistence on holy living simply *eliminate distraction*. It enables you to concentrate on your dream.

*Obedience is simply cooperating with God to achieve your goals.* It may even create a season of pain at first, but it is the Golden Link in the Chain of Success.

“And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight,” (1 John 3:22).

*Listen* to His voice.

*Pursue* His counsel.

*Obey* without negotiation.

When you do so, you schedule the greatest seasons of victory you have ever imagined.

**RECOMMENDED INVESTMENTS:**

Seeds of Wisdom on Obedience (Book/B-20/32 pg) The Strategy of Hourly Obedience (CD/CDS-08)



# 5

## YOUR GREATEST SKILLS AND IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITIES OFTEN REVEAL GOD'S ASSIGNMENT FOR YOUR LIFE



### *What Do You Love Most?*

What would you attempt to do if you knew it was impossible to fail?

You *already* possess special gifts and talents from the Lord. “Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness,” (Romans 12:6-8).

God wants you to pursue those dreams and goals that you love. What you desire the most is usually what you are already gifted to accomplish.

You are not an accident. You are a divine creation, designed for something specific. “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations,” (Jeremiah 1:5). He revealed His calling to Jeremiah—and He will do the same for you!

What do you love to *learn* about?

What do you love to *talk* about?

What do you love to *hear* about?

What do you love to *discuss* with others?

*Love is a signpost to where you belong.*



## YOUR DAILY PROGRESS TOWARD A WORTHWHILE DREAM CREATES SELF-CONFIDENCE, SELF-WORTH AND A SENSE OF SIGNIFICANCE



*Success Is Movement And Progress Toward A God-Inspired Goal.*

You were created to produce, multiply, replenish, rule and increase yourself. The *pastor* strives to increase the membership. The television *evangelist* struggles to go on more stations. The *husband* works hard to buy a larger home.

*Productivity generates pleasure.*

A productive person is usually a happy person, fulfilled and self-confident. Depression is often created by idleness.

“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might,” (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

“By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through,” (Ecclesiastes 10:18).

God is a goal-setter. Uncommon leaders set goals. What are *your* goals for the next five years? Three months?

Here is a 3-minute Assignment that can change your life forever.

1. Write the ten greatest goals you want to achieve during your lifetime.
2. Select the top three goals that unleash your most excitement.
3. Choose one great goal to focus on for thirty days.
4. Pre-plan a celebration for the day you achieve it (always

reward yourself).

**RECOMMENDED INVESTMENTS:**

Secrets of The Richest Man Who Ever Lived (Book/B-99/179  
pg) 7 Overlooked Keys To Effective Goal-Setting (Book/B-127/  
32 pg)



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EVERY TIME YOU SEED ANY PART OF YOUR LIFE BACK INTO  
THE EARTH**



*You Are A Collection of Seeds.*

You have received something from God, something you can give away...called a Seed. Whatever God has in His hand is a Harvest. Sow diligence into your job. Sow time and love into your family. Sow finances into His work. There are many “parts” of you: your time, energy, talents, friendships, money.

Each *part* of you is a Seed.

Sow it, wrapped with your faith in God, for a Harvest, and you create a guaranteed season of blessing and increase into your life.

*Continuous Sowing Creates Continuous Harvests.* Your life can create waves of joy, fulfillment and happiness throughout your entire lifetime.



## DECISION

### Will You Accept Jesus As Your Personal Savior Today?

The Bible says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved," (Romans 10:9).

Pray this prayer from your heart today! *"Dear Jesus, I believe that You died for me and rose again on the third day. I confess I am a sinner...I need Your love and forgiveness...Come into my heart. Forgive my sins. I receive Your eternal life. Confirm Your love by giving me peace, joy and supernatural love for others. Amen."*

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☐ [Yes, Mike](#)! I made a decision to accept Christ as my personal Savior today. Please send me my free gift of your book *31 Keys to a New Beginning* to help me with my new life in Christ.

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