

FREEDOM FROM NEED DOMINATION THROUGH PURPOSE MOTIVATION

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ARE YOU PRAYING PURPOSE OR NEED?

TEXT: Eph. 1:11

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

INTRODUCTION

With life's pressure upon us--family, health, education, housing, ministry, etc.--it is easy to understand why we can be need-dominated. Sometimes, it can feel like we go from one area that demands our attention to another. This never-ending spinning top is not what God has planned for us! We must experience freedom from this need domination! Jesus said in **Mat. 11:28-29:**

v.28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

v.29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

When you discover His purpose for your life, you will experience His easy burden and light yoke. Then you will learn how to walk in freedom. This series will extensively examine answers to the following:

- * Why do I always feel like I am struggling with needs in my life?
- * How do I stop my works and do His?
- * What is God's purpose for my life?
- * How do I keep myself focused in His purpose?

I. THE RULING POWER OF A NEED

- A. Jesus said that a lost person seeks what he needs.

Mat. 6:7-8

v.7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

v.8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Mat. 6:31-32

v.31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

v.32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

B. Needs can rule your mind, will, and emotions.

1. Anxiety and worry can easily lead you when need is evident.

Phi. 4:6

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

1 Pet. 5:7

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

2. You may even find yourself relating to Jesus through what you need.

Luke 10:38-42

v.38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

v.39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

v.40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

v.41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

v.42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

- C. Needs generally come from your former experiences in life, such as illness, debt, family conflicts, commitments we have made which are beyond our means, mistakes we have made, etc.

II. GOD'S VIEW ON MAN'S NEEDS

- A. His answer to our need always exceeds our need.

Phi. 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Eph. 3:20

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

- B. God only answers according to His will, not ours.

Mat. 6:9-11

v.9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

v.10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

v.11 Give us this day our daily bread

Jam. 4:3

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

Example: A farm owner sends a worker to mend the fence.

III. GOD'S PURPOSE EXPLAINED

- A. The origin of His purpose

That which reveals His intention, or why He does a certain thing

1. Purpose originated before anything was created.

Eph. 1:3-4, 9, 11

v.3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

v.4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

v.9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

v.11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Isa. 46:10

Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

2. The why always precedes the what.

A manufacturer designs a product and creates it to fulfill a specific function or purpose; then he builds it, not vice versa.

3. You can never ask the question why to the question what. Why is only in the mind of the originator.

- B. When the thing created is used outside of its intended purpose, you have abuse.

Example: Money abuse, spouse abuse, church abuse, etc.

- C. When the purpose of a thing is discovered, the use of it then follows.

Example: The purpose of the 5-fold ministry gifts

Eph. 4:11-12

v.11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

v.12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

IV. THE PROVISION FOLLOWS PURPOSE

Eph. 1:11

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Rom. 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

BRINGING DREAMS TO REALITY

TEXT: Gen. 1:2-3

v.2 *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

v.3 *And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

INTRODUCTION

Ask yourself, "What would I begin to do today with the dreams and visions of my heart which God has given me if:

1. Money was not a hindering factor
2. The people who are needed to help bring the vision to pass totally cooperated without reserve
3. All the wisdom necessary was freely given to accomplish what I began
4. My family, job, and friends all stood up with total support and affirmed their commitment with me
5. Physically and psychologically, I was so fit that the fear of failure or fainting was banished from my thoughts
6. Finally, I had absolute assurance of heart that what was begun would be expeditiously finished."

It sounds impossible, but it is not! God's purpose is already within you and will undeniably come to pass. Let us examine how. We will, in this session, look at:

- I. The power of purpose's connection
- II. The proclamation principle
- III. The penetration principle

I. THE POWER OF PURPOSE'S CONNECTION

God has made you His ambassador; you must run with His program.

- A. Your spirit is an offspring of God.

John 3:5-6

v.5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

v.6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

- B. Your spirit is a receiver.

1 Cor. 6:17

But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Pro. 20:27

The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

- C. Your spirit jointly agrees with God.

Rom. 8:16

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

- D. Your spirit does not know any physical limitations, it only believes.

Job 32:8

But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Luke 18:27

And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Rom. 10:9-10

v.9 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.

v.10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

- E. Your spirit hears purpose in the midst of chaos.

Chaos:

Rom 8:20-22

v.20 *For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,*

v.21 *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

v.22 *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

Gen. 1:2a

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

Purpose:

Gen. 1:2b

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

1 John 3:8

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

II. THE PROCLAMATION PRINCIPLE

- A. See before you decree.

Gen. 1:3

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

2 Cor. 4:18

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Cor. 4:13

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

Rom. 10:8

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

Deu. 30:14

But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

- B. Do not speak the need.

Mat. 6:30-31

v.30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

v.31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

- C. Out of your spirit speak the words which originate with God's purpose.

III. THE PENETRATION PRINCIPLE

- A. The Word is a sword.

Eph. 6:17b

and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

- B. Nothing escapes the Word's influence.

Heb. 4:12-14

v.12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

v.13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

v.14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

- C. No man escapes the Word's fire.

Jer. 5:14

Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

- D. The Word will succeed.

Isa. 55:11

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

- E. In the presence of insurmountable odds, His Word in your mouth penetrates and prevails.

Jer. 23:29

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

PURPOSE: GOD'S MOTIVATIONAL PLAN

TEXT: Luke 9:62

And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God:

INTRODUCTION

The calling to fulfill God's purpose is an awesome responsibility and adventure. Once you have seen the rule of need dominance and have begun to understand purpose, and you develop a resolve that purpose is indeed God's motivational plan, you want to hook up and go! This session will deal with:

- I. God's inside impeller
- II. How to move from the inside out
- III. How not to look back
- IV. Hook up and go for it!

I. GOD'S INSIDE IMPELLER

- A. Purpose is always originating through His Spirit.

Eph. 1:8-9

v.8 In which he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence,

v.9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself

Isa.46:10-11

v.10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure;

v.11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country; yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

- B. God's good pleasure of His will and purpose will move you on the inside!

Phi. 2: 12-13

v.12 *Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

v. 13 *For it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure*

Worketh = to effect or to be operative and put forth power

To will = to be resolved, purposed, or at the point of doing

To do = same word as "worketh"

II. HOW TO MOVE FROM THE INSIDE OUT

A. Recognize that it is God working inside.

1. Not man's opinion or persuasion

1 The. 2:13

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it, not as the word of men but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

2. It is God's unlimited power--*dunamus*

Eph. 3:20-21

v.20 *Now unto him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.*

v.21 *Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*

B. You must work with Him working in you.

Col 1:25-29

v.25 *Of which I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,*

v.26 *Even the mystery which hath been hidden from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints,*

v.27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory;

v.28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus

v.29 For this I also labor, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Keys for understanding:

1. **v.25** - dispensation of God to me for you; understand that the purpose of the unction or presence of the Holy Spirit enduing you is for His purpose.

1 John 2:20

But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

2. **v.26** - mystery must be manifested by God, not man
3. **v.27** - mystery is Christ in you!
4. **v.29** - I, labor striving--I, with my view of purpose and its end always in sight, contend or struggle with difficulties and all opposition.
5. **v.29** - worketh in me mightily-- "powerfully with power and produces evidence powerfully within me"

III. HOW NOT TO LOOK BACK

Luke 9:62

And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

- A. **To look** = to turn your eyes from one thing to another and gaze upon it
- B. **Back** = the things that are behind
- C. Fix immovable your sight, and do not be distracted by your past, present, or the appearance of the future.

2 Cor. 4:18

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

- D. Remember Lot's wife

IV. HOOK UP AND GO WITH HIS PURPOSE IN SIGHT!

- A. You are the masterpiece of God; do not display His purpose in the ash heap of human endeavors.

Eph. 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

- B. You are an ambassador with purpose, and with God backing you, you cannot fail in His purposes!

PURPOSE: POWER VS. NEED'S DRAG

TEXT: Eph. 1:11

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will

INTRODUCTION

Needs will dominate your vision, motivation, creativity, etc., and thus become the reason you pray, believe, work, serve, etc. All that motivation is from hindsight, or you are filling in a perpetual ditch which you dug yesterday with today's resources.

Purpose motivation, however, is reaching out to the why am I here and what am I to do for Him. Thus, all things work together for good, and He meets needs according to His riches.

I. NEEDS AND WANTS HAVE POWER TO DRAG

A. The proper motivator

Mat. 6:7-8, 32

v.7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

v.8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

v.32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

All the lost are need-dominated.

B. The anxiety or wrong motivator to get you to trust in something to supply.

Mat. 6:24-26

v.24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

v.25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

v.26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Phi. 4:6

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

- C. Cast all care about needs and wants.

1 Pet. 5:7

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

II. THE LORD'S LEADERSHIP IS A DELIVERANCE AND SECURITY.

Psa. 23:1-6

v.1 *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

v.2 *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

v.3 *He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

v.4 *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

v.5 *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

v.6 *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*

III. HIS PURPOSE IN ANYTHING IS THE RELEASE OF PROVISION IN EVERYTHING.

Eph. 1:11

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Rom. 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Do not be concerned when the brook dries up; "there is a widow in the wings."

Read **1 Kings 17**