

Week 1: Your Destiny

WEEK 1 OBJECTIVES

You were created for a purpose, for a destiny, for such a time as this. Whether you realize it now or not, you have a very important role to play upon this earth. It is imperative for you to discover your destiny so you can fulfill your life's purpose. This week will help you begin to discover why you were created. Please look at the week's objectives below. When you complete each objective, check it off so you can be certain you do not miss anything. The objectives for this week include:

- Learn about the seven mountains or spheres of influence (religion, family, education, government, media, art and entertainment, and business)
- Begin to discover what your mountain is
- Receive council from others pertaining to your mountain
- Begin to identify your role within the seven mountains (apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher)
- Begin to turn your desires into realities
- Begin to brainstorm and develop a plan of action to accomplish your destiny
- Learn and understand the value of daily bible reading:
 - The bible is the inspiration of God
 - The bible is your two-edged sword that defeats the devil
 - The bible keeps you from being deceived
 - The bible is a doorway into the miracle realm
- Read the following portions of scriptures:
 - Genesis 44:1-Exodus 7:25
 - Matthew 14:13-19:12
 - Psalm 18:37-23:6
 - Proverbs 4:11-5:23

VERY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

The following questions are perhaps some of the most important questions you need to answer. What am I created for? What am I supposed to do in my life? What is my purpose? What is my destiny?

As we progress through this manual, you will be asking the Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit to reveal to you what your true destiny is. You will also ask the Lord to reveal everything that might be keeping you from fulfilling your true life's purpose. You may be surprised at the revelations you receive from God. You might even discover that what you are doing right now, is not even close to what God has created you to do. Also keep in mind, your destiny can change and transition through various stages in your life. Let's begin to narrow down your destiny.

THE SEVEN MOUNTAINS

The divine revelation pertaining to the seven mountains of cultural influence has been public for many years now. The premise of this teaching revolves around this belief: In order to truly transform any nation with the gospel of Jesus Christ, the seven spheres, facets, or mountains of society must be reached. The main seven mountains are: Religion, Family, Education, Government, Media, Arts and Entertainment, and Business. Within these seven mountains are numerous sub-divisions which we will not go into very much.

Of course not every job or ministry call fits clearly into the one of the mountains. For example, the medical field, science, and engineering don't seem to fit nicely in one of those boxes. Certainly science is shaping culture. Even if your destiny does not perfectly fit in one of the seven spheres, it doesn't disqualify you.

With that being said, I believe most human beings are called to influence a specific mountain. You are also called to influence at least one mountain. Let's go into greater detail surrounding each mountain.

RELIGION MOUNTAIN

All societies have some type of belief in a higher being or beings. In eastern countries, religions tend to be polytheistic (many gods) or idolatrous. In western countries, Christianity and Catholicism are predominant. However, the concept of God is being rejected more and more in the west.

The Christian Church should have great influence in all spheres that make up a society. It is the Church's responsibility to reach lost souls with the love and gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ. It is the Church's mandate to expand the kingdom of God worldwide.

You may be called by Jesus to quit your job, close your business, and sell your possessions to influence this mountain. The Lord might be commissioning you to become a full-time pastor of a church, a missionary, or an evangelist crusade worker. This manual will help you determine if you are called to the Religion Mountain.

This is the main mountain my wife, Dawn and I have been called to. We previously ran several businesses, and all our time was occupied with being successful and making money. Years ago, the Lord instantly and radically shifted my value system. Within months, our businesses were shut down, 90% of our possessions were given away, and our cash was sown into others. We were virtually stripped to nothing, attended ministry school, and became full-time missionaries. It was one of the best decisions we ever made.

FAMILY MOUNTAIN

In all healthy societies, the family is a cornerstone of the community. It is within the family where children often learn values and morals. Without a strong family, children can easily become victims of violence, substance abuse, or sexual promiscuity. It is the devil's plan to divide and destroy the family structure. If satan is able to accomplish his plan the family structure will crumble.

In Mark 3:24-25 Jesus gave insight into the importance of unity. The bible says:

²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

Unfortunately, families worldwide are under constant and prolonged attack from the enemy. The devil knows how powerful healthy families are. It is this reason why there is an epidemic of divorce, fatherlessness, verbal, emotional, and/or sexual abuse, pornography, homosexual marriage, and other negative influences. The devil does everything he can to destroy family unity.

God is calling both biological and spiritual mothers and fathers to help bring order to the turmoil the enemy has unleashed upon the family structure. God is desiring to heal, restore, purify, and redeem broken marriages, families, and lives. I believe we are living in the time when God is really turning the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers.¹⁷ In the weeks ahead, we will learn more about creating healthy marriages and families.

You may be called to influence the Family Mountain. The Lord might even ask you to quit your job or close your business in order to be the father or mother He wants you to be. If God does ask you to exit your job, I believe He will provide a way for your financial needs.

Perhaps the Lord is calling you to be a spiritual father or mother to broken youths. Maybe you are being called into family counseling or mentorship. Possibly you are being instructed to become a stay-at-home mom or dad. If so, this manual will help you determine if you are called to the Family Mountain.

EDUCATION MOUNTAIN

In years past, the United States education system incorporated the bible, prayer, and biblical values in the public school system. Unfortunately, this is not the case today. The God of the bible has been expelled from the Education Mountain.

Students in the public education system are now being inundated with liberal ideologies, anti-christ view points, and perverted sexuality. Our society is being indoctrinated with false, biased, and anti-biblical information. This type of teaching pushes students further away from God, the bible, and truth. This can result in a sick, Christ rejecting nation.

In order to combat this, we need true lovers of the Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit to be positioned in the Education Mountain. Christians are the light of the world.¹⁸ It is our responsibility to shine bright for others to see.

17 Malachi 4:5-6: Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet
Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

⁶ And he will turn
The hearts of the fathers to the children,
And the hearts of the children to their fathers,
Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

18 Matthew 5:14: You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Our school system is in desperate need of a re-introduction of biblical truths and bible-centric values. This is a major key in the renewal and restoration in America's educational system.

Perhaps you are called to the Education Mountain. You might desire to be a teacher, principal, student counselor, bus driver, or anything else surrounding the school system. The people who influence the education sphere will most likely impact the Family Mountain as well. This manual will help you determine if you are called to the Education Mountain.

GOVERNMENT MOUNTAIN

The Government or Political Mountain is extremely important. The character, values, morality, or lack thereof in a country's leadership will certainly impact the nation. Let's look at the bible together and see what it says in this regards. In Proverbs 14:34 the bible says:

*³⁴ Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin is a reproach to any people.*

The bible clearly states that when a nation is righteous, it is exalted. However, when it is ruled by sin it is a disgrace. The only way for a person to become righteous—or right with God—is by receiving Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. A person cannot be made righteous by their own efforts. Righteousness is a gift already given by God through Jesus Christ, but must be received by people.

The people who receive the free gift of righteousness are in right standing with God. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:21:

²¹ For He [Father God] made Him [Jesus Christ] who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

If you have received Jesus Christ into your heart and your sins washed away by His blood, you are automatically righteous. It is imperative we have righteous leaders ruling our nation.

A person cannot be made righteous outside of Jesus Christ. Listen to what the prophet Isaiah wrote in chapter 64 verse 6a-b:

*⁶ But we are all like an unclean thing,
And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags...*

Every person outside of Jesus Christ is like an unclean thing. All of their good deeds and right actions are like filthy rags. We need to receive the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ to be made righteous.

Let's shift our attention a little and look at a national leader recorded in the bible who did right in the sight of the Lord. His name was Hezekiah. In 2 Kings 18:1-8 the bible says:

¹ Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea the son of Elah, king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. ² He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. ³ And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father David had done.

⁴ He removed the high places and broke the sacred pillars, cut down the wooden image and broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for until those days the children of Israel burned incense to it, and called it Nehushtan. ⁵ He trusted in the Lord God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him. ⁶ For he held fast to the Lord; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the Lord had commanded Moses. ⁷ The Lord was with him; he prospered wherever he went. And he rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him. ⁸ He subdued the Philistines, as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower to fortified city.

In 2 Chronicles chapter 31 we see additional reforms King Hezekiah made to honor the Lord. Verse 10 sums up how the Lord blessed the entire nation for their faithfulness to Him, initiated by Hezekiah.

¹⁰ And Azariah the chief priest, from the house of Zadok, answered him and said, "Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord, we have had enough to eat and have plenty left, for the Lord has blessed His people; and what is left is this great abundance."

By looking at examples from the bible, we can see how a country can prosper when its leaders follow the Lord. Likewise, it is clear to see how a nation degenerates when its leader is corrupt and wicked. This was the case when King Ahab ruled over Israel.

Ahab was an evil ruler. In 1 Kings 16:33 the bible says:

³³ And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

Not only was Ahab an evil ruler, but he was stirred by his horrific wife Jezebel.¹⁹ Together they reigned with corruption and defiled the land and God's people. Their tyranny resulted in major defilement. Jezebel herself was involved in a bloody massacre,²⁰ harlotries, and witchcraft.²¹

Ahab was so delusional in his sin he thought good was evil, and evil good. Listen to the conversation Ahab had with one of the Lord's most faithful prophets, Elijah. Ahab and Elijah's dialogue is recorded in 1 Kings 18:17-19:

¹⁷ Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, "Is that you, O troubler of Israel?"

19 1 Kings 21:25: But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the Lord, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up.

20 1 Kings 18:4: For so it was, while Jezebel massacred the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah had taken one hundred prophets and hidden them, fifty to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water.

21 2 Kings 9:22: Now it happened, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, "Is it peace, Jehu?" So he answered, "What peace, as long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcraft are so many?"

¹⁸ *And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and have followed the Baals. ¹⁹ Now therefore, send and gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."*

Ahab and Jezebel led the nation to worship Baal, a false god. They also instated false prophets to minister to the people. Their debauchery left the nation in a broken, sick, and corrupt condition.

I think we have made it clear why the Government Mountain needs to be inhabited by God-loving, and God-fearing Christians. The goal is to put in place righteous political leaders that will positively affect all aspects of government.

You may be called into the Government Mountain, and I hope you are. Perhaps your heart burns for the righteousness of your nation. You might be called to be the next mayor, senator, governor, prime minister, or president. This manual will help you determine if you belong in the Government Mountain.

MEDIA MOUNTAIN

The Media Mountain includes news sources from television, radio, newspapers, books, magazines, Internet news, and blog style sites. The media has the potential to sway popular opinion on current issues based upon their reportings. Sadly, their information is not always truthful or accurate. This was clearly seen by the propaganda generated across the world during the World War II era. I believe the biased and misleading nature of the news reported during that time, fueled the war and delayed its outcome.

Fortunately, there has been a rise in Christian news services. However, to bring transformation to the Media Mountain, Christians who are called into this type of work must be willing to report righteously and truthfully in the secular marketplace. They must fear God more than man.

Perhaps you are called into the Media Mountain. The Lord may call you on a worldwide National Geographic excursion reporting on various ethnic cultures. Perhaps the Lord might ask you to become a journalist and record the increasing persecution and murder Christians are facing globally. Regardless of what mountain you are called to, this manual will help place you.

ART AND ENTERTAINMENT MOUNTAIN

The Art and Entertainment Mountain contains some of the most influential forces shaping society. The genres of filmmaking, television, music, performing arts, and social media fall into this mountain. The people in this sphere drive cultural values, morals, standards, and tastes. This mountain also significantly influences the youth. Hollywood and New York City greatly influences this mountain.

It is sad to say, but most current TV shows, movies, and music have a strong appeal towards sex, drugs, and rock-n-roll. Therefore, the body of Christ needs powerful, righteous men and women to invade this sphere of influence. Christians who enter into this mountain cannot be influenced by money, power, or position. They must be firmly grounded on the rock.²²

²² Matthew 7:24-27: Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

²⁶ But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was

Is it possible you are called to the Art and Entertainment Mountain? Perhaps you have a gift in acting. Maybe God has blessed you with physical beauty. You could be a super model for Jesus. Perhaps you have a gift of screen writing, or maybe you have an eye behind a camera. If you are not sure if you are called to this sphere, this manual will help you find out.

BUSINESS MOUNTAIN

The world we live in is greatly influenced by money. It costs money to buy groceries, travel on vacation, and buy a car. It also costs finances to advance the kingdom of God. There are many people who have had to leave the mission field due to a lack of finances. I understand the Lord provides, but He often uses people to provide for His ministers. If you are living in poverty, it is hard to sow financially into God's work.

The ability to create wealth through enterprise, ingenuity, creativity, and hard work is a great gift to possess. The economic systems and markets that transpire when citizens are free to buy and sell becomes the life force of the nation. This can include anything from mom-and-pop shops to Fortune 500 corporations.

It is past time for Christians to invade the Business Mountain. When you think about it, Christians really should be coming up with all the best business strategies. We have direct access to Almighty God who is the giver of divine revelation.

The body of Christ must embrace its responsibility to train up those who are called into the marketplace. We also need to manage businesses while providing leadership with integrity and honesty. I believe it is the Lord's will to make His people prosperous. I also believe God desires His people to use the wealth given to them to finance the work of kingdom expansion.

If you are called into the Business Mountain, you will need to have a kingdom mindset. The plan of acquiring wealth should not solely be upon building your own empire, but rather advancing His. There is nothing wrong with having money and being financially secure. I think all Christians should be. The bible says the Lord will make us the head and not the tail.²³ We should be ahead of the world in all areas including finances.

Do you know if you are called to the Business Mountain? Does your heart burn to start and create new businesses? Do you desire to work on Wall Street? Perhaps your ambitions aren't quite so large, but only want to start a small business selling flowers. Whatever your business desire is, you must operate with integrity and a kingdom mindset. If you are not certain you belong in this mountain, this manual will help you discover that.

In the following weekly activations, we help you focus on what mountain or mountains you best occupy. I encourage you to fully participate in the activations and write down your results and revelations in the space provided. After you receive revelation on what you were created to do here on earth, you will need to overcome obstacles that might be blocking your path. In Weeks 3-7, we focus on removing those road blocks. Before you begin your activation for today on the following page, I would love to pray for you.

its fall.

23 Deuteronomy 28:13: And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.

CAN I PRAY FOR YOU?

In the name of Jesus Christ, I speak an alignment to your God-given spirit, soul, and body right now. I say come into your proper order. I speak to your spiritual ears and eyes to clearly hear and see what the Heavenly Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit are doing right now in your life. I declare you will receive everything the Lord has for you as you go through this manual. I call forth life-changing revelation to transpire for you right now in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

DAY 1 ACTIVATION

WHAT'S YOUR MOUNTAIN?

Date _____

Now that you have an understanding of the Seven Mountains or spheres of cultural influence, where do you belong? In the days and weeks ahead, this is the question we will focus on answering. Fortunately, God already has the answer waiting for you. You just need to get it from Him. Sometimes God will download it directly into you. Other times you might have to search it out a little.²⁴ Let's begin by answering the following question. Be sure to record your answers, and be prepared to share them.

1) When you read the various descriptions of each mountain, did you feel your spirit "leaping for joy" in any of the mountains? If so, which one(s)? If not, why not?

DAY 1 BIBLE READING PLAN

THE INSPIRATION OF GOD

The Daily Bible Reading Plan is extremely important to complete each day. The bible says in 2 Timothy 3:16-17:

¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The bible is written by human beings, but it is inspired by God. The bible is our handbook or field guide on how to navigate life. It is our standard for living. By reading your bible, understanding what God is speaking to you, and applying His words, you will be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The following Daily Bible Reading Plan is the same arrangement the One Year Bible® uses. I really like this breakdown of the bible because the reader gets a daily dose of the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalm, and Proverb. When you read the bible this way, you will see how amazing the Old and New Testaments flow together. I pray you will read your bible daily, and God will encounter you powerfully through His word.

24 Proverbs 25:2: It is the glory of God to conceal a matter,
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

DAY 2 ACTIVATION

THE COUNCIL OF OTHERS

Date _____

After yesterday’s activation, did you receive any revelation from the Lord regarding your mountain(s)? Sometimes it can be difficult to hear clearly from the Lord regarding your own circumstances or directions. This is why it can be beneficial to receive counsel, guidance, and advice from others.²⁵ Ultimately though, whatever advice you receive from other people needs to be confirmed to you by the Lord.

In my life personally, I have received council from many people. Some of the most significant decisions I have ever made came from the counsel of other people. However, I did not respond to their words until the Lord confirmed the words to me specifically.

1) By the end of the week, ask five people who know you what mountain(s) they think you belong in. Be sure to record the person’s name and their comments below. Be prepared to share the feedback you receive.

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

25 Proverbs 11:14: Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

d)

e)

DAY 2 BIBLE READING PLAN

YOUR TWO-EDGED SWORD

Regularly reading your bible has some major benefits. The bible is your double-edged sword you use in spiritual combat. It is a weapon of warfare. In Ephesians 6:10-18, the bible speaks about the Christian's full armor of God. For now, I want to draw your attention to verse 17. The bible says:

¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

The bible also says in Hebrews 4:12:

¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The bible is the word of God. Your bible is also your sword. It is an extremely powerful tool in your hand. No warrior goes into battle without his weapon. So too, the Christian warrior must have the word of God firmly sealed in his heart.

Before you begin your daily bible reading, I want to draw your attention back to the first phrase in Hebrews 4:12. The bible says:

^{12a} For the word of God is living and powerful...

The bible is not merely a book with words on the pages. The words contained in the bible are alive. During your daily reading time, you will find certain bible verses or phrases that seem to jump off the page at you. That is God speaking directly to you. His word is living and powerful. When God speaks to you, it is very valuable to write down the revelations you have received.

DAY 3 ACTIVATION**YOUR ROLE WITHIN THE SEVEN MOUNTAINS**

Date _____

If you are still struggling to determine your destiny call within one of the seven mountains, don't worry. We are still in the very early stages of this manual, and as you go through this course you will receive new tools and revelations. It is also possible that your destiny is buried deep within you. We will let the Holy Spirit excavate and pull it out.

Regardless if you know the exact mountain you are called to yet or not, do the following exercises as best you can. Relax and have fun.

IDENTIFYING YOUR ROLE WITHIN THE SEVEN MOUNTAINS

The Apostle Paul, directed by the Holy Spirit, gave great insight into various functions and roles a person can have. The insight is found in Ephesians 4:11-12. It is known as the five-fold ministry. I believe every person functions in at least one of these roles, regardless of what mountain they operate in. However, some people operate at much higher levels in those roles than others, but all have a role. Let's look at the verses together, and then we will break each role down and look at them in greater detail. The bible says:

¹¹ And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

According to the scriptures, the main purpose of the five-fold ministry gifts is to equip and edify other people. However, each role in the five-fold has a different "job description." Let's briefly look at these in greater detail. We will first look at the biblical understanding of the five-fold of each role, and then apply them to one of the seven mountains.

APOSTLE

The word, "apostle" simply means an ambassador of the gospel who is sent out on a mission. They have been equipped with supernatural power and spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit to fulfill the mission. Apostolic ministry usually involves laying a solid Christian foundation.

In the case of Paul and Barnabas, we see this expressed in church planting as they preached the gospel in new areas. The apostles in the scriptures often worked in teams. An example of an apostolic person operating in the Business Mountain could be somebody running multiple businesses, and training their employees to run them.

PROPHET

A prophet is one who speaks, or communicates a message authoritatively, as moved by the Holy Spirit. According to Deuteronomy 18:22, "If one prophesies in the name of Lord and the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him."

Prophetic people usually see visions, dream dreams, and hear God clearly. They often receive divine revelation directly from the Lord about any subject. An example of a person operating in the prophetic five-fold role in the Arts and Entertainment Mountain could be a scriptwriter in Hollywood.

If the scriptwriter is able to touch the heart of Father God, hear what is on His mind, and then write a movie script according to God’s design, they could be operating in the five-fold prophetic role in the Arts and Entertainment Mountain. This is a very important and needed ministry call.

EVANGELIST

An evangelist is someone who desires that all should come to know the truth that God loves everyone so much that He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die for their redemption, or someone who is gifted to proclaim this message.

Evangelists are often identified as “salespeople.” They are able to present the gospel in way for others to easily understand, and then respond to. A possible example of “an evangelist” operating in the Government Mountain could be a presidential candidate. It is their desire to successfully communicate their beliefs, stances, value system, and positions, and then “sell their view points” to voters.

PASTOR

The word, “pastor” simply means, “shepherd.” Pastors are usually gifted to guide, lead, and set an example for other Christians.

An example of a person operating in a pastoral role in the Education Mountain could be a high school volleyball coach. The coach often develops a close relationship her athletes. The coach will attempt to guide, lead, and prepare the team to be successful.

TEACHER

A teacher is someone who is able to understand the more difficult things of God and explain them in a way that is easy to understand and live by in a person’s daily life. A person operating in the five-fold role as a teacher in the Family Mountain might be a mother. The mother will often teach their children what is right and wrong, while establishing boundaries.

1) Now that we have established what the various five-fold ministry roles are, what category do you fall into? In the space below, write down what you think. Why do you think you operate in that role? Do other people agree with you?

DAY 3 BIBLE READING PLAN

DEFEAT THE DEVIL

In the days past, we have learned the value of reading the bible. We saw how the bible is the inspired word of God. We also saw how it is your two-edged sword. Today, we will see how this sword is used to combat the devil.

When Jesus was tempted by the devil in Matthew 4:1-11,²⁶ Jesus used the word of God to combat him. In verses 4, 6, and 7, Jesus said, "It is written..." quoting, Deuteronomy 8:3,²⁷ Psalm 91:11-12,²⁸ and Deuteronomy 6:16.²⁹ So too, you combat the enemy with the word of God. It is important therefore, you know the bible.

- ♦ Genesis 5:1-7:24
- ♦ Matthew 3:7-4:11
- ♦ Psalm 3:1-8
- ♦ Proverbs 1:10-19

2) In the space below, write down a scripture verse, revelation, or anything else the Lord spoke to you from the bible.

26 Matthew 4:1-11: Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. ³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." ⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

27 Deuteronomy 8:3: So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.

28 Psalm 91:11-12: For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. ¹² In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

29 Deuteronomy 6:16: You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted Him in Massah.

DAY 4 ACTIVATION

DESIRES INTO REALITY

Date _____

I hope you are getting excited about identifying the call on your life and uncovering your heart’s desires. Did you know it was God who placed the call upon your life and imparted those desires into your heart? God has placed so much inside of you. It is part of your responsibility to get on the same page as Him, so you can fulfill your destiny. Over the next three day’s activations, you will begin to turn your heart’s desires into reality.

However, before you jump into major life changing decisions, you need to do some research, planning, and praying. You should explore and evaluate your personal goals and calling on your life. You can then use this information to build a comprehensive and thoughtful plan.

Developing a plan will force you to think through important issues that you may not have considered. Your plan can become a valuable tool to follow as the Lord begins to stretch and mold you. It will serve as a blueprint for moving forward into your destiny.

1) Begin by brain storming your ideas by answering the following questions. The premise of the questions will answer this primary question: What does it practically look like for me to step into my destiny? Record your answers below and be prepared to share them.

a) What mountain am I interested in influencing?

b) What do I like to do with my time?

c) How will I logically be able to pay my bills?

d) How will I be able to take care of my family?

e) Do I have the support of my family, especially my spouse?

DAY 4 BIBLE READING PLAN

BE NOT DECEIVED

I am such a huge believer in daily reading my bible, because of what Jesus spoke in Luke 21:8 and Mark 13:22. Let's look at those scriptures together. Jesus said:

⁸ Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, "I am He," and, "The time has drawn near." Therefore do not go after them.

²² For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

An antidote to being deceived is to know the truth. It is the truth that will set you free.³⁰ The bible is the inspired word of God, and it is truth.

Jesus is also known as "the Word." This is validated by looking at the following two scriptures.

1 John 5:7

⁷ For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

John 1:1

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- ♦ Genesis 8:1-10:32
- ♦ Matthew 4:12-25
- ♦ Psalm 4:1-8
- ♦ Proverbs 1:20-23

2) In the space below, write down a scripture verse, revelation, or anything else the Lord spoke to you from the bible.

30 John 8:32: And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

DAY 5 ACTIVATION

BRAINSTORMING

Date _____

1) We will pick up where we left off yesterday. Again, the premise of the questions below, will answer this primary question: What does it practically look like for me to step into my destiny? Record your answers below and be prepared to share them.

a) What skills, resources, and giftings do I have?

b) What do others say I am good at?

c) How much time do I have to devote to making some life changes?

d) Do I have any hobbies or interests that can help me?

e) How great are my risks?

DAY 5 BIBLE READING PLAN

THE BIBLE IS A DOORWAY

To help whet your appetite for the weeks ahead, you should know the bible is actually a doorway into the heavenly realm. Later in this manual, you will learn how to use the living and powerful word of God as a gateway to encounter God on a personal level. The bible is actually a doorway to experience the heavenly realm here on earth.

- ♦ Genesis 11:1-13:4
- ♦ Matthew 5:1-26
- ♦ Psalm 5:1-12
- ♦ Proverbs 1:24-28

2) In the space below, write down a scripture verse, revelation, or anything else the Lord spoke to you from the bible.

DAY 6 ACTIVATION

DEVELOPING A PLAN

Date _____

1) We will pick up where we left off in the previous days. Remember, the premise of the questions below, will answer this primary question: What does it practically look like for me to step into my destiny? Record your answers below and be prepared to share them.

a) What additional skills and experience do I have?

b) What services or products can I offer? Is there a book I can write, or DVD to produce?

c) What equipment or supplies will I need?

d) What are my resources?

e) Do I have a support system around me like a church, intercessors, an overseer, or a pastor?

DAY 6 BIBLE READING PLAN

- ♦ Genesis 13:5-15:21
- ♦ Matthew 5:27-48
- ♦ Psalm 6:1-10
- ♦ Proverbs 1:29-33

2) In the space below, write down a scripture verse, revelation, or anything else the Lord spoke to you from the bible.

DAY 7 ACTIVATION

REST IN THE LORD

Date _____

The first week of this program may have been a “game changer” for you. However, I really encourage you not to make any major changes in your life just yet. At least wait until next week. Today is a day for you to rest in the Lord pertaining to the new revelations you have received this week.

Did you know the bible actually promises an opportunity for us to enter into God’s rest? The scriptures say in Hebrews 4:1:

¹ Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

1) What does it look like to you to rest in the Lord? Perhaps you want to turn on some soft instrumental music, sit on the couch, and let God speak to you. Maybe you want to enjoy a walk in nature with the Heavenly Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit. How about a wonderful walk on the beach? Position yourself today to rest in the Lord. I really encourage you to spend at least 15-minutes today resting in the Lord. Write your experiences down in the space below, and be prepared to share what you wrote.

DAY 7 BIBLE READING PLAN

- ♦ Genesis 16:1-18:15
- ♦ Matthew 6:1-24
- ♦ Psalm 7:1-17
- ♦ Proverbs 2:1-5

2) In the space below, write down a scripture verse, revelation, or anything else the Lord spoke to you from the bible.
