

Life Management 1
Discovering Destiny

Student Manual

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C. Three parts are involved in any attempt at “life management”

There are three parts to fulfilling destiny:

1. Getting a Vision from God (Acts 26:19)

Getting a vision involves:

- a. Understanding God’s _____.
- b. Understanding God’s _____.
- c. Understanding my _____ in the Body of Christ.

2. Managing the Vision

Managing a vision involves:

- a. Setting _____ relative to the vision.
- b. Managing your _____ (your physical body, your time, your money, your mental capacities and your natural and spiritual gifts).

- c. Adding _____ to the vision.

3. Accomplishing the Vision

Accomplishing a vision involves:

- a. _____ a good fight.
- b. _____ toward the mark.
- c. _____ the race.

Lesson 2-3

The Dominion Mandate

A. The Dominion Mandate Defined

1. When God created man He created him good and gave him a charge that is summarized in Genesis 1:26-28.

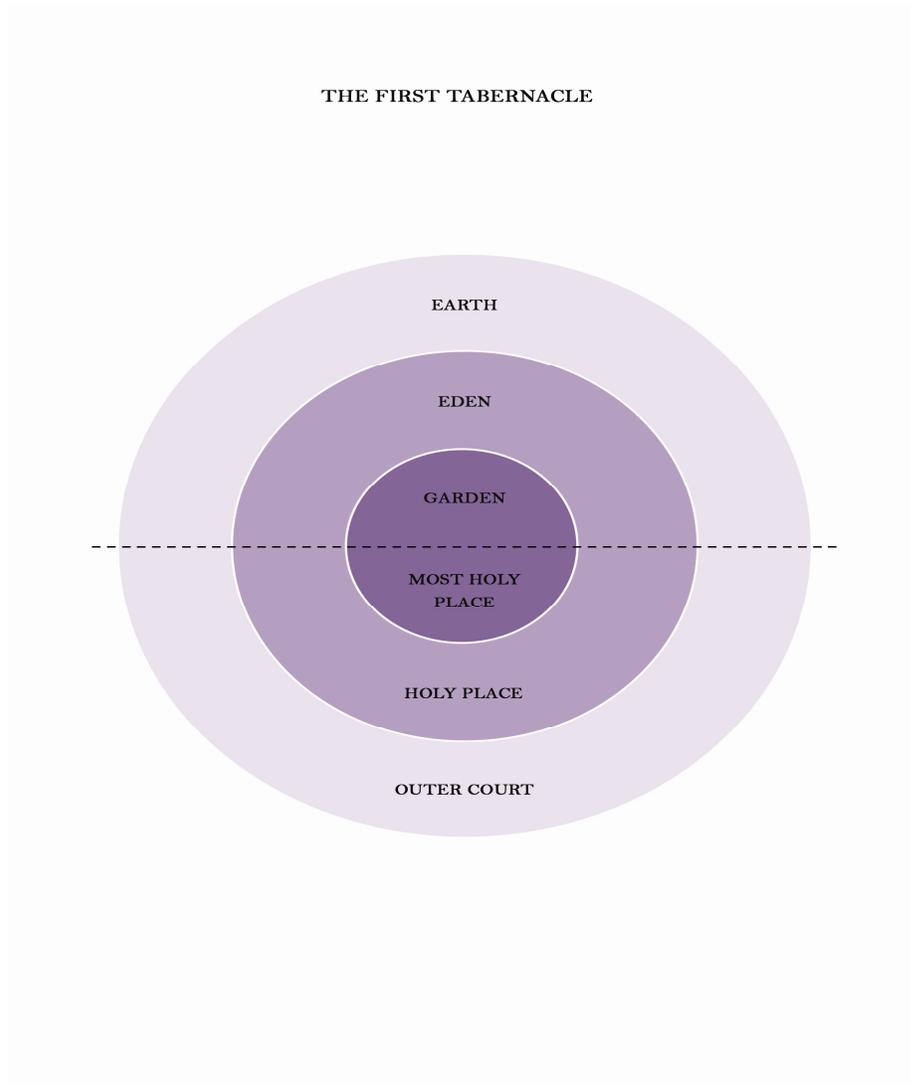
Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

2. This charge faithfully reflects God's father's heart and His eternal purpose.
 - a. God desired _____—a man/woman in His image.
 - b. God desired His offspring to _____ to fill up the earth.
 - c. God desired that His offspring would reach a place of to reflect His _____ and nature.
 - d. God desired to have an intimate _____ with His offspring.
 - e. God desired that His offspring would enter into a God-like _____.
 - f. God desired that His offspring would eventually qualify as _____ for the Eternal Son of God.
3. This charge involved man entering into god-like function and a _____ with God in His business.

The Father's business involves ruling and reigning. It involves bringing divine order and establishing dominion over all of the created world.

4. This charge involved a challenge for Adam to _____.
 - a. The word "subdue" means "to tread down, conquer, subjugate, bring into subjection." It is the root word that serves as a basis for the word "footstool."

- b. God is implying that there is an enemy out there who is going to challenge man's right to bear rule and who will seek to overcome him. Man is given the challenge to bring him under and tread him down.
- c. God planted man in a garden in Eden upon the earth, but he wanted man through his faithfulness to the commission to bring all of the earth under his rule.



- d. God's plan was for the whole earth to become a garden of the Lord (See diagram).
- e. In order for Adam to accomplish this, he would have to become aggressive to bring both the earth and the enemy who would try to resist him under subjection.

5. This charge to Adam has _____.

- a. Even though Adam sinned and became a slave to sin, God’s plan is that through Christ, dominion would be restored.
- b. God wants a godly offspring who will be fruitful and multiply bringing divine rule and order to every area of life on this planet earth.

B. The Three Main Challenges to Mankind relative to the Dominion Mandate

God’s charge to Adam involves three main concepts. Adam was to be fruitful, he was to subdue and he was to exercise dominion.

1. The charge to Adam to be fruitful.

- a. When God used the word “fruitful” He was not speaking of character development or maturity, He was talking numbers.
- b. He wanted Adam with the help of his wife, to “fill up” the earth with godly offspring all reflecting the same image and likeness in which Adam had been created.
- c. He wanted the earth to be populated with a godly people living under the government of God all bearing the stamp of God’s image upon them.
- d. When He gave the promise of plenteous offspring to the Father of the Faith in Genesis 22:17-18, He was communicating His Father’s heart to this earthly father Abraham.

“...blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

Genesis 22:17-18

2. The charge to Adam to subdue the earth.

- a. God was essentially saying to Adam, “I want you to conquer this earth. I want you to bring it into subjection so that all of this earth is corresponding to My will and purpose. I want you to make this earth your footstool.”
- b. God was implying to Adam that this subjection would not be automatic.

- c. God's desire was that, as Adam was faithful to dress and keep this garden that He had placed in his hands, Adam would be able to extend the borders of the garden, with the help of his faithful offspring, so the whole earth would become a garden of the Lord.
- d. This desire of God has not changed (Is. 11:9; 45:6; Hab. 2:14).

3. The charge to Adam to take dominion.

C. What it means to "Subdue the Earth"

A subduing ministry involves five things:

1. Making your enemies _____.

We know the enemies that must be dealt with are essentially spiritual in nature. This was true with Adam and its true for us, his descendents. Adam failed to subdue his real enemy and was, in fact, subdued himself. But Christ who is the last Adam restored man's ability to conquer by dealing a mortal wound to the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15; Colossians 2:15). Now as the head of the church He is seated waiting until the church, which is His body, walks out this victory in their experience (Psalm 110:1-2; Hebrews 10:12-13; Ephesians 1:19-23).

2. Putting your feet on _____.

Many spiritual kings are to be defeated by the church. The gates of hell will not prevail against God's victorious army (Matthew 16:18). God's promises to His people have always included the "necks" of their enemies.

"Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies." Genesis 49:8

When kings were conquered by an army, before they were beheaded the conquering people would put their feet on the necks of these kings symbolizing their absolute victory (Joshua 10:24; II Samuel 22:38-41).

"And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly." Romans 16:20

3. Bringing an enemy _____.

Subduing an enemy is to force that enemy to serve you rather than you becoming its servant (II Chronicles 28:10; Jeremiah 34:11, 16). There was a time, due to Adam's fall, that we were the servants of sin, but now God has, through the work of the last Adam, made us to rule over sin (Romans 6:8-23).

4. Driving out all enemies and _____.

God has given us a rich inheritance. In fact He has given all things for the pleasure of his people (Ephesians 1:9-11; Revelations 21:7). He gave Abraham the entire earth but he had to walk through it and subdue it (Genesis 13:14-17).

He gave Israel the whole land of Palestine but they had to go through it and possess it (Numbers 32:20-22, 29; Joshua 18:1). This involved driving out all the enemies dwelling in the land. Israel failed to drive out all their enemies. They tolerated some because of their strength. They compromised with others because of their own love of ease. But God raised up David to drive all these well-noted enemies out and he extended the borders of the kingdom further than they had ever been extended before (II Samuel 8:11). David drove out the stubborn ones.

God is returning the spirit of David to His people, which is not tolerant of long-time enemies. God is building in His people a fresh intolerance of sin and its inroads into the lives of people. God is sharpening the instruments of war among the people of God so they can effectively wage war with previously unmolested enemies.

5. _____.

God clearly told His people that the whole land was theirs (Genesis 13:14-17), but they had to walk through it (Deuteronomy 11:22-25). God told them every place the sole of their foot tread upon would be theirs (Joshua 1:13). God said through His power we would be able to tread down all our enemies (Psalms 60:12; 108:13; 91:13). Jesus specifically gave this power to His disciples (Luke 10:19-20).

The problem with most Christians is they have not realized that all of the land belongs to them. They have run from the lion and the cobra rather than picking them up by the tail (Psalms 91:13; Exodus 4:4).

God wants the church to take this mandate to subdue seriously. He wants the church to be ready to bring the forces of this world into subjection to the will and purpose of God (I Corinthians 15:27-28). The workings of Christ and the power of Christ in our life are designed for this very purpose (Philippians 3:21).

D. What God means when He says “Take Dominion”

The third aspect of the dominion mandate is the logical outworking of the second. God ultimately wants His people to reign in this life. We are to exercise dominion.

1. The word “dominion” means “to take possession of and _____”.
2. God created Adam to be _____ in relation to the rest of creation.

3. Even as Christ came to “shatter the forehead of Moab” so He made us to have dominion over the works of His hands (Psalm 8:6).
4. The promise to God’s obedient people is they would reign over many nations but those nations would not reign over them (Deuteronomy 15:6).
5. God’s people are to be the kings and the priests that reign *on the earth* (Revelations 5:10).

God wants to use His people in this day as a David company to extend His dominion to the ends of the earth. God wants His people to see themselves as kingdom builders concerned about all of life and every area of life. God wants a kingdom that extends from sea to sea (Psalms 72:8).

E. How the Dominion Mandate relates to “Life Management”

1. We will never be able to accomplish the dominion mandate without _____
_____.
2. Taking dominion begins with taking dominion _____
and the issues of our own life.
3. Taking dominion extends to those over whom we bear _____
(our family, our business, etc.).

Lesson 4-6 Discovering Life Purpose

“God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life!”

A. Discovering life purpose begins with _____.

What we need to know about God:

1. There is _____.
2. God is a _____ God.
3. God can be _____ with.
4. God _____ Himself in our lives.
5. God cares about _____ of our lives (Mt. 10:30; Ps. 56:8; Ex. 3:7; Ps. 139:1-16).
6. God has _____ for our lives—the will of God (Col. 1:1, 9; 4:12).
7. God wants _____ that plan to us (Ps. 32:8; Eph. 5:17).
8. God’s plan for us forms _____ for our purpose in life.

B. Discovering life purpose requires acknowledging God is love.

God is a good God who thinks good thoughts toward us and has good things in store for us. His love for us ensures:

1. His plan is _____ (Jer. 29:11-14).

2. His plan is perfectly _____ to us. Our temperament, talents, abilities, appearance, etc. are all consistent with His purpose.
3. His plan is designed to bring us _____. God's will involves:
 - a. _____ ASPECT—Gratification of all inner longings of our heart (Ps. 23:5; 63:5-6; 107:9; John 4:13-14; 7:37-38; 14:27).
 - b. _____ ASPECT—Glorification of God (John 15:8; Matt. 5:16; I Cor. 6:20; Eph. 1:6).
 - c. _____ ASPECT—Salvation, edification and blessing of other people (Acts 4:13; 9:15; I Cor. 4:9-11; Gal. 1:16; 6:10; Eph. 2:10; Phil. 1:20; Luke 24:47-48).

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

C. Discovering life purpose involves _____ .

Paul writes in concerning Epaphras “*who is one of you, a servant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all of the will of God.*” Colossians 4:12

Our life is a struggle because we are confronted with **a choice of four wills.**

1. _____ (Mt. 26:39-42 KJV)
2. _____ (I Pet. 4:1-5).
3. _____ (II Tim. 2:26).

4. _____ (Mt. 7:21; 12:50; John 4:34; Eph. 1:5, 9, 11; Acts 13:22-23; 22:12-16).

D. Discovering life purpose involves _____ .

God's plan requires certain things on our part. If we are going to have a wonderful life, we must:

1. Desire It.

If we want God's will we must do four things:

- a. We must make _____ to come after Him (Mt. 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23).
- b. We must not _____ our own will (Mt. 16:25; Mark 8:35; Luke 9:24).
- c. We must _____ totally to God (Rom. 12:1-2; II Cor. 8:5).

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice — the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is. Romans 12:1-2, NLT

- d. We must begin with a _____ (II Cor. 8:10-12).

2. Discover It (Ps. 143:8; John 5:30; Jer. 29:13).

There are various things that God has given us to help us in this quest.

- a. The inner voice of the Holy Spirit.

- b. The Word of God.
 - c. The circumstances of life.
 - d. The counsel of leadership (parents/pastors).
 - e. The way God created us.
- 3. Do It** (Mt. 21:29-31; Luke 9:57, 61; 12:47; Ps. 143:10; John 6:38).
- a. To do it we must be willing to press through _____
(Rom. 7:18; II Tim. 3:12; I Pet. 3:17; 4:19).
 - b. To do it means to disregard criticism, overcome obstacles, get radically involved, and fulfill the dream whatever the cost.
 - c. To do it we must be willing to start _____.

4. Delight in It.

We can serve the Lord out of duty, privilege or delight. David said, "I delight to do your will, O God" (Ps. 40:8). Jesus said, "My meat is to do the will of Him who sent Me" (John 4:34).

God's will is going to be a delight. It will be very rewarding and fulfilling.

E. Entering into life purpose leads to _____ .

Entering into God's plan will:

1. Give purpose, _____ and challenge to your life.
2. Bring a realization of _____ to your life.
3. Turn _____ into enjoyable experiences.
4. Cause you to use all of _____ to their greatest efficiency.

5. Cause you to devote all of your energies to a _____ .
6. Allow _____ of interest to surface.
7. Strengthen the many-membered body of Christ.
8. Cause you to be a _____ who receives a full reward from Christ.

F. Paul and the will of God.

1. He desired it from early in his experience (Acts 9:6; Phil 3:13-14).
2. He discovered it (Acts 9:15-16; 26:16-18).
3. He did it (I Cor. 9:24-27).
4. He delighted in it (Acts 20:24).
5. He fulfilled it (II Tim. 4:6-8)

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Conclusion

We have a responsibility to those who have gone before to complete our leg of the relay and to effectively pass the baton on to the next generation.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us. 2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish. He was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy he knew would be his afterward. Now he is seated in the place of highest honor beside God's throne in heaven. 3 Think about all he endured when sinful people did such terrible things to him, so that you don't become weary and give up. 4 After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin.

Lesson 7-12 Finding My Place

“Laying hold of that for which Christ laid hold of me” (See: Philippians 3:12-16)

I. Introduction

The walk of the Christian is likened to the experience of a child as it grows and develops.

- A. The Newborn Babe - The focus is on _____.

- B. The Spiritual Toddler - The focus is on _____.

- C. The Older Stages - The focus is on _____.

II. The foundation for understanding our place is an understanding of the Church as the Body of Christ.

- A. When Christ ascended He ascended to become _____ of the Church which is His body (Col. 1:15-20).

- B. When He ascended He dispensed _____ that was in Him to the individual members of the Church (John 1:14, 16; 3:34-35; Rom. 12:3; Eph. 4:11ff.).

- C. Now Christ functions through _____ which is His body.

- D. When we rightly relate to _____ we can experience the fullness that is in Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:13; I Cor. 10:17).

- E. The Body of Christ is composed of _____.
 - 1. There is one body, but many members.
 - 2. There is one vine, but many branches.
 - 3. There is one army, but many soldiers.
 - 4. There is one temple, but many living stones.

5. There is one family, but many children (sons).
 6. There is one sheepfold, but many sheep.
- F. Each member of the body has a place in that body, a _____
(Rom. 12:4-5).

III. How do I find my place in the Body?

Romans 12:1-8—New Living Translation

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? ²Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.

³*As God's messenger, I give each of you this warning: Be honest in your estimate of yourselves, measuring your value by how much faith God has given you. ⁴Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, ⁵so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of his one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others.*

⁶*God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out when you have faith that God is speaking through you. ⁷If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, do a good job of teaching. ⁸If your gift is to encourage others, do it! If you have money, share it generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.* Romans 12:1-8—New Living Translation

Read I Corinthians 12:1-31

**A. Recognize that you do have a place of _____
before the Lord.**

1. _____ has a function (I Cor. 12:7, 11, 18).
2. _____ the members in the Body, not man (I Cor. 12:18).
3. God has assigned ministries to people as it has _____ (I Cor 12:11).

B. Recognize that God has made you _____ to the ministry to which He has called you (Eph. 2:8-10).

1. The example of the natural body. Each member was made with a specific _____ in mind.
 - a. The hand = grasping
 - b. The foot = walking
 - c. The heart = pumping blood
 - d. The liver = cleansing purifying

2. When God made you, He made you with _____ in mind. He had purpose in mind when He designed you:
 - a. Emotions
 - b. Abilities and Aptitudes
 - c. Intellectual Abilities (IQ)
 - d. Stature and Appearance
 - e. Heritage and Genealogy

Any _____ that we possess must be seen as part of God's positioning and equipment for the fulfilling the good work that He has in mind for us to do.

3. Every person is totally _____ before God.

4. Every person is fearfully and _____ made (Ps. 139:13-148a).

Psalm 139:13-18a—New Living Translation

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God! They are innumerable! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand!

C. Recognize that it is God who _____ with the gifts necessary to fulfill your unique ministry.

1. God gives the measure of _____ (Romans 12:3).

2. God gives us grace or divine _____ (Romans 12:3).
3. God gives _____ differing (Rom. 12:6; I Pet. 4:10).

God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you. –NLT

D. Recognize _____ of Christ and be subject to him in all things (Eph. 1:21-23; 4:15; 5:23-24).

1. Many people are waiting for God to tell them what to do _____, but they are not doing what God is already telling them to do in _____.
2. Do not expect _____ until you are flowing in the direction and under the headship of Christ in that which God is already speaking and leading.
3. The foundation of our walk with God is the simple principle of _____ (James 1:21-25).

E. Recognize that all ministry equals _____.

1. The word “ministry” literally means _____
2. Don’t ask, “What is my ministry?” Ask, “What _____ am I able to render to others and to the Body of Christ that will make them more of a success.”
3. When we stand before the judgment seat of Christ, there will only be one ministry that will receive _____ (Matt. 25:21-23).
4. We will not be judged for what _____ we had, but we will be judged on the basis of how _____ we were to do what God asked us to do (I Cor. 3:11-15).
5. All believers are in the _____.
 - a. _____ to that ministry (Col. 4:17).
 - b. Be _____ to the ministry (I Cor. 16:15).
6. A servant may be defined in a number of ways:

- a. A worker who belongs to _____ (Deut. 23:15).
 - b. A worker in the service of _____ (I Kgs. 1:9).
 - c. A person at _____ of another (Gen. 24:2-66).
 - d. A person who attends to _____ of another (Phil 2:4).
 - e. A person who has a supreme regard for _____ of God and others.
 - f. A person who gets excited about making someone else _____.
7. Ministry is using the talents, gifts and abilities that God has placed in your hands and using them to serve God and others.
8. The principle governing all ministry or areas of service the principle of _____ (II Cor. 8:13-14).
- a. The example in Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3).
 - b. The example of comfort (II Cor. 1:3-4).
 - c. Practical examples:
 - Money
 - Teaching
 - Prayer
 - Musical Talent

F. Recognize that no ministry is _____ than another.

1. Man judges ones ministry on the basis of _____ (I Sam. 16:7), or that which is seen (II Cor. 4:18).

Man's scale of importance operates on the basis of "What ministry you have".

Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

John 7:24

2. God judges ministry on the basis of _____ you were with what God asked you to do.

G. Recognize the _____ to which the Lord is calling you
(Romans 12:3-5).

1. This involves some self evaluation:
 - a. What am I qualified to do?
 - b. What talents and abilities do I possess?
 - c. Do I have the needed aptitudes?
 - d. What do I enjoy doing?
 - e. In what areas is it most natural for me to serve?
 - f. Do I get any fulfillment out of doing this?
2. Usually the will of the Lord is in absolute _____ with the way He has made us and what He wants us to do is exactly what we _____ doing.
3. Almost anything that can be done can be turned into a ministry when it is done to _____.

H. Recognize that all ministry develops _____.

1. The Example of Stephen (Acts 6:3, 8)
2. Begin serving in _____ and God will give you further direction, recognition and promotion.
3. God will promote you _____ if you will continue to operate some basic principles in the Word of God:
 - a. Whatever you hand finds to do, do it with _____ (Eccl. 9:10).

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom. –NIV
 - b. Promotion comes from _____ (Psalm 75:6-7).
 - c. A man's gift _____ for him (Prov. 18:16).

I. Recognize that we will only be as successful as we are willing to _____ ourselves.

1. There are _____ to the development of any ministry.
 - a. There is _____ part.
 - b. There is _____ part.
2. God part includes:
 - a. The _____ that we will have (Gal.1:1).
 - b. The _____ of our ministry (Acts 9:15).
 - c. The _____ of our ministry (Acts 12:1-2, 11).
 - d. _____ the natural and spiritual gifts we need for our ministry (Rom. 12:1-8; I Pet. 4:10).
 - e. The ultimate impact or the _____ (I Cor. 3:5-7).
3. Man's part includes adding _____ to that which we feel God has revealed to us.
 - a. Paul gave many admonitions to Timothy regarding his calling.
 - Fight a good fight (I Timothy 1:18).
 - Give yourself entirely to it (I Timothy 4:11-16).
 - Care for it as a stewardship (I Timothy 6:20a).
 - Fan the flame; stir the gift (II Timothy 1:6).
 - Present yourself to God an approved workman who does not need to be ashamed (II Timothy 2:15).
 - b. Proverbs give many admonitions concerning diligence:
 - Proverbs 10:4-5
 - Proverbs 12:24

- Proverbs 13:4

Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper and be satisfied. –NLT

- c. Jeremiah says it this way, “A curse on him who is slack concerning the Lord’s work” (48:10). Other translations say, “Cursed is the one who does the work of the Lord...

- deceitfully
- negligently
- half-heartedly
- grudgingly

- d. Other admonitions include:

- We must be _____ to make our calling and election sure (II Pet. 1:10).
- We are to _____ toward the mark the high calling in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13-14).
- We are to _____ into the kingdom (Luke 16:16).
- We are to take the kingdom _____ (Matthew 11:12).

- e. The example of Apollos (Acts 18:24-28)

*²⁴Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and **mighty in the Scriptures**, came to Ephesus. ²⁵This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being **fervent in spirit**, he spoke and **taught accurately** the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶So he began to **speak boldly** in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. ²⁷And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, **he greatly helped** those who had believed through grace; ²⁸for he **vigorously refuted** the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.*

J. Recognize that God is going to give you _____ to do His will (Phil. 2:13).

1. Paul experienced the grace of God to function in his ministry of apostleship (I Cor. 3:10; Gal. 2:9; Rom. 13:3; 15:15-16; Eph. 3:2-8).

2. The anointing of the Holy Spirit takes us _____.
3. When does God's anointing come to us?
 - a. When we step out in _____, God honors our faith by backing us up (Heb. 11).
 - b. The waters of the Jordan going into Canaan opened _____ the toes of the priests touched the water.
 - c. As we step out in faith, God's grace and anointing hits us and we are able to do things that we cannot do in our own strength.