

Discover the Plan! **Proverbs 3.1-12**

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Discovering life in Christ means learning things we either didn't know or had forgotten. Prayer was a great start but now we have to commit to action.

If you don't have Bishop's books, *Living @ the Next Level* and *Maximize Your Marriage*, pick it up today so you can take the next step in your discovery.

2 Cor 12:9

9 But He said to me, My grace (My favor and loving-kindness and mercy) is enough for you [sufficient against any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully]; for My strength and power are made perfect (fulfilled and completed) and show themselves most effective in [your] weakness. Therefore, I will all the more gladly glory in my weaknesses and infirmities, that the strength and power of Christ (the Messiah) may rest (yes, may pitch a tent over and dwell) upon me! AMP

Knowing His ways causes us to live in the favor that we have with God because effectiveness comes out of us walking in His ways. If we have favor but constantly walk in our own ways we miss the blessing of the favor. Walking in His ways doesn't give favor, it keeps us out of the way of favor. We don't block our own blessing!

CORRECT: Last week I did not mean to imply that favor is something you can work for or be good enough to get. I simply want you to know you can hinder the favor. Then it starts to look like luck or chance!

1. This consecration was designed by God to get our eyes off of ourselves

- Our strength – that's why you fast! 2 Cor 12:9-10

9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. NASU

- Our problems – that's why you pray! Phil. 4.6,7
- Our plans – that's why you come out here to pray! Mt. 14.23

2. Life is designed to lead us to the Cross!!!

- Life showed me that I was a sinner who needed help. Romans Road 3.23,5.8,6.23,10.13
- Life showed me that I could not fix myself
- Life helped me look up to a hill far away

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3. Cross leads to life and purpose!

- The cross teaches me that I have a new life!
- The cross teaches me to train and discipline myself for success. Luke 14:27
- The cross gave me life, stopped my wandering I revealed the kingdom purpose! 1 Pe. 2:21-24

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. 25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

What is it you ask? We have all year to learn that! That's why this year was designed for you to Discover Life thru Christ!