

Keeping Divine Appointments

- I. I am sure that you have heard that God has a plan and a purpose for your life:
 - A. We see an example of this in the life of the Prophet Jeremiah:
 1. Jeremiah 1:5 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.
 - a. **Def Ordained:** to appoint
 - (1) before Jeremiah was even born, God had a Plan, purpose, divine appointment for his life
 - B. Each of us have the personal responsibility to Discover God and fulfill God's appointment for our life
 1. These Divine appointments include
 - a. Yielding to the call of Salvation
 - b. Fulfilling God's purpose He ordained for our life
 - c. To being sensitive to divine appointments in the realm of:
 - (1) people we meet
 - (a) people we are to minister and witness to
 - (2) people we meet who are keys in helping open doors & making connections in regards

To God's purpose for our life and ministry
(3) as well as being at the right place, at the right
time In order For divine appointments to be
fulfilled

C. Hebrews 9:27 And as it is **appointed** unto men
once to die, but after this the judgment:

1. No one lives forever: if Jesus tarries in His return
Everyone person then has an appointment
With death and judgement:

a. **If saved**: you will appear at the Judgement
Seat of Christ and receive your rewards for
living for and serving Jesus (2 Cor 5:10)

b. **If unsaved**: you will appear at the Great White
Throne of Almighty God, to pay the price for
your sins in an Eternal lake of fire

(1) 2 Cor 6:2 (behold, now is the day of
salvation.)

(a) if not Born Again

(b) if luke warm /back slid in your heart

(1) you have a divine appointment today

With Jesus, get your heart right with God

II. God has away of interrupting our life, and bringing Us into divine appointments

A. We see an example of this in the life of the Apostle Paul

1. Acts 22:3 I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

[4] And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

[5] As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

[6] And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

[7] And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

[8] And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he

said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.

[9] And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

[10] And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are **appointed for thee to do**.

a. In the midst of out doing his own thing in life

(1) Paul encountered a divine appointment that

Turned his life around

(2) then Jesus makes Paul aware of future
Divine appointments for his life

(a) vs 10 'it shall be told thee of all things
which are **appointed for thee to do**'

b. Thru this divine interruption type of
appointment,

(1) and by Paul learning to be sensitive to, and
keep his future divine appointments

(a) Paul was able to fulfill his divine destiny:

(1) Paul said in 2 Timothy 1:11 Whereunto I am
appointed a preacher, and an apostle,
and a teacher of the Gentiles.

- (a) how many people are walking thru life Unfulfilled, no peace, no sense of fulfillment and no joy
- (1) because they either rejected or were Insensitive to divine appointments

- B. Like Paul....There are times when we may Encounter **sovereign divine appointments** that Interrupt our life and set us on the right course
- 1. But more often than not we need to continually '**walk in the Spirit**' so we can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit
 - a. So we can hear His voice when The Lord Tells us of: '**things which are appointed for thee to do**'....in our future
 - (1) be it when we are personally **studying the Word of God** when the Holy Spirit brings us a **Rhema Word**
 - (2) or God speaks to you thru listening to the **Word of God bring preached / taught /** When **receiving godly counsel**
 - (3) thru a **Prophetic Word spoken** over our life
 - (4) or the Lord speaks to you in a **vision** or **Dream** in the night
 - (5) or a **door opens** for you to walk thru by

faith

(6) If we do not learn to “Walk in the Spirit” (Gal 5:16)....we will miss Divine Appointments in life and ministry

C. When we have these encounters of various types of divine appointments, **we need to follow the instructions God gave Habakkuk**

1. Habakkuk 2:1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd.

[2] And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

[3] For the vision is yet for an **appointed time**, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

a. **First** Habakkuk put himself in position to hear From God.....he **developed a prayer life**....

Consistent time alone with God:

(1) vs 1 Habakkuk 2:1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower,

b. **Second** Habakkuk **expected** and remained sensitive to divine appointments, when the

Spirit of God would speak to him

(1) to see what he will say unto me,...

c. **Third**: Habakkuk **wrote down** what God spoke To him....helping him to remember and Recognize divine appoints in his future

(1) Habakkuk 2:2 Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables,

d. **Fourth**: Habakkuk understood that his vision would manifest in the future....due to God's divine appointment

(1) vs 3 The vision is yet for an **appointed time**at the end it shall speak.....it will surely come.....

(a) as we walk by faith and walk in The Spirit yielded to the purpose of God for our Life

(b) God who is faithful will be at work behind The scenes through divine appointments

(c) and we can rest in the assurance found in the promise of God's word that states:

(1) Romans 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.

III. Don't make the mistake of going thru life so busy and distracted, or get filled with a religious and self righteous spirit. or bitterness and unforgiveness... or any pother sin that “easily besets us”

A. That we **miss when God brings someone into our life who is a key** in helping us fulfill our divine appointment /purpose

1. When Jesus was dealing with the Pharasees , he dealt with their **spiritual condition** that made them

a. Insensitive to divine appointments, and unable to Discern spiritual things, and season in the spirit Realm:

b. They could not even discern the divine appointment they had with the person God Brought into their life who was the key for Bringing them into destiny: Jesus Christ

(1) Matthew 16:2 He (Jesus) answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.

[3] And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye

hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye **not discern the signs of the times**

(2) lack of discernment will make us insensitive to Divine Appointments

2. If we are not careful that same Pharasee spirit, self righteous, unteachable spirit can come into our lives
 - a. Blinding our spiritual eyes, making us insensitive
To and even rejecting
 - (1) the move of God
 - (2) or person God is bringing into our life as a
Divine appointment that opens the door to
Our blessing and destiny

B. Example of not Keeping Divine Appointments:

1. Read 1 Kings 13:11-24

- a. This Prophet had heard directly from The Lord

- (1) First: this Prophet allowed someone to allow his "TITLE" to over influence his decision in obeying his Divine Appointment:

- (a) vs "I to am a prophet as you are"

- (1) true Five Fold Ministry Gifts do not manipulate or exercise excessive control in the lives of the people they minister to

- (2) They are to help bring you to the place of you making a godly, quality decision

- (2) Second: This Prophet allowed someone else's experience have more influence in his life than the very word he heard from God

- (a) vs "an angel spoke to me"

(3) when we make these same type of mistakes which cause us to miss our Divine Appointments...we also will be devoured by A lion

(a) Lion: type of the devil 1 Peter 5:8 / dwell

C. Example of an individual who was sensitive to a divine appointment in their life:

1. Genesis 24:2 And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:
[3] And I will make thee swear by the Lord , the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

[4] But thou shalt go unto my country, and take a wife unto my son Isaac

Dropping down to:

Genesis 24:40,43 And he said unto me, The Lord , before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:

[43] Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water , and I say to her, Give me, I

pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;
[44] And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom the Lord hath appointed out for my master's son.

[45] And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water : and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

[46] And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder , and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also.

[47] And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.

[48] And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the Lord , and **blessed the Lord God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way** to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.

a. Abraham sends his servant to go bring back a Wife from his home land for his son

b. Abraham reminds his servant that God's angel would be going before him and working behind the scenes

(1) we are instructed to be sensitive to angelic ministry doing the same as in with us, as with Abraham's servant:

(a) Hebrews 13: 2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

c. Then a divine encounter takes place in the midst of every day life, as God sends the right young Woman to unfold destiny

(1) this same thing takes place in our life.....in the midst of every day life, God's angels are at work behind the scenes....bringing people across our path by a divine appointment that will help bring us into destiny

(2) but if we have a religious spirit, self righteous spirit, a haughty or prideful, bitter or unforgiving spirit

(a) you will be blinded of and miss divine appointments in your life

2. **No one walks into their divine purpose and Destiny on their own**

a. God always brings people into our life who
Are keys to:

(1) further developing you for your God
ordained purpose.....or

(2) People who will be used by God in opening
closed doors in your life and ministry

3. As I pray about the vision God has given for
The continent of Africa:

a. Wondering how the doors will be opened to
a particular nation

b. In the midst of everyday life, serving God and
doing the work of the ministry

c. A divine appointment takes place, and I meet
someone who holds the key to opening the
door that has been closed.

(1) the same thing takes place in your life,
walk with God, and ministry, career,
Education, etc....thru divine appointments

III. 2 Samuel 7:10 Moreover I **will appoint a place for my people Israel,** and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

- A. Just as with Israel...God who is no respecter of persons
1. has an appointed place for you in life and in His Church and Kingdom of God
 2. But in order to arrive there...you are going to have to:
 - a. Be Born Again
 - b. Be baptized in and maintain a Spirit filled life
 - c. Be sensitive to and discerning of divine appointments

B. altar call

1. Have you answered your divine appointment
For **Salvation**
 - a. Are you Born Again
2. Have you learned to develop your spiritual Ears for hearing the voice of The Holy Spirit
 - a. Can you discern the key people God brings Into your life thru Divine Appointments, that help bring you into your destiny
3. Or, are you just blowing thru life
 - a. Distracted by the cares of life
 - b. never learned to walk in the Spirit, just out Doing your own thing in life...instead of being surrendered to God' purpose for your life

