

Hey everyone. Blessings to all of you! God is good!
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Part 25: Kingdom Keys to an Abundant Life

Much Love, Many Blessings and Great Favor!

Texts:

Proverbs 4:20-22 (NKJV) - "My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

Verse 22: Health - Hebrew: marpe' (mar-pay') curative, i.e. literally a medicine, or (abstractly) a cure. In other words, this is God's prescription for fixing what's wrong in your life and for living life successfully!

Mark 9:21-24 (NIV) - "Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

- A. Last week we examined what the Bible says about why we were created.
1. Nine steps were listed in the process of God birthing our destiny.
 2. At the end of my message, we viewed one of the most incredible videos I've ever seen about the melodies created by nature, as they sing and worship God.

3. For those of you who missed the web location, you can Google Lou Giglio/Mashup or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zWKm-LZWm4>
4. My subject today is:

"Twelve Immutable Laws of Destiny"

B. Why did God create us? Understanding this most important question gives understanding and meaning to life.

1. We are all prone to having doubts about being special and having a purpose for living.
2. As mentioned last week, God has a purpose for your life and a reason you were born. We call it our "destiny."
3. Our Bible is the map that tells us how to get from here to there.
4. Because God planned your destiny, its fulfillment will produce infinitely more joy than anything you could ever design or think of alone.
 - a. **Matthew 10:30 (NIV)** - "And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered."
 - b. Having designed and created us, if He keeps track of the number of hairs on our head, He surely would know exactly what we like and enjoy.

C. One of the most important things we can ever learn is that the universe operates according to principles or *laws* designed by God.

1. We are all acquainted with the law of gravity, the four laws of thermodynamics, and the seven natural laws of the universe—including relativity, polarity, the law of vibration, the law of cause and effect, etc.
2. These laws regulate how our world functions. If you break or ignore these laws, they will break you! For example, if you step off a tall building, no one will say, "Look, it's a bird; it's a plane; no, it's superman!" Instead, they will say, "Look at that human pancake on the sidewalk!"
3. If you understand these laws or principles, they will work for you.

- a. For example, fulcrums and levers operate according to the law of leverage. With the aid of a lever, even a small person can apply this principle to move a very large weight or object.
 - b. Archimedes, the Ancient Greek philosopher, mathematician and engineer said, "Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world."
4. The lift that causes an airplane to sail into the air results from the design of the wing and the laws that deal with physics and aerodynamics.
 5. These laws will constantly work—regardless of whether you're saved or unsaved.

D. Laws also govern the spiritual dimension.

1. "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you," and "Whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap" are all powerful, spiritual principles.
2. The Beatitudes: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth," and "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled" are all spiritual principles or laws.
3. "Do unto others as you would have them do into you" is another important spiritual law that encourages people to treat you well, when otherwise, they might not have.
4. **Joke:** "Doing Good"

A man appeared before St. Peter at the pearly gates and was asked,

"Have you ever done anything of particular merit?"

"Well, I can think of one thing," the man offered. "Once, on a trip to the Black Hills in South Dakota, I came upon a gang of high-testosterone bikers, who were threatening a young woman. I demanded them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So, I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker and smacked him on the head, kicked over his bike, ripped out his nose ring and threw it on the ground and then yelled, 'Now, back off, biker boy, or you'll answer to me!'"

St. Peter was impressed. "When did this happen?"

- "Just a couple minutes ago."
5. Just as there are natural and spiritual laws, God uses principles or laws to govern our destinies.
 6. And again, these laws will work, regardless of whether you are saved or unsaved.
 7. Let's discuss some of these laws that affect our destinies.

E. Twelve Immutable Laws of Destiny:

1. Immutable is defined as: not subject or susceptible to change or variation in form, quality, or nature; something that cannot be changed; is not changeable; is changeless.
2. Just as natural laws work for us, so these unchangeable laws or principles can help us release and fulfill our destinies.
3. **Law No. 1.** Everything God made has a purpose.
 - a. We've already addressed that God has a purpose in mind for everything He does. While we might not discern or understand that purpose, you can be sure, He knows what He's doing!
 - b. Unlike God, some people are always jumping from one thing to another. I don't mean to offend any of you refined folk with delicate sensitivities, but my country grandmother used to say, "They're running around like a chicken with its head cut off."
 - c. God isn't like that. He is the personification of vision and purpose. Everything He made has a reason for being created.
4. **Law No. 2.** Since He made you, that means you have a purpose—which is your destiny.
 - a. The fact that one person, empowered by God and acting alone, can change the world is one of the most powerful principles we could ever imagine!
 - b. Empowered by God—yet acting alone, Abraham fathered the nation through whom God would send the Messiah.
 - c. Empowered by God—yet acting alone, Philip preached to an Ethiopian eunuch in the desert. This new believer then returned to

his homeland and converted the entire nation. When missionaries came to evangelize Africa seventeen centuries later, they found that Ethiopia was already a Christian nation!

- d. **Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)** - "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared IN ADVANCE for us to do."
 - e. God has prepared or *planned* your mission from the beginning.
 - f. This is why we read in **Jeremiah 1:5-15 (NIV)** - "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."
 - g. **Acts 15:18-19 (KJV)** - "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world."
 - h. God never has "afterthoughts." In other words, after completing a task, He doesn't think, "You know, I wish I had done it a different way." Or, "Next time I'm going to handle it like this." No, God has already planned the last move before He made the first one.
5. **Law No. 3.** When God created you, He equipped you with gifts and then released all the heavenly resources that would ever be needed to fulfill your destiny.
- a. You may walk to your car and forget to bring the keys or your wallet or purse, and have to go back into the house and get them. But God never does that! He positions all the necessary resources before giving someone their assignment. If God is going somewhere, He always has His keys and wallet!
 - b. Before Christ was crucified, our Father grew the tree that would provide the timber to build the cross. He also created the iron for the nails that would pierce Christ's hands and feet!
 - c. He didn't create you, give you an assignment, and then be surprised that special resources would be needed to fulfill your mission. Neither would He say, "Gee, that's going to require too many resources and strain My budget. Maybe I'd better modify those plans and think of something a little easier and less costly."

6. **Law No. 4.** Everything God gives us is in seed form.
- a. In Genesis, Chapter 1, God made every living thing to bring forth after its own kind. Plants, trees, birds, animals, and all that lives in the water and on earth were given the ability to produce seed.
 - b. If you want an oak tree, plant an acorn and let it grow. If you want an ear of corn, plant a seed—or kernel of corn, and let it grow. If a husband and wife want a baby, a seed must be planted and then allowed to grow by mitosis.
 - c. When it was time for a Savior to be born, God created and implanted a seed in the womb of Mary, and let it grow.
 - d. When it was time to assign your destiny, God provided all the seeds that would be needed to achieve your special plan and purpose.
 - e. The difference between a great life and one that is average or mediocre is what a person does with their seeds.
7. **Law No. 5.** It is your responsibility to both develop and grow the gifts and resources God has given to you in seed form.
- a. How is this done? Through prayer and intercession you must reach into the heavens and bring forth resources into this earthly dimension that will help you achieve your destiny.
 - b. Developing and growing gifts is something **you** must do! The resources have already been released!
 - c. God decreed that after Israel had been captive in Egypt for 400 years, He would give them their promised land. Yet when God spoke to Moses out of the burning bush, he was instructed to tell Pharaoh to let God's people go, for He (God) had heard their cry!
 - d. God told Elijah that heaven would be shut up so that it would not rain, and in three years He would open heaven and send rain once again. But, how did this happen? Three years after God had closed heaven, Elijah put his head between his knees and prayed seven consecutive times until his servant saw a cloud about the size of a man's hand.

- e. Even though God had promised that Israel would return to their own land after 70 years of captivity, when the 70 years were completed, Daniel 9:2-23 says that Daniel fasted and prayed until an angel came with a message from God about their release.
 - f. You must also understand that your resources will not show up until **you** show up!
 - g. As Abraham was climbing up one side of Mt. Moriah, the ram God had provided was climbing up the other side. Because the mountain blocked his view, Abraham would never have seen the ram had he not continued climbing. In fact, he did not see God's provision until the very moment it was needed—and there it was!
 - h. Sometimes the mountain you're facing is all that's standing between you and your promise. And it will prevent you from seeing God's provision until the exact timing. So you must remember, even though God has released the provision, it's your responsibility to pull it down from heaven into this earthly dimension.
 - i. In case you're wondering how to do this, let me say again, it only comes through prayer and intercession.
 - j. Of course, you may also do this by going to night school and finishing your degree. Or, by performing your job with such excellence, when your boss looks for someone to promote, it will be you rather than someone else.
8. **Law No. 6.** When you achieve the purposes for which God created you, these things will begin to happen:
- a. You will experience inner fulfillment, peace, and satisfaction.
 - b. God's Kingdom purposes and objectives will be advanced.
 - c. Your success will give you incredible influence and a voice that people will listen to.
 - d. You will bring glory and honor to your Creator.