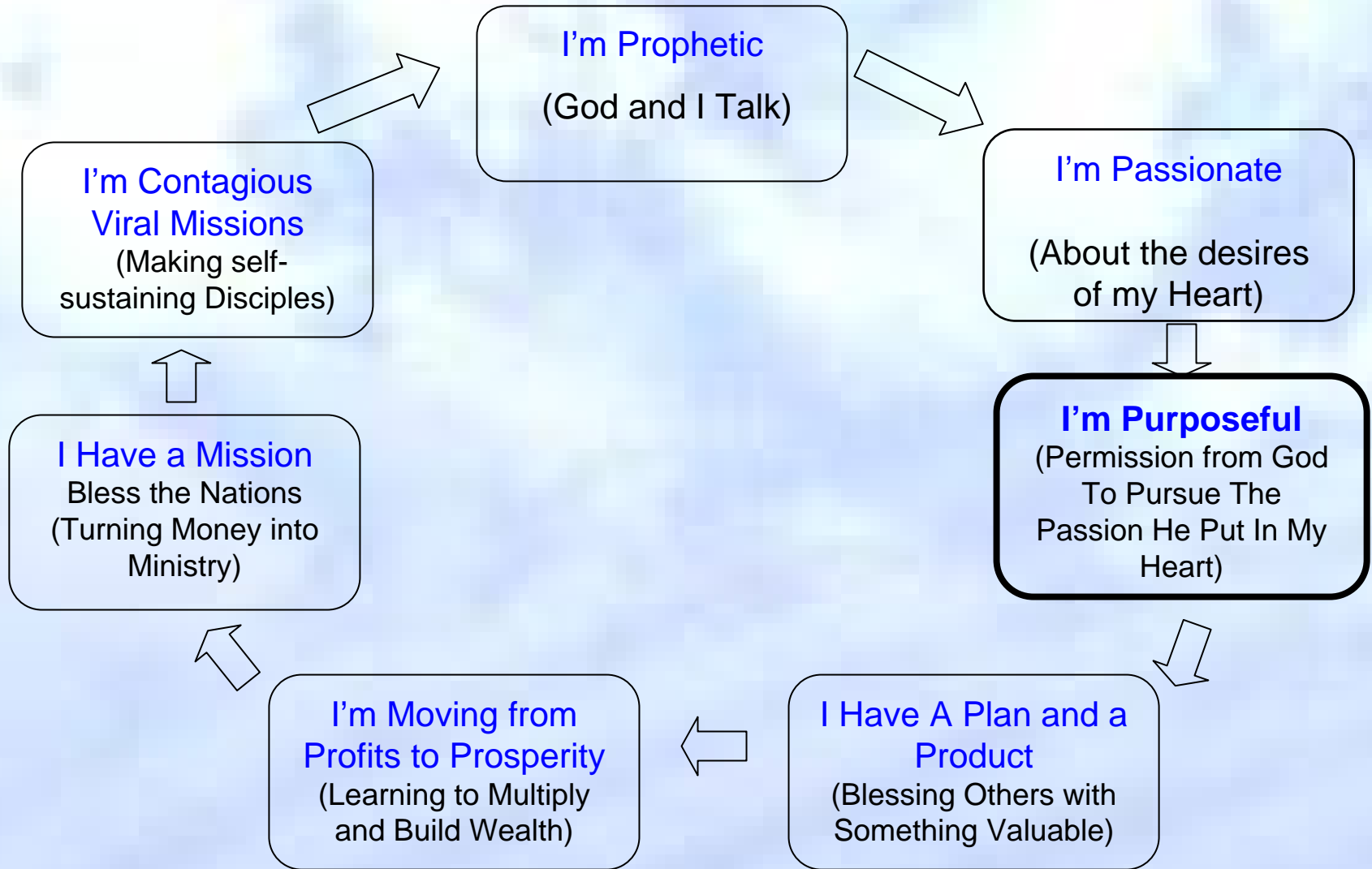


I'm Purposeful

Bridging My Desires and God's Plan

Desire to Destiny – Seven Keys To Your Marketplace Ministry



Breaking Out of Determinism

Fatalism, determinism, and Predestination are discrete in emphasizing different aspects of the futility of human will or the foreordination of destiny

- **From** - predestination, determinism, fatalism, defeatism, pessimism, submissive, passive, cowardly, lazy, resignation
- **To** - bold, creative, innovative, powerful, inventive, resourceful, ingenious, industrious, imaginative, capable, resilient, entrepreneurial, hard-working

I'm Not longer "waiting" – Planning my next move

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. (Matthew 16:19 NASU)

We stop viewing the obstacles to assess the degree of waiting required. Instead, we move on to a view of life that focuses on the next move I make. No more victim mentality!

Taking Initiative and Risk

Finding the Balance

- Jn 5:19-22 ...the Son can do nothing by himself...the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.
- Jn 15:5-7 ...apart from me you can do nothing...ask whatever you wish, and It will be given to you.

If I'm sinful, rebellious, and presumptuous - better not step out

Permission to take initiative – parable of the 10 minas Lu 19:12-27

- 1st of 10 (10 fold) = 10 cities
- 2nd of 10 (5 fold) = 5 cities
- 3rd of 10 no return – “wicked servant” vs 22-24
- 4 to 10 – “Bring them here and kill them in front of me” vs 26-27

You are created in God's image. He's written His plan and purpose right into your DNA. You naturally gravitate toward the gifts and callings for which you are designed. God values initiative so much that His term for Christians without it is “wicked.”

How To Make a Decision

1. Hearing God

- Future pre-determined – One, singular, perfect will of God (waiting to hear)
- Open – there is a range of options (I don't expect detailed guidance, "go")

2. **Mentoring** – Someone I admire, who has done it before that's willing to help
An apostolic age – "have a father and be one"

3. Networking

There are many coaches and many divine appointments (dial now)

Give yourself permission to make decisions

Now you're ready to make a decision, instead of depending on God to make it for you. Use wisdom, the experience of friends, a mentor, and networking with other Kings. Be practical!

How To Step Out Of The Boat? - Ask

Reason #1 – it works (Howard Ferris, Civil Eng.)

“More than 55,000 participated in the historical healing crusade and approximately 20,000–25,000 turned their lives towards God.” That’s a quote from the local Pakistani newspaper! Think about it! An engineer said “why not” and went and did it.

*“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” **“Come,” he said.** Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. (Matthew 14:28–31 NIV)*

Learn to ask – for the desires of your heart

***Ask and it will be given to you;** seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7: 7–8)*

Out of the boat - Initiative starts with a word, “ask.” Nearly everything Jesus did in the New Testament was in response to a request.

Kings Have a Cause – the Kingdom

Vision – Something worth living for

Cause – Something worth dying for

Passion means you've found something you enjoy doing—it's exciting. Purpose means you've applied that passion to a cause (God's Kingdom purpose). You see your goals as part of a larger scheme that the Holy Spirit is orchestrating throughout the earth. You're an important player on a much bigger team.

A Kings Motivation – Getting connected to your “cause” in the Kingdom

A King's Tool – Wealth to make a difference

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. **With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity.** My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, **bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full.**

(Pr 8:17–21)

Goals Are Spiritual

1. **Why have goals** – Goals orient our faith and enable God to grant our desires; we become what we think about most of the time.

Unintentional goals – We all have goals. If we don't manage them they can work against us in the form of fear and doubt. (Job 3:25, Pro 10:24)

2. **I like myself** – Having goals requires an admission that your life has value to God

3. **How**
- a. List your highest values and priorities
 - b. list, then trash, your obstacles that stand in the way
 - c. list your life time goals
 - d. list 3-6 month goals
 - e Share them with someone who will help you
 - f. Review them and make adjustments as necessary

Formalize your goals into a list on which you can focus in prayer, and change as you go. The reason? Articulating your heart's desire is the process that releases creativity and innovation. Breakthroughs, ideas, opportunities, and innovations come to people with goals. It's a tangible expression of your faith.

Creativity – From Idea to Reality

1. **Get the Picture** – “everything” started as an idea in the desire of someone’s heart

*Now faith is the **substance of things hoped for**, the evidence of things not seen.*
(Hebrews 11:1 KJV)

2. **Put it in Words** – God speaks things into existence (so do we)

3. **Get to work** – “Make it happen”

4. **Finish** – Add whatever persistence is required to complete your dream

*but the people that do know their God **shall be strong, and do exploits.***
(Daniel 11:32 KJV)

. . . but the people who know their God will display strength and take action.
(Daniel 11:32 NASU)

Innovation—Creativity is a Godly process that anyone can learn. It starts with an idea that gets translated into words (goals) and spoken into existence by faith (with work and enough persistence to finish).

Questions and Exercises

1. Find a friend and ask this question, “What’s your dream and how can I help you make it happen?” Listen carefully and help them any way you can.
2. Identify two people you know who would give you practical help in stepping into your dream. Share your dream and solicit their input. Write down their reaction.
3. Pretend you’re going to get your dream off the runway in the next 15 months. What needs to happen specifically in these next six months to get started?
4. What’s holding you back? Make a list of every obstacle, person, or fear. Now list five ways to get around each one.
5. It’s easier to give excuses to why something won’t work, than to take responsibility for directing your life. Do you act like God blesses your Kingly initiative, or are you theologically stuck? What “belief” is holding you back.
6. “Reflective Creation” process. . . . Choose to create and connect your faith to your action!