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The 5 Phases of Our Eternal Destiny*

## **“There’s Joy In Your Calling”**

### **Introduction:**

Without a Life Vision People Die & Cast Off Restraint

One of the reasons people become unhappy, sick, lukewarm, and depressed is because they do not live on purpose. When we walk close to people who walk close to God, we can recover God’s vision for our lives.

When we are not walking close to God on this earth, with a laser focus on our eternal destiny, deep peace and joy will escape us. Also, we will not attain the highest eternal prize when we are resurrected.

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint... (one translation says they die)

Hebrews 11:35

...so they might gain an even better resurrection.

Our church vision is to call you into your vision. Our church has 4

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basic classes in our “Destiny Ministry School” that are designed to develop your spiritual destiny.

Class 101 “Welcome To Our Church Family”

Class 201 “Guiding You To Spiritual Maturity”

Class 301 “Discovering Your Unique Destiny”

Class 401 “Placing You On a Ministry Team”

### **Phase1- We Are All Ordained in The Womb**

God has and will do His part but He will not do our part. We work together with the Holy Spirit & God’s leaders.

Jeremiah 1:5

**Before I formed you in the womb** I knew you [and approved of you as My chosen instrument], And **before you were born** I consecrated you [to Myself as My own]; **I have appointed you** as a prophet to the nations.

Psalms 139:13-17

For You formed my innermost parts; You knit me [together] in my mother’s womb. I will give thanks *and* praise to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...

Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well. My

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frame was not hidden from You, When I was being formed in secret, and intricately *and* skillfully formed [as if embroidered with many colors] in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written the days that were appointed *for me*, when as yet there was not one of them [even taking shape]. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

## **Phase 2- Our Revealed Earthly Call**

If we are obedient to seek God diligently, we will experience Divine encounters that will reveal our life calling.

Hebrews 11:6

...he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

When we seek God He leads us to those who will equip us and prepare us for our earthly ministry. The Lord reveals our calling through people and directly to us. We need the body to talk to us. This message is ordained by the Spirit to reveal your calling.

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### **Phase 3 Our Earthly Training.**

This is the hardest phase. Join a winning team that will train you. Be teachable. Trust them and they will lead you with wisdom. Be patient with the process as Joseph was. This takes years.

Unity and Diversity in One Body

1 Corinthians 12:12,27-31

12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

Ephesians 4:11-12

11 And Jesus Himself appointed some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for

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the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...

#### **Phase 4- Our Earthly Commissioning.**

This phase is the most enjoyable. Most Christians never make it here. This is where God begins to honor you publicly and you find rest, fulfillment and fruitfulness.

Proverbs 15:33

...humility comes before honor.

Hebrews 4:9-11

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

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## **Phase 5- Our Eternal Positioning**

Matthew 19:27-30

27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”

28 So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.