

Romans 12:1-2 KJV

[1] I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 KJV

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Did I spend my life or did I invest my life?

- 1. God has planned to use each one of us for His purpose.
- 2. God has made provisions for us to be used by Him using our skills, abilities, talents, and spiritual gifts. (gifts according to the work)
- 3. Our responsibility is to find our gift so we can begin using it for God
- 4. To what degree will God use us?

Our availability, our motive, our acceptance, and our spirit of humility

1 Corinthians 3:16 KJV

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

God has chosen this moment to create me and put me on the earth, but what for?

David fulfilled God's purpose in the following ways:

- 1. He was a shepherd. A lowly position but with responsibility and accountability. He learned to fight and defend.
- 2. David was willing to fight Goliath by offering himself in the defense of God. He did not remain quiet, he stood up for God.
- 3. David remained a loyal servant to Saul even though Saul was jealous and sought to kill him.
- 4. David fought for the defense of Israel against her enemies with all his might in spite of the struggle with Saul.
- 5. David waited on God's timing to become king instead of taking matters into his own hands, even though he knew he would become king eventually.
- 6. The sins David committed with Bathsheba extended way beyond God's forgiveness. His family went through rebellion, murder and strife all the rest of his life.
- 7. David served the purpose of God by using all of his joy and heartache to write the Psalms. God also used the sorrow David went through because of his sin to teach teach us through his writings.

Ephesians 2:10 KJV

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

God's will is not all about us only, we should find out what His will is for our life so we can use it for His glory

- 8. There are three enemies of the soul: the FLESH, the WORLD, and the DEVIL. Flesh is within, the world is around, and the devil is beneath. Sanctification is how we deal with all three.
- 9. Resist the devil and he will flee, but only temporary. Jesus alway replied to satan with God's word instead of engaging him on a personal level. Jesus would say, "It is written..."
- 10. Surrender oneself completely to God. Begin a battle that lasts throughout your entire life; the biggest battle ever. In a tug of war, we are the rope. Surrender = commitment. Resigning to surrender to him. There is a resistance to this that we must never give in to; an endless struggle. "Don't you want to fit in?" (be Hip or Holy)
- 11. Relief in the process. Allow yourself to continually be transformed by Jesus, who lives within us. We cannot change by ourselves, only God can transform us.
- 12. Do something with the knowledge you have been given; faith without works is dead. Justification gives us a new position, Sanctification gives us a new process.

James 2:26 KJV

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

1 Peter 2:15 KJV

For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

Ephesians 5:17 KJV

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Romans 8:28-30 KJV

[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. [29] For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. [30] Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.