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Chapter One

THE PURPOSE BEFORE THE PARTNERING

"Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 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." Jeremiah 1:4-5

Finding purpose in life or finding purpose for living is something crucial for a successful and happy living, because of its impact in solving life's puzzles. I am passionate in emphasising the importance of discovering purpose first in life, before finding a life partner for marriage. And I

believe that when you find your purpose in life, it's going to save you from a lot of stress. Most especially at the junction of choosing a life partner for marriage. Because when purpose is discovered, every choice you make becomes intentional. You would have to be intentional in choice making, beside using the word of God as a standard of judgement. Your purpose in life becomes a crucial factor in making choices. This will save you from making mistakes. The word of God as a standard is the utmost, is the most important. But nevertheless, using your life purpose as one of the criteria of choosing who is aligning with you or not is also very advantageous. So, I encourage believers to first discover their purpose in life before they talk about marriage. Because marriage is all about the fulfilment of purpose.

The giving birth, the procreation in marriage, and all the other pleasurable activities are just the flavour of marriage. They are the benefits in it. But marriage is solely for the fulfilment of life purpose if it must be fulfilling. After our life here on earth is over and we go to the Lord for judgement, He may not ask us, how many children do you have? God may not ask you, do you have money in your bank account? Did you give birth? Why didn't you give birth? Why did you die as a barren woman? These are not the questions God would ask you. But He would ask you about your purpose. He would ask you if you fulfilled that which He created you for. God may not even ask you if you were married or not. I don't know, but I'm not too sure that when you get to heaven, that the angels of God will begin to ask you, why didn't you marry? I'm not sure about that. I'm not sure if the angels would

ask you, why didn't you marry and then you would go to hell because you didn't marry. I'm not sure about that. But I am sure they will be talking about your purpose and then they will reveal to you the original plan of God for your life.

And it is unfortunate that the purpose for living is one of the things that people take for granted. So everybody begins to do things the way they feel and like about it. But as a Christian, you must understand that God is very intentional about your life. We can't be talking about purpose if there is not a creator or a manufacturer of life. Everything we use in this earth realm was made for a purpose. Even the green trees, the plants. God had the intention in making them to supply what living things need for existence. You know, we breathe in Oxygen.

And we breathe out Carbon dioxide. And these plants use carbon dioxide to supply oxygen to both humans and animals. The carbon dioxide we breathe out they convert to oxygen and release it back to us as oxygen. So God created plants with an intention. He created plants for food and healing. Plants can give bodily healing, they are medicinal. All these are gotten from plants. So God created plants not by mistake.

The sun, God created the sun for a purpose. So if you check everything existing on earth, there is intention behind them. If you say you are a Christian and you haven't found time to find the intention of God for your life, why he made you, why he created you, then there is a problem. A Christian should know why he or she is existing in this earth realm.

Looking at the human manufacturing companies. For example, we use the microphone in church to preach to you. The microphone we use was created by the intention of the manufacturer. So the person that created or designed this microphone made this with a purpose. He had designed a purpose for it before he created it. So nobody created something before they found their purpose. Everything that we are using today, the chairs you are sitting down, the microphone I'm using, the speakers, everything, the gadgets, the person has first conceived the thoughts and defined the purpose before he created it. So if everything on earth were made for a purpose, is it you who is more important than animals and machines that are without purpose? God has created every one of us with a purpose. And that is what I want to lay down for you to understand. You are created for a purpose.

You are made for a purpose. You are on this earth for a purpose. You exist for a purpose. So who is the manufacturer of life? God! If I see an object that I don't understand the purpose of, I can call or walk to the manufacturer and then ask the manufacturer, please, I saw this object, but I don't know the purpose of this. And the manufacturer can say, okay, this is the purpose why it is created or why it is made. So what you don't understand, you find that from the manufacturer. The same way, if you don't understand the purpose of your life, find that from the manufacturer.

From Jeremiah 1:5, it is revealed that God knew Jeremiah before he was born. So how did God know Jeremiah? Because he said, ***Before I formed thee***. That means, let us assume before Jeremiah's parents even met sexually, and before

Jeremiah was conceived, God had known Jeremiah. So how did God know Jeremiah? God knew Jeremiah by purpose, not that He knew Jeremiah by name. The name "Jeremiah" was given to him by his parents, this was the choice of his parents. but the purpose of the existence of Jeremiah was from God.. God knew Jeremiah by first purpose even before the parents of Jeremiah gave him the name. It is the purpose that defines Jeremiah. You and I are defined by our purpose, not just by our names. God knows us by our purpose. **Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee. And before thy cameth forth out of the womb, I have sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.** So even before Jeremiah was conceived in the womb, before the father of Jeremiah met with his wife, before they had anything together, God knew that a prophet would rise up. So God knew

Jeremiah by purpose. And let me say this to everyone reading this book, that God knows you by your purpose. So every time we are talking about a person, for example a sister, God sees this sister based on the purpose she was created for. You are known by God by your purpose of existence. Everytime God sees me He doesn't just see a man with the name "Peterson ", but He sees the man He has created and called to be an apostle, called to preach the gospel of Christ. God doesn't only know your name, He knows your purpose. So He puts you into this earth for a purpose. He allows you into that family for a purpose. He brought you into that company, into that organisation for a purpose. You are in that church for a purpose. Where you find yourself today is permitted by God for a purpose. This is why I want you to know, if you are in a church, in a ministry, don't just become arrogant and

stubborn there. You are there for a purpose. If you don't know your purpose, go and ask God, Lord, why did you bring me into this place at this time? For those always on social media, there are relationships and circles that God will bring you into for a purpose. If you connected to me now or other ministries, or you met with me at this point of time. See, you didn't meet me by mistake. You met me at this time for a purpose. It is part of the original manuscript for your life. In your manuscript of purpose, it has been designed that you will meet Peterson Onoja Abu. It has been designed that you would meet me online, or through my books.. So, everything is made by God with a purpose. Before Jegemiah was born, God said, ***I have known thee***. Before you were formed in the womb, ***I have known thee***. I have known thee. I have known that a man is coming whom I will ordain as a prophet

unto nations. I have created him to be a prophet. My friend, you have a purpose for living. Every one of us has a purpose for living. We have a purpose for existence. We have a reason why we are still alive till now. There is a purpose for you still living till this age. God wants you to discover that purpose. And God is very, very willing to reveal to you your purpose. Let me say this to you. God is even more interested to reveal your purpose to you than you think. You see, God would never want you to waste your time of existence on earth. You know this earth is bound by time. But in eternity, there is no time. So, God would not want you to waste your time on earth doing nothing. God is very interested to let you know your purpose. And that is why this revelation is coming to you at this time. That is why God is impressing it in your heart as you read through, and God has

inspired me to write down how you can find
your purpose for living.

Chapter Two

GOD THE MAKER AND YOU

Firstly, you must have the basic knowledge that there is a creator who created you. There is a God who made you, who produced you, who designed you. This is true, and it means at the junction of confusion there is someone to meet and ask for direction. The easiest way for you to identify your purpose is to first consult the manufacturer. Is to first consult the creator of your life. Consult the creator, then you will find your purpose. So, we see in the Bible passage above that Jeremiah was known by God by his purpose. God knew Jeremiah by Jeremiah's purpose of exis. Your purpose is your identity. I repeat, your purpose for living is your identity.

God has called me to be a man of God, to be an apostle to nations. And if God has called me to be an apostle to nations, my identity is an apostle. Even though my name means something entirely different. In Africa we have traditional names. Maybe my traditional name, for example, is pointing to the area of doctor or warrior. Maybe they have to call it in a very traditional way. And they say this is the meaning of my name. My name means I'm going to be a doctor or warrior. God doesn't know me by that. So, every time God sees me, he sees the apostle He has made. He sees the apostleship on my head because that is what God created me for.

"Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead"
Galatians 1:1

So, your true identity is found in your purpose for living. Jesus was called Christ. The reason is that in the name Jesus Christ, the word Christ means the Messiah. The Messiah, the anointed one. The word Jesus means Savior and the word Christ means the Anointed one (Messiah). In the Old Testament, the word Jesus is called Joshua. In the New Testament, it is called Jesus. Old Testament in Hebrew, Joshua. In the New Testament, Jesus in Greek. So, the name given to Jesus was a name that described the purpose of Jesus' existence on earth. Our name is supposed to have been given to us by the definition of our purposes on earth. That means every time I see a brother, I should be able to say this brother exists for this purpose. If I mention the name of the brother, the name should define who he is. That is the supposed manner our names should be

given. Go and read your Bible. Abraham was called the father of many nations. God gave him that name to define his purpose. But our parents are not able to host the presence of God and to receive from God the instruction and the definition of our existence. If our parents were so spiritual enough and intimate with God, they would have known our life purpose before giving us names. And even if they gave us names before they knew God, they were supposed to give us a middle name or change of name. So, your name should have been given to you to describe your purpose by the definition or the design of purpose. We all came into this world to fulfil a purpose. And that is why I said, find purpose, it will be easier to find a life partner. Even though there is a place for examining the character of the person before marriage. Whether the person has an alignment

with you on purpose or not, you have to design, evaluate the character of that person. That is the place of morality and spirituality checking. But purpose discovery is one of the factors that is essential before you find a life partner. Adam was called man and Eve was called woman. And if you find the meaning of that word Adam (man) and you find the meaning of the word Eve (woman), you will discover that there is an intention of God to multiply the two genders in the world. So, God gave them a purpose. The purpose of Adam was not to discover cure to sicknesses. The purpose of Adam is not to discover crude oil. The purpose of Adam was to replenish the earth in godliness. To spread the seeds of God around the earth. That was the intention he was created for. So, Adam was not created to discover crude oil, or become a scientist. That is why even though he was

created as the first man, there were still some people after him that founded some benefits of the earth that he never discovered during his existence. Adam is not the first to make brick stone. Adam was not, because that was not the purpose. He was not created to find how brick stone can be made. He was created to replenish the earth.

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:" 2 Timothy 4:6-7

I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have finished my course, read that again. That is the purpose. May we be bold to stand before all men and say we have finished our course. Paul the Apostle discovered his

purpose and called it **my course**, and he fulfilled his purpose. To fulfil purpose is possible. We have seen it in scriptures that Paul fulfilled his purpose.

Now there is something you must understand, and that is, there is no life on earth that is created by God without intention and purpose. No life on earth created by God without intention. Some of you said I was born out of wedlock. God has intention for your life. From the moment you were born, even if it was outside wedlock or mistake. Sorry when I use the word "mistake" I mean you were conceived either out of wedlock or unexpected by your parents. Your mother gave birth to you without necessarily wanting to give birth to you at first. They were not expecting the pregnancy. That is what I mean. They were not expecting it and suddenly your

mother discovered that she was pregnant. And the story has been told to you. No matter that mistake, we humans call it a mistake. But in the sight of God, for the purpose that a life has been conceived, God has a purpose for it. Every life on earth is created by God, is made by God's intention. So God has intention for every life here on earth. Even the people with mental disorders, those insane people that have psychiatric issues, mental problems. God still has a purpose for them. God brought them into this world with a purpose. Those that are physically challenged, you know the set of people that have their hands twisted, their legs twisted. Some of them are called imbeciles. God has a purpose for them too. There might be birth accidents that made them physically challenged. There might be accidents from conception or after birth, from the womb, that cause them to be

deformed. But nevertheless, God has a purpose for them. Every life has a purpose on earth. Sometimes it is the human mistakes and failure that deform their bodies, and not God's will for them. And these human or biological accidents make them not be able to execute their purpose for living. So nobody is created by God without a purpose. And that is something I want you to understand. No one is created by God without a purpose. Every single man or woman that is made by God has a definite purpose. They have their definite purpose of existence. They do not exist by mistake. I want to tell you that you do not exist by mistake. You are not existing by mistakes. God is intentional. The conception might be a mistake. But your existence is not a mistake. If God doesn't want you to exist, it would have terminated you from birth. There would have been stillbirth. But you see, God

allows you to come into this world. Because He has a purpose for you. God doesn't create men without first defining their purpose. No. So before God created you, before He allowed you into this world, He at first defined your purpose. It was not after you were created or after you came into this world that God began planning your purpose. No! Before you were formed, God had defined your purpose. Your purpose has already been defined.

Chapter Three

SECRETS TO PURPOSE DISCOVERING

Every human has a glorious destiny. There is no human that God created to be poor. There is no man that God created to be a beggar. There is no one that God created to be a cripple. There is no one God created to be a waste, insane or mentally deranged. No. Everyone has a glorious destiny. Every child has a glorious destiny. This is the truth.

Every human should be defined according to the purpose of their existence. So, if I meet a teenager, I shouldn't define him or her by their current age and position in life. I should be able to see into the future and then define such a person by God's designed purpose for him or

her. Some of you have fought against your destiny helpers in life. You fought against people that should help you in life. Because when you meet them, you meet them in a state that was really, really not good. Bad state. And you concluded that they were going to remain in that state forever. Not knowing that the person you met today would be the next governor of the state. Would be the next president of Country in the next 20 years. But you defined that person by the current situation of life. You shouldn't define people by who they are now. Define them by their purpose. Even if they are not in the reality of their purpose. Define them. Keep calling them according to their purpose. Discuss with them according to their purpose. Don't talk to people anyhow. Because anybody can be great tomorrow. We are all journeying in life. You may come to a church and say, well, I don't like

the setting of this ministry. I don't like the hall. I don't like the space. I don't like everything. I don't like the songs of the choir. They are not having quality instruments. You might even find fault with the nature of services. But you see, every church is going somewhere. We are all journeying in life. You are still seeing us on the journey and not the destination. We have not gotten to the destination of purpose. So, what I will tell you is never look down on a man or a woman who is on the journey to purpose. Don't give up on anybody who is in purpose. We should be defined according to our purpose. We should be addressed according to our purpose of existence. A man or woman with the right purpose of living will create a generational impact.

You will feel satisfied and fulfilled only in your God given purpose for your life. One of the things you are going to experience when you are pursuing God's designed purpose for your life is that you will always feel satisfied and fulfilled. Even if there is a financial challenge, or if nobody is paying you for that thing, even if you are struggling to survive, you will feel satisfied and fulfilled doing it. You will have the knowing in you that if you stop it you will be missing the purpose of God for your life. Let me say this to you. I am not preaching to you because I am jobless or having nothing to do in life. Of course, I have skills and several others things I can do and benefit from. But the preaching of the Gospel is the only occupation my soul find rest doing. And am ready to do this work of God till my last breath on earth. I have been impacting lives for years. It is only a few people that come

back to appreciate what God is doing through me. Some of them, the moment they get to the top, they forget about us pastors. I have experienced that countless numbers of times. The moment they have opened doors after praying for them, teaching them, or training them we stop seeing them around us. The moment they suddenly experience open doors in business and career, they forget about us, this is the sad part of every pastor and helpers. They forget about the work of God. When God starts blessing you, endeavour to bless the man of God, and bless the work of God so that the church will be able to reach out to others equally. One thing I find out concerning my purpose in life is that in the preaching of the word, I feel satisfied and comfortable. When I am teaching you and you are getting knowledge, when I am teaching you the truth with

understanding, I feel satisfied even though there is no money or material blessings in reward. I am not doing this work of the ministry because there is money or material benefits. Even though we need money. we need the money to propagate the gospel, to get good instruments and equipment, nevertheless, that is not my primary pursuit. I have been preaching this same Gospel for more than 14 years. I have been preaching, I have been teaching for the past 14 years to tell you that there is passion in me to teach this gospel. So one thing about purpose is that you don't get discouraged about it because nobody is recognizing you. You don't get discouraged about it because nobody is applauding you. You don't get discouraged about it because nobody is paying you. No. You find satisfaction and fulfilment. That is why you can do it for long. Anything that is not your purpose, you will be

looking for an award. And when there is no award, you will stop it and do other things. But if it is the purpose for living, there is a passion pushing you to keep doing it. And that is what makes you stay in it for a long time. I can preach the gospel like this, even though there is no physical church building for me to preach in. I will keep preaching the gospel till I die. Because that is what my purpose is. That is where my purpose finds expression. So when you discover purpose, you will feel satisfied and you feel fulfilled every time you do it.

Destiny helpers are found and located on the road of purpose, on the pathway that leads to your purpose. The pathway that leads to the fulfilling of your purpose, that is where God will position your destiny helpers. There are people God has positioned along your way to purpose

and destiny. For example, as I am in the ministry, some of the destiny helpers I have around me are my followers, both online and onsite. They are not people I am following, rather they are the ones following me as I follow Christ. Some of my destiny helpers are people that call me their leader, they call me their pastor. But they are my destiny helpers because they support me, they sponsor the work of God to make sure I fulfill my life purpose in ministry. And in return, I keep building them so that they can fulfil their own destinies. So I struggle, I pray, I preach, I fast, I study to be able to bless them. To impact them. So that they can also fulfil their destinies and life purpose on earth. So destiny helpers are people that God positioned in your pathway to destiny to ease the work for you. My destiny is to end up well as a preacher. For you to be a destiny helper to me is to assist

me, to support me, to spiritually, physically and financially support me to be able to fulfil that which God has created me to do. For me to be a destiny helper to you is for me to impact you in the dimension that you are called to fulfil. So destiny helpers, they are not found everywhere. If I leave this work of the ministry, and I decided to be an engineer outside God's will. There is every tendency that I may not experience the favour of God, because my destiny helpers are not on the road of engineering. They are not on the pathway of engineering. They are on the pathway of ministry for me. Destiny helpers are in different categories. But they are there to empower you to fulfil destiny. So if you have not discovered the purpose for living. How would you find your destiny helpers? This is why I say take time to pray. Take time, spend time, ask God for your purpose for living. It will be easier

for you to collide with destiny helpers when purpose is discovered. The disciples of Jesus Christ were destiny helpers to Christ.

Choosing a life partner should be according to purpose. So you are getting married to a sister because you discover that she compliments your purpose. You are getting married to a brother because you discover that he compliments your purpose. Purpose should be one of the factors you should consider before accepting anybody for marriage or before going into marriage. Discover your purpose and let him or her tell you his or her purpose too. Then can two walk together except they agree? If both purposes are not complementing one another. Then marriage

cannot survive. I can't marry someone that is against my purpose. Before I get married to my wife, I have to find out if my wife's purpose compliments my purpose. If my wife's purpose compliments my purpose, then we are good to go. If her purpose doesn't compliment my purpose, forget about it. Even if it is an angel that appeared to me to get married to her. And then our purpose are not aligned. And it can never be aligned. I can't marry. I can't marry. I can't marry. So you marry based on alignment in purpose.

God is committed only to the way of purpose. Only to pathways that lead to the fulfilment of purpose. So God does not have the business of assisting you when you walk on your own way outside His purpose for your living. No. When you walk on the way He has created for you to

fulfil your purpose then He becomes your backing. God has created you, has made you to be this person in life. This is your purpose for living. If you then decide to ignore what God is calling you for, God will not take responsibility for that. God only takes responsibility for the pathway of purpose. The way that leads to your purpose, that is what God takes responsibility for. God will be committed to make sure you fulfil it. God won't be committed to make sure you fulfil your own purpose, but His purpose for your life. Understand this so that you won't be blaming God for everything. When it is your way, it is your mistake, it is your fault.

Chapter Four

How to Discover Your Purpose for Living

First, you must understand that purpose discovery is one of the most important paths to take in life. Because there are believers that still ask the questions "how can I find my purpose?" Some of you have not discovered your purpose, you are very very confused. So purpose discovery is one of the most crucial paths to take. To discover purpose is something that many people have given up on. So they are doing what they are doing today in life for survival or the opportunity just came to meet them. So when there is an opportunity they just take it. Irrespective of if that place, that job, that opportunity is towards their purpose or not. So most of us, we are living our life by just

assumption. But how can you discover purpose? Because many believers can't do it, most say it is not important to seriously plan for or to discover. Below are provable ways of finding purpose for living.

1. If you want to discover purpose, find God first. Find God. Remember I told you that in the introduction I said that God is the manufacturer. God is the creator, He is the one that created you. So if you want to discover purpose, first find the creator. First find the manufacturer. First find He that has created you, He that made you. So find God first. Find God first. That is number one.
2. After being born again, you become a Christian. Align to God through

obedience. I never wanted to be a pastor, to be a preacher. No, I never wanted to be a preacher. Although I love God. When He called me to be a preacher, I obeyed because it has been my commitment to always obey Him. It has been my practice to be obedient to Him, to always obey His instruction. So make yourself obedient to God's word. The moment you find God through Christ, become obedient to the word of God.

3. Evaluate your personal talent or gifting. Sit down, write out your talent. When I say talent, those things you do with ease and with passion. If you are a singer, you can sing with ease. And you know whenever you are singing, people say that you have the talent. That you are a

talented singer. And you do it with ease and passion. When others are struggling, you don't struggle. You do it with ease. That is a talent. There is a difference between talent and purpose. Purpose is what God has made you to fulfil, like your reason for existence. Talent is the ingredient. The ingredient to spice up and beautify your purpose. They are not your purpose, they are the ingredients to beautify your purpose. So you discover that most people that God calls to be a pastor, that truly receive the calling of God. If you check their lives, some of them have a giftings that makes their callings efficient. Some of them have teaching ability. The teaching ability is not their calling, even though they would have been teaching as lecturers in school. But

God gave them that talent, that gift, so that they can be used to fulfil their purpose. What is their purpose? To be in ministry. So talent are pointers, but they are not the purpose itself. They are pointers. So sit down and write down your talent. What are you good at? What are you good at? Then write down your gifting. What are the gifts you have? Do you have the gift of communication, of speaking very fast? Do you have the gift of writing? You know, there are giftings. Write them out. Not the one you assume. That talent that makes you unique while a child, teenager and adult. That talent has been with you from birth, while you were still very young. Your parents talk about that talent. Now you are old. You are above 30 years of age, an adult. That is the same talent.

It's finding expression. Write it out. Not the one you just did yesterday for the first time. And you say, oh, I'm talented at this. The one that you have been using in different dimensions or categories. Write that one out. The one that has spanned more than 10 years. This is the talent I'm talking about. Are you talented in leading people? You discover that anywhere you go, people always want you to speak to them. They always want to hear you. People want to listen to you. Anywhere you go, they want you to give counselling. And you find yourself that most of the time you always find yourself in the position of leadership. Write the talent down. What makes them appoint you as leader? And you are able to communicate properly. So you write the talent of those

things that make you unique. The talent that makes you unique. Write them out.

4. Look at the area of your passion and concentration. What is your area of passion? What are you passionate about? The reason I'm using myself, I'm not a better standard. The Word of God is a better standard. But the reason I'm using myself is because I have found my life purpose. Okay, for example, before I was called into the ministry, I loved teaching. When I was on campus, in my days in polytechnic, I was teaching students on campus. I loved teaching. Like, I could teach students for free. I never collected money from anyone I taught when I was on campus. I never collected money. And then, before I got admission into

polytechnic, and went to campus, I was teaching also. I was also teaching after my campus days. So, all through my life, I loved teaching. And what is my motivation in teaching? When I'm teaching you, it comes with a persuasion within me that you should know what I'm teaching about. I don't feel comfortable if I'm teaching you and you don't understand me. It pains me. So, if I am teaching, I always ask you, are you with me? Have you observed that statement? I always say, are you with me? Are you getting me? And I always go back to emphasising it again. Because, if I am teaching, within me, there is a strong desire to make sure that you know what I'm teaching. I believe if you know it once, and you know it again, you are going to know it forever.

So, every time I teach, If I spend three hours teaching you, and you said you don't understand what I taught you, I can repeat that teaching again for another three hours. And again, and again, and again, till you understand it. Now, that is the kind of person I am. I never knew I would end up as a pastor. I never knew I would end up in the ministry, but I knew I had passion in teaching for free. So, it was a passion in me. Discover your passion. What is that thing you can be doing, even if nobody is giving you money, even if nobody is paying you, for that, you will still keep doing it. That is your passion. So, write down your passion. Number one, write down your talents. Number two, write down your passion. Write those things you can do for free. What skill are

you passionate about? I love teaching. Though I have the anointing, I have the grace of God, God has helped me, by the grace of God, I have the prophetic anointing. But you see, let me tell you something. Beyond the healing anointing upon my life, and beyond the prophetic anointing, I so much love the teaching anointing. I can teach for 365 days, without prophesying. But I can't be prophesying for 365 days and be comfortable. If I do prophetic meetings, and I keep prophesying, at the end of it, I feel sad that I didn't teach. So my motivation is not the prophetic and the healing. My motivation is the healing of your mind through teaching. So that is my passion. What are you passionate about? It is what you are passionate about that you

will be ready to die for. Write it down. What can you die for? That even if people offend you, if people betray you and disappoint you, it will not stop you from doing those things. Their offences, their betraying cannot stop you from doing those things. Hunger, no food, no water, not being able to pay your house rent, these things cannot stop you from doing those things. Everybody will start asking you, what is the secret? That you are not even discouraged, because there is passion. You are passionate about that thing. What are you passionate about? Are you the type that doesn't like seeing hardship among children? And every time you see them, you love gathering them together to teach them something and treat them nice. And you can do this all through

your life. There is a strong affection for children. There is a strong desire for children. Even though you started it initially and it closed down, you failed, you went back to start it again. What are you passionate about? What is your passion? Are you passionate about acting drama? And maybe your calling, your purpose is to showcase the power of God in dramas, in movies, not these worldly movies, not ungodly movies, but movies where you glorify God. And you see yourself, you love acting movies. Are you passionate about writing? You can be writing without any distraction. You can just be writing. You have written a lot of articles. Find the area of your passion. Remember, your passion is not your purpose. But these are pointers. Your

talent is not your purpose, but these are pointers. They are pointing towards something.

5. Conviction of the indwelling spirit. When you look at the life of apostle Paul in scriptures, he was a lawyer. Then he had the ability to teach. And he can argue and defend as a lawyer. Paul knew how to argue with the Law and Scriptures. That was why he was contending against Christ at first before his conversion. Why did you decide to kick against the bricks? He was a man of contention. He could contend with anybody and argue with anybody to win the case. He was a lawyer. But that was not his calling. That was a pointer. That talent, that gift in him was a pointer. The moment he became a

follower of Christ. Paul discovered his true purpose for living when he was already an adult. But he had this gift with him.

When you get born again, you will receive accurate revelation of what God has created you for. That is when you will be able to relate that the talents that have been in you were all really pointed towards your purpose in life. Because your calling and your purpose is not far from your talent and your passion. Your calling and your purpose is not that too far from your talent and your passion. Just that you only need God to identify it. You need God to identify it. But your talent and your passion, they are pointers and they are very close to your purpose. But you only need God. You need God to define your purpose for you. So, I want to ask you this

question. Can you take two days, even if it is prauer and fasting? Two days, with two days vigil, pray just one prayer request. Lord, reveal my life purpose to me. You will see, when you seek God, he will tell you. He will show you clearly. And when God shows you your purpose, there will be a strength of boldness towards it. Because you know that this is what I am called for. You will be willing to die in pursuing it because that is what heaven will reward you for. In fact, let me say this. Die pursuing your purpose, this is worthy. It is better you die pursuing your purpose than living outside purpose. Because when you die pursuing your purpose and you get to eternity, heaven will reward you accordingly. They will reward you by that. They will say this one is a martyr, even though you were not killed by any man. But because you were pursuing a purpose, and while

you were pursuing a purpose you were killed, not killed in sin, but killed as a holy Christian pursuing a purpose. You will be accepted in heaven and you will be rewarded for labouring in your purpose.

Chapter Five

Facts about Fulfilling Purpose

Number one, every purpose has a specific location of fulfilment. That is true. If you have discovered your purpose, the next thing you should ask God, where should I fulfil my purpose? When you discover your purpose, there is a place to fulfil it. You can't discover your purpose and fulfil it in your own place. No. The Bible says that even Jesus Christ was not accepted, was not welcomed, was not appreciated in his own country. He had to go to other countries to fulfil purpose. So, there is a place of fulfilment. Every purpose has a specific location of fulfilment. When you discover your purpose, start asking God, Lord, where should I go to fulfil this my purpose? Are you a pastor?

Lord, where should I go to start my ministry? Are you an engineer? Lord, where should I go to work? Should I work in Nigeria? Should I work in Europe? Should I work... Okay, what part of Nigeria should I work in?... You must understand that every step you take should be ordered by God. **Number two**, every purpose begins as vision. You have a vision about it. You have a vision about the purpose. Your purpose is your vision. When they ask what your vision is, it should be your purpose. Then number two, what is your mission statement or your mission? Your mission should be how to fulfil the vision. So, What will you do or how do you go about to fulfil the vision? That is your mission. Every vision begins small. When you start pursuing your purpose, you will be seeing it as a small thing. But sometimes those purposes can impact nations. That is why you should never despise

the days of little beginning. Never you despise the days of little beginning. Now, what you started as a small vision now can become what nations will begin to seek you for. But you must be consistent, diligent, and disciplined to fulfil that. Every vision begins small. Don't be ashamed to start small. If God wants you to be running a school, then start running the school. Don't despise days of little beginning if that is your vision. If you are consistent in it, you will overcome every challenge and trial and discouragement... I tell you the truth, as a man of God, there is discouragement in the ministry. There are times everybody will turn you down. Everybody will cut you off. There are seasons like that. There are seasons where you yourself will know that everybody is discouraged. When everybody is discouraged, they stop coming to church. But you, the man of God, when you are

discouraged, you always come to church. Remember that the crowd only follows a man that has become successful. So those that are giving you excuses, they are only giving you excuses because of the present condition of the ministry. Don't give up. If you can continue and be consistent, very soon those same people who left you now will come back to you. They will come to you and start calling you our pastor. So when God has given you a purpose, you must be strong. To fulfil a purpose is not an easy thing. There is a lot of discouragement attached to that. The government may fight. People may fight. The devil will fight. Your health may fight. Your family members, even your spouse may fight. You must be strong. Let me say this. To discover a purpose is good. To fulfil a purpose is the hardest of things. It was not easy for Jesus to get to Calvary with the cross. It was not easy for

Him. He knew that His purpose was to die to save the world. But on the journey to Jerusalem to die on the cross, it was not an easy thing for his humanity. But there was a destiny helper there to help Him. Simon of Cyrene. It was the destiny helper that was positioned by God on the pathway to assist Jesus in carrying the cross. It's not an easy thing. Discovering purpose is good. Fulfilling a purpose is the real work. Small vision should never be despised.

Chapter Six

Fulfilling your Purpose

If you want to fulfil your purpose after discovering your purpose, there are about six things you need to do.

1. **knowledge:** get knowledge about that vision.
2. **Training:** You need to be trained for it.
3. **Mentorship:** you need mentorship. Don't just stand up. You need people to talk to you. Because sometimes you need to cry to somebody. You may not be bold enough to cry to your members as a pastor, to cry to your people or employees, to cry to your boss. You need somebody to mentor you, who you can open up to.

4. **Prayer:** you need to be consistent in your prayer life. Prayer gives you the energy to keep pushing. And it clears the road for you. You need to be diligent. It's not for lazy people. If you want to fulfil your destiny, you must not be lazy. You must be diligent. Don't miss your place of work. Don't close down that business. You must be diligent and competent towards that. Always available for it.
5. **Faith:** you must have faith.

And there are qualities that help in fulfilling your purpose. I have said a few of them, but let me say three things. The qualities that help you to fulfil your purpose. **Number one** is knowledge of your purpose. Having a deeper knowledge of what God has called you for. Before I came into the ministry, I spent time. I

spent more than five years studying and preparing for ministry. Five years. I was in the ministry serving in churches before I received the calling. So when I knew God had called me and I had to spend another extra six years planning and preparing. I am not saying you should be like me by following the same pattern. I spent about six years training and preparing for the ministry. Studying books and materials concerning my ministry, my area of ministry. I didn't just jump into the ministry. So have knowledge of your purpose. Have deeper knowledge about that business before you go into it. Have knowledge about that career before you venture into it. You have discovered your purpose. That is very good. Have you gathered knowledge about that purpose? **Number two** is understanding of your purpose. You must understand your purpose and how you are to

function in it. This will stop you from doing just what everybody is doing, rather you will start doing it the way it shouldn't be done when there is no understanding of your purpose. Such can place you under pressure to do it like others. Your understanding of your purpose is what makes you unique. There are some activities I can't do in my ministry now that other ministries are doing. I don't find the grace to do those things. I may later be able to do them in future, but not now. Since I started the ministry here in Lagos, and since I have been doing ministry, I have never organised an open air crusade for once. I may organise it in the future. But you see, that crusade kind of thing is not in me. I am not a crusader, and I understand my purpose of calling. I understand my calling. You should understand your purpose. What are you sent for? You are not sent to do what everybody is doing.

You are sent to do your own in a unique way. You have discovered your purpose which is knowledge. Do you understand your purpose? **Number three**, you need wisdom in implementing your purpose. How do you go about fulfilling the purpose? You need wisdom. So you need knowledge, you need understanding and wisdom. The Bible says through knowledge is a house built. And by understanding, it is established.

Ensure to walk only on the pathway God has designed for your walking purpose. May God open your eyes to discover purpose.

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