

Your Plan and God's Plan for You

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Taking Your New Identity – 2Cor.5:17-19 – Gal.5:24, Gal.2:20

The Right Focus

Our Existence is Spiritual

- We are pilgrims – **1Pet2:11, Jn.17:13-14-18**
 - **Rom.8:12-17** – God's children – the true meaning
 - **1Jn.4:4-6** – We are of God
- Our destiny – **Eph.1:5** – Adoption as sons
 - **1Jn.3:9-10** – Sign of Sonship = Practicing righteousness
 - **1Jn.2:15-17** – Do not love the world (the things you get, physical things – that is idolatry)
 - **1Jn.5:1-4** – Overcoming the world (fleshy desires) by our faith
 - Now our motivation is spiritual – **2Cor.5:17-18**
- Our new REDEEMED CONDITION – **1Tim.6:6-10**
 - CONTENTMENT = Gk. autarkiah = Self-satisfaction, self-sufficiency
 - GODLINESS – Gk. eusebia = reverence, well adoration, worship = TO LOVE GOD

Goals Are Spiritual not Physical

- Your DESIRES/GOALS should reflect your Beliefs and your Values
 - Our problems are CONFLICTING BELIEFS and VALUES
 - We say we believe God is our provider, but we are afraid of tithing,
 - Or, we say we believe that God is our healer, but we are afraid of dying
 - Conflicting Values will produce self-sabotage (not getting your goals)
 - That is where self-justification, self-deception and COMPROMISE come
 - We don't see them (blinded)
 - We have idols that we worship more than God – **Mt.22:37-38**
 - They separate us from God and they ALWAYS result in sin
 - Self-justification will produce self-destruction even if you get what you want

Going Behind the Physical to the Root of Your Desires

Revealing Questions About Our Beliefs (Programming)

- Answer in Writing – Ongoing project
- **WHAT SPECIFICALLY DO YOU WANT?** (Don't focus on what you don't want)
- **WHAT STOPS YOU FROM GETTING YOUR NEED MET?**
 - You don't know how to get it (info, strategy)
 - Your beliefs block you (beliefs or lack of)
 - Identify underlying emotions (fear, blockages)
- **HOW DO THESE RELATE TO THE WORD?**
- **HOW WILL YOU KNOW YOU HAVE ACHIEVED IT?**

Digging Deeper

- Identifying your Values – (Make a List)
 - **WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU ABOUT IT?**
 - Write until your mind goes blank (5-10)
 - **WHAT ELSE?** (Keep repeating 3 or 4 more, often these are the most important values)

Congruent Goals

- **MAKE SURE YOUR GOALS DO NOT CONFLICT WITH ANY OF YOUR VALUES**
- Make sure that your values agree with the Word
- Resolve any conflict, work on this all the time

Questions to Consider

1. Who does the Bible say are God's children?
2. What does it mean for you to be God's child?
3. All humans have a spirit, but are all human spirits equal?

4. If there is a difference between human spirits, what are the implications?
5. Why can physical goals be spiritually dangerous?
6. How can our desires help us to see our spiritual condition and our values?
7. Why it is not always easy to discern what motivates our goals?