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The Motivating Force of Purpose

Excerpt from Chapter One

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Once we begin to enter into intimacy with and start hearing the voice of Holy Spirit, then we need to allow Him to fill our life with God given purpose, vision and goals. This is when we will begin to greatly impact this world and our sphere of influence. ***“Where there is no vision the people perish...”*** Proverbs 29:18 (KJV). What motivates us in life? Or do we lack motivation? God desires us to be people of vision and purpose. Without vision and purpose we have no motivation, we stagnate, wasting precious God given time and multitudes perish around us.

This little book can help launch you into your destiny. Understanding purpose, vision and establishing clear cut goals will help you go far in life. It has for me. In this book I share how purpose and vision have a positive impact and effect in ministry, marriage, sports, politics, and many other areas of society.

Deuteronomy chapter 2 is a classic example of people without vision. It chronicles the story of the Israelites meanderings, making no headway towards the Promised Land. God said, ***“You have compassed this mountain long enough, turn you northward”*** (Duet. 2:3). Do you feel like the Israelites on occasions? Many of us have spent years roaming the mountains, spinning our

wheels going nowhere. Every child of God is full of potential. We tap into that potential with a clear cut vision and purpose in life. If we have vision and purpose in life we will not wander aimlessly through the mountains, rather we will conquer the mountains in our lives as God has willed for each of us. This works in all areas of life.

The Effects of a Positive Vision

Vision and purpose will wake us up each day and set us in a specific direction. It fills our life with peace, joy and godly contentment. Lack of vision or purpose can lead us towards laziness, stagnation, insecurity, procrastination, apathy, and discouragement.

When I graduated from high school in 1976 I only had one purpose in my life. That was to play football (American style football) at Normandale Junior College, in Bloomington, Minnesota. It was a college that usually placed towards the top in the nation in junior college football. I was not a gifted athlete like my father was in high school. To be honest with you I do not have the natural talent for most of the things I have done in life and am still doing.

I played high school football at a small town school. I was a Kicker, 6’2” and 145 pounds. That does not enable you to do a whole lot in tackle football. I

was the first kicker in my high school's history to attempt field goals and kick extra points. I had a good senior year in football and wanted to play college football. When my friends heard I wanted to play for Normandale Junior College, they thought it was a joke. To be honest with you unless I greatly improved it was a joke.

Once I decided to play college football I began to get extremely focused. I had a purpose, goal and a vision before me to motivate myself. I wanted to make that football team. Nothing would get in my way. I began to lift weights consistently and began eating a lot more. I practiced kickoffs and field goals daily. I ran regularly. I would be out kicking and running even in lightening and thunderstorms, disregarding weather warnings. I remember running in a downpour. I saw lightning hit close behind me and also hit close in front of me. Call it stupidity and foolishness! I did not care. I was totally focused on my goal. Thank God for His grace in protecting me in those days!

Come the Fall of 1977 I made the team. I weighed 165 pounds. I was in great shape. I made the final cut and was on the travel squad. I played kicker behind an All American Kicker, who led the nation in scoring, for junior colleges. To keep him free from injuries many times I was called upon to do the kickoffs. My kickoff average increased by 10 yards per kick from my Senior year in high school. In the last game of the season, on my last kickoff I almost put the kick through the end zone. In that game I

also had the chance to play 3rd string wide receiver and caught a pass for 1st down. Some of my high school buddies were at the game and were probably in shock.

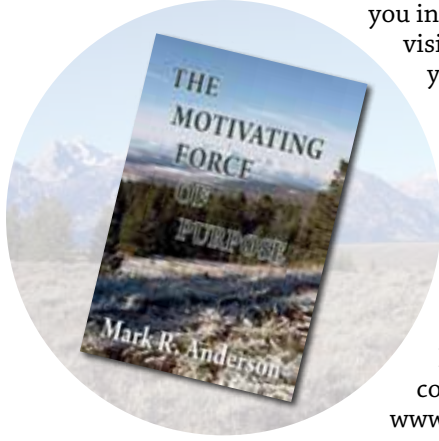
How did I make this team? I had a vision and purpose! It woke me up in the mornings and motivated me to get somewhere in life. I used that lesson from the motivating force of purpose to get where I am today in worldwide ministry.

This teaching can help a person in all areas of life, both in the natural and spiritual realms. Whether it is in ministry, sports, politics, marriage, missions, business, media, etc. If we allow Holy Spirit inspired purpose to be birthed in our lives it will motivate us and bring success to all areas of our lives. This is part of living an abundant and fulfilling life.

When we are filled with vision people will gravitate towards us which results in a team working together for the fulfillment of a specific goal. United or corporate action is very effective. When something good becomes our passion, coupled with vision and purpose, one has tapped into success in this life.

Without consistent vision and purpose we tend to live off yesterday's accomplishments and have nothing fresh from heaven to offer people today. Vision and purpose should be an integral part of our lives if we desire to accomplish our goals. Do not live off yesterday's victories. New battles rage today! 🌟

Are you motivated to go somewhere in life or ministry? Having concise purpose, vision and goals will help you conquer the mountains that stand in your way. See what effect purpose can bring in your life to motivate you in the right direction. As you nail down



vision and purpose in your life you will know your future, see it unfolding and know what direction to take in life. In this book we share practical insight from God's Word on how to fulfill a vision birthed from heaven. Having purpose and vision birthed by the Holy Spirit will help you easily navigate through the forks in the road and distractions that lay ahead. See and experience the motivating force of purpose in your life.

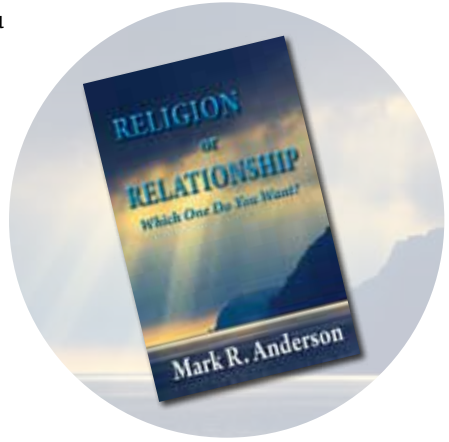
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The Motivating Force of Purpose

Excerpt from Chapter Two - You Can Know Your Future

By Mark R. Anderson 

As Christians can we know our future? Many think this is not possible. Some will quote Matthew 6:34 (KJV), **Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.** They say we do not need to think about or plan for tomorrow, rather live 'one day at a time sweet Jesus' (popular old Christian song). This verse when studied in the original Greek and interpreted in the correct context is actually encouraging us not to be anxious or worry about tomorrow. Worrying about tomorrow will actually prevent us from doing what God wants us to do today. Fear is very destructive. Jesus speaking of the last days said **men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken** (Luke 21:26). Health problems are brought on by giving into fear and having a negative outlook on life. Without fearing or being anxious about the future, we need to know our future and plan for it.

I believe it is apparent in scripture that God desires to reveal our future to us. If we enter into an intimate relationship with Him, He will speak to us about our future in order to fill our lives with vision, purpose, passion and goals. If we do not desire that intimacy with Him, we might never know the future He has planned for us. We will just walk through this life

blindly not knowing our destiny or purpose in life.

Once again Jesus speaking of Holy Spirit says **"But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth [full and complete truth]. For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will speak whatever He hears [from the Father—the message regarding the Son], and He will disclose to you what is to come [in the future]. He will glorify and honor Me, because He (the Holy Spirit) will take from what is Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Because of this I said that He [the Spirit] will take from what is Mine and will reveal it to you"** (John 16:13-15 Amplified). These verses show us the Holy Spirit desires to show us our future if we will come to a place of intimacy and fellowship with Him. In the original Greek verse 15 says **He will transmit to our spirit things that pertain to the future.**

Jeremiah 33:3 reads, **"Call to Me, and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you do not know."** The amplified version says He will show you things that are fenced and hidden.

Isaiah 42:9 says, **"Behold the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."** The word **declare** in Hebrew means to announce, predict and rehearse. God wants to reveal and disclose our future to us. He wants

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to show us things we do not know of before they occur, so that we know what He wants us to do, making us a motivated people fulfilling our destiny.

When we enter into a place of intimacy with Him, we will most certainly hear His voice. Romans 10:17 says, *“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word (rhema) of God.”* Here the word rhema means the spoken word of God. Once we hear God’s ‘still small voice’ as we seek Him, there will be enough faith and power available to bring that spoken word to pass.

The circumstances are irrelevant, all you need to do is act on the word spoken from heaven. Step out of your boat, your comfort zone. There is enough faith and enough power in one spoken word from heaven to bring about God’s will, plan, purpose and destiny in your life. Just act on that word.

A perfect example of this is Peter walking on the water. *So He (Jesus) said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.* (Matthew 14:29) How was He able to walk on water? There was enough faith and enough power behind that one word COME spoken by Jesus, that all Peter had to do was act on that word and he would defy the laws of gravity. Peter walked on the water but as soon as He took his eye off Jesus (the Living Word of God) and looked at the wind and waves (circumstances) he began to sink.

Stay focused with purpose and vision. Get your eyes on Jesus the Living Word of God. *[Looking away from all that will distract us and] focusing our eyes on Jesus, who is the Author and Perfector of faith...* (Hebrews 12:2 Amp). Come trials, hell or high water you are going through because that spoken word carries with it the authority of heaven to back you up and help you to reach that goal. Heaven backs up a ‘rhema’ Word. This is how to conquer the mountains that stand in your way.

Excerpt from Chapter Three How to Fulfill the Vision

Habakkuk 2:2-3 says, *“Then the Lord answered me and said: “Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. For the **vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; (Hebrew-become one with it, portray, carve on the inside) Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.”***

In the above scripture we are encouraged to write down the vision. Why? So we behold it, become one with it, causing it to go from our head to our hearts or spirit. The word vision in Hebrew means to **gaze at mentally, to perceive, to prophesy and to behold.**

Verse 3 says that the vision is for an appointed time. This is where many miss it, not understanding the timing of the vision. Usually when God gives us a vision, prophecy, goal, or purpose it is for a set time in our lives that has been pre-ordained before the foundation of this world. Be aware of

that set time and do not jump the gun or lag behind!

Many look for the immediate fulfillment of a prophecy from the Lord, without any preparation or becoming one with that vision or purpose. Thus they are not adequately prepared for the task and end up getting the job half done or fail completely.

We have to grasp the importance of tarrying or preparation when God shows us something. It is akin to incubation. Without the necessary incubation period the thing can be birthed prematurely and fail. Isaiah 42:9 talked of God **declaring new things to us**. As mentioned earlier the Hebrew word for declare also refers to rehearsing it. What does rehearsing it imply? It entails going over something time and time again till we get it right. Then when the time comes to actually perform it we are able to so efficiently, without any setbacks.

Prophecy, visions and God given goals are easily accomplished and fulfilled when performed in His time, in His strength and when we prepare for and carve what He shows us in our hearts, minds and spirit.

Time and Chance

Ecclesiastes 9:10-12 says, *Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might...I returned and saw under the sun that— The race is not to the swift, Nor the battle to the strong, Nor bread to the wise, Nor riches to men of understanding, Nor favor to men of skill; But **time and chance happen to them all**. For man also does not know his time:...* It is essential that whatever we are called to do we give

it 100%. We cannot give something 100% unless we are sure that is what we are called to do. Thus we need to know our purpose and what God has called us to do. It is only then that the God given purpose will motivate us to reach the goal and give it 100%.

Notice verse 11. Many think that the swift will win the race, or the strong the battle, or one with skill and ability will be put over and have the riches. God says this is not necessarily true.

Time and chance happen to all of us. Verse 12 tells us that *man also does not know his time*. The bottom line is being at the right place as the right time.

We call it **divine appointments**.

Even if we do not have the quickness, strength, or skills we can still be put over. How? Understand that time and chance are in the Lord's hands. Pretty much everything I am doing today in ministry I had no natural ability to do. Yet somehow God has put me over in ministry, given me the ability to do things I never dreamed of doing, simply by having purpose and being in tune to time and chance. It helped me to be at the right place at the right time, to accomplish things I never dreamed I could accomplish.

God knows the future. If we spend time seeking Him and getting to know Holy Spirit, we can be in tune to time and chance and know the future. Being at the right place at the time does not happen by being passive, lazy or having a whatever will be will be attitude. We have to do our part, God does His or has done His part and thereby we will be where He has preordained us to be before the foundation of the world.

Fruitful Ministry In Europe

In November/ December 2016 Sharmila and ministered in 5 churches (cities) in **Germany, Austria and Switzerland**. We started in northern Germany by the Denmark border, in **Flensburg** preaching at **the first church Reinhard Bonnke established**



Was deaf for 15 years in right ear and had knee problems. Able to hear and knee healed - **Flensburg, Germany November 2016**.

and made our way south from there finishing in **Zurich, Switzerland**. Some of the highlights of this trip was the hunger for teaching and training in the area of miracles and healings. We saw many people healed in these meetings. We also to spent quality time with some

Iranian Christian refugees and hear what they have had to face for their faith in Christ. We met a young man who fled Iran after his friend was murdered for his faith in Christ. He is now a preacher and willing to go back to Iran to preach the Gospel there, knowing the risks he will need to take. We felt led to sow finances and prayer into his ministry.

Our next trip to Europe is to **Thessaloniki, Greece** to help serve **Syrian Muslim Refugees with the Vineyard Church from Bern, Switzerland from April**

1-8, 2017. This is the largest Vineyard Church in Europe and they have tremendous heart for missions. We have worked in India with some of the staff from this church, ministered at this church and developed a good relationship with them. As a result we felt led to go help with their April outreach. They distribute vitamins and clothes. This has opened up the opportunity to share with many Muslims and pray for them. Many miracles and healings have broken out when they have served these refugees.

Once we committed to going there in January, we had a knock on our door the next morning from a friend we have not seen for years. He came by drop off a \$5,000



Ministering in Neumunster, **Germany November 2016**.

donation, not even knowing what we just committed to. This will more than help cover our airfare and help another young minister from Germany who is joining us. Agree with us for our ground fees to be covered for our time there also. We believe this trip will open up even bigger doors to reach out to more refugees.

Excerpt from Chapter Four Forks in the Road

Many of us come to forks in the road in our journey through this life. A life void of vision and purpose will be filled with confusion, anxiety, procrastination, hopelessness and much more when those forks appear. Why? Because one does not know which way to go. The result can be either going down the wrong path leading to a lot of unhappiness and failure or fearfully refusing to go down any fork in the road, thereby stagnating. Both can be dead ends.

When one is filled with vision and purpose the forks in the road are not accompanied with confusion, as we have sought the Lord, heard His voice and are ready for any changes in our lives because we know which direction to go. It's our destiny!

Jesus was a man of purpose. *For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.* (1 John 3:8). Aren't you glad that Jesus was a man of purpose and He stuck to His purpose in life regardless of circumstances? He was not deterred from fulfilling that purpose or by becoming an earthly king at that time, even though He will be coming back to rule and reign on

this earth, as King one day. He did not die a premature death. Everything He did was in keeping with His purpose and vision in life.

Now the question is: Will you stick to your purpose in this life and fulfill the vision God has for you? Ecclesiastes 3:1 says *To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven.* There is a season for the fulfillment of that purpose and vision that God has for your life. Jesus did not get sidetracked from His purpose. Will you fit in to your purpose or will it pass you by because you were not in tune to that season and purpose? It is up to you! Holy Spirit longs to be your partner and tell you or transmit to your spirit things that pertain to the future as you press in, pray in the spirit, and draw close to Him.

Understanding purpose and vision has in many ways transformed this ministry at different times as well as our personal lives. It will work for you as well, when you understand the seasons and purpose for which you were created by God. Don't get distracted by a religious spirit. It will take you off course with the destiny and purpose God has placed on your life. Stick to your purpose and destiny by living your life for His Audience only! ●



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