

*Welcome to The Citadel Global Community Church where stars are born and great futures are created. Welcome to the home of consummate and conscientious nation builders whose hearts are open to the plans of the Holy Spirit, and in whose lives all things godly are possible because we choose to win by righteousness.*

# THE POWER OF YOUR PROPHECY

...Cooperating with God to bring your destiny to fruition

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## God's Inherent Assignment in Christ

God has an inherent and embedded assignment in everything that Christ surrounds. It is of His eternal nature, from eternity past to eternity present and future. God has a purpose that principalities, powers, rulers of darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places will come to learn the wisdom of God from the church. They will discover what destiny He has planted in Christ Jesus, and those who have confidence and access through boldness in Him (**Ephesians 3:1-21**).

## God's Plan Is Shrouded in Your Destiny

There is a power that works in us. You can call it the Holy Spirit; you can call it the power of your choice. You can say it is the power of the word of God. Nevertheless, you should know that everything the Holy Spirit and the power of the word of God will do inside and outside of you is shrouded in your destiny.

## Eternity Is Written in Our Hearts

There is something about destiny that makes it eternal. Many do not know they existed before they were born (**Jeremiah 1:5**). Therefore, the life they know is the one which began after their birth. But the truth is that you were alive before you came into existence. If you were not alive, you could not have come into existence. In the sight of God, you existed before the foundation of the world. For instance, God knew what Adam would do—He knew that Adam would fall, and He made a plan ever before Adam fell. Christ, the Lamb of God, was slain before the foundation of the world (**Revelation 13:8**).

The Bible says eternity is written in the hearts of men (**Ecclesiastes 3:11**). That is, you are not a temporal person. You were alive before you came into existence. From the moment you came into existence, by your power of choice, you will live forever either in hell or heaven. Because eternity is written in the hearts of men, even those who do not know about the birth, death, and

resurrection of Jesus Christ, at one point or another, had a hunger for God in them.

## A Glimpse of Destiny

You might have gone through some things in your life that are part of your destiny. God allowed them because of where He is taking you. When God shows you a dream or vision, He indicates where He is taking you; however, under normal circumstances, He does not show you what He will take you through. For instance, God showed Joseph that he would be a ruler; he understood the dream. Everybody in the family understood the destiny of Joseph, including his father (**Genesis 37:5-11**). Even his brothers wanted to kill him because of his dreams, but they did not understand that the dreams were not Joseph's. Rather, the dreams were part of God's plan to establish the covenant He swore to Abraham (**Genesis 15**). The dreams and visions we receive from God are not for our sakes, but for the covenant that God had sworn to, which must come to pass.

## Do Not Handle Your Destiny with Levity

When you begin to walk in the consciousness of your destiny and value it more than temporary pleasure, you will discover that you do not want to blow that destiny. A good example of such exemplary life was Josiah.

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## WHO WE ARE

"We are a people sent to the nations, governments and powers of the earth as the voice of reason, possibilities and hope. We are the instrumentality of catalysing change and centralising God in the governance of nations. Our mandate is to enforce the Kingdom of God over the kingdoms of this world that have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. We are men and women, boys and girls who love God and love people and who serve God and serve people. We always seek to give hope and to be at the forefront of driving change both spiritually and governmentally. We exist, primarily, as a fully functional church and conceptually as a governmental force for change, good governance and leadership."



### THE CGCC CREDO

- ➔ Love God, Love People
- ➔ Serve God, Serve People
- \* By doing the above, we glorify God individually and corporately.

### OUR COMMITMENTS

- ➔ Wholehearted Worship of God
- ➔ Prayer
- ➔ Ministry of the Word
- ➔ Evangelism
- ➔ Seeing People Grow Deeper (Discipleship)
- ➔ Helping People Build Vital Relationships with Other Believers

### OUR CORE LEADERSHIP VALUES

- ➔ Compassion
- ➔ Intelligence
- ➔ Responsibility
- ➔ Judgement
- ➔ Influence

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Josiah could have followed the path of idolatry just like the kings before him, but he could not because of destiny. Beginning from Manasseh down the line, they were worshipping idols, continuing in the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, but Josiah chose not to handle his destiny with levity (**1 Kings 13:1-6, 2 Kings 21:24; 22:1-7**). Because God had spoken it, it had to come to pass (**Philippians 2:13**). When Josiah located his destiny in the book, within seventy-two hours, he wiped out over three hundred years of idolatry in Israel. He destroyed everything he was assigned to destroy (**2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:4-18**). Josiah was not born when God spoke about his destiny, but after he was born, he fulfilled it when he discovered it in the book.

## Destined for Greatness Before Existence

Another exemplary life destined for greatness before he was born was Cyrus. When Hezekiah made a mistake by showing messengers from Babylon his treasures and all that was in his palace, God sent a word to him through Isaiah, stating that everything he had shown them would be taken to Babylon someday, and his children would be taken into captivity (**2 Kings 20:12-19, Isaiah 39:1-7**). That word of the Lord came to pass in the time of Daniel when the royal seeds (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) were taken into captivity in Babylon (**Daniel 1:1-7**).

However, Isaiah interceded for Israel, pleading with God to find a way of bringing them out of captivity. While praying, worshipping, and praising God, he received another prophetic word—their affliction was not forever, and God gave them a time frame. The person God would use to rebuild Jerusalem and bring the people out of captivity would be a man yet to be born, Cyrus! (**Isaiah 44:23-28; 45:1-5, Jeremiah 29:1-46**).

## Discover Your Destiny in the Book

You can discover your destiny by studying and meditating in the Bible, because God will not speak outside of His

word. The more you meditate on God's word, the better for you. Daniel came to know about his destiny through books. While he was praying and confessing his sin and the sin of his people Israel, and presenting his supplication before the Lord, he came to know that the captivity was to last for seventy years. It was at this time that God began to raise Cyrus (**Daniel 9:1-27**). God knew you before you were formed in your mother's womb. God had deposited everything you would need before you came to the earth (**2 Chronicles 36:22-23, Ezra 1:11**).

## From Warfare to Prophetic Intercession

It does not matter what situation you are in now; if God has shown you a vision or a dream, the devil cannot steal or kill it. God will bring everything out of captivity and drop it in your hands. But you must meditate in the Book. Until the Bible gets inside of you and you begin to live it, do not think you can realise your destiny. But when you begin to eat and digest God's word, and spend quality time with the Word, one day, your destiny will stand on the pages of the Bible, and God will lead you to one Scripture that will change your life from just intercession and warfare to prophetic intercession (**Job 32:8, Psalm 119:11; 1:1-3**).

## Destiny Fulfilment Is Not a Solo Project

I have shown people who discovered their destinies through books. We have also seen those who prayed and fasted and then located their destinies as a result of seeking God to tell them the purpose for which they were created. You should also understand how God and God's man can release you into your destiny.

God's man in God's place, doing God's work in God's way at God's time will never lack God's utterance, support, and direction. God has raised the five-fold ministry to equip and give direction to the Body of Christ, and release everyone into their destinies (**Ephesians 4:11**).

David blew it some of the times; he was in the will of God, but did not do the will of God at all times (**2 Samuel 11:1-27**;

## OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL OPERATIONAL DYNAMICS

- ➔ Church-in-the-House
- ➔ Church-in-the-Community
- ➔ Church-in-the-City
- ➔ Church-in-the-Cloud.

## OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL GROWTH DYNAMICS

- ➔ To grow up.
- ➔ To grow big.
- ➔ To grow very rich.
- ➔ To grow together.

**12:1-9**). He repented of his sins, and God forgave him. He desired to build a house for God, but God told him He had chosen his son, Solomon, to do it in his place (**1 Chronicles 22:7-11; 1 Chronicles 28:1-10**). David received the prophecy and acted on it. But how did Solomon come by the magnitude of his blessing? How did he fulfil his destiny? Solomon was a worshipper of God (**2 Chronicles 1**). There is a correlation between worship, wealth, and rest.

Solomon asked for wisdom, as his father, David, had prophetically instructed him (**1 Chronicles 22:11-13**). The lesson here is that when God gives you wisdom and understanding, you shall prosper. David had also prophesied that when his son Solomon would become king, the gold of Sheba would be his portion (**Psalms 72:1-20, 2 Chronicles 9:9, 1 Kings 10:10**).

To understand the power of your prophecy, you must first and foremost walk in the consciousness of your existence before the foundation of the world. Everything God will do in you and through you is trapped in your destiny because, in God's sight, you existed before the foundation of the world.

While you might have experienced challenging events that you could not comprehend, you must understand that God allowed them because of the path He is leading you on. He will reveal a dream or vision to you, but typically, He does not disclose the journey's challenges. However, when you become aware of your destiny and value it more than temporary pleasures, you will realise the importance of preserving it. You cannot discover your destiny except you cherish God's word above every other thing on this side of eternity, because God will not speak outside of His word. Josiah, Daniel, Cyrus, and Solomon discovered their destinies by the books, as they had been prophesied.

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