

What is God's plan for our life ? Kimo Hoopai, February 18, 2024

We all get to that point of thinking , certain times in our life. Some more than others , but I know we all have that question, 'What is God's plan?' We prayed about it and I've even got to the point of asking God "WHY ME LORD?" The Bible reveals a beautiful plan for our lives. We can know with all certainty many aspects of God's plan because they are revealed in His Word. Other parts we discover as we walk in ever-deepening fellowship with God.

7 steps of God's plan for my life

1. Salvation - God's paramount plan for us is to be saved through faith in Jesus Christ.

John 3:16-17 NIV ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

1 John 4:10 NIV This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 3:1 NIV See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

2. Fellowship - We get to know God's plan through living in communion with Him. At first, we have many questions. It's impossible to see the whole picture from the start. A parent doesn't disclose the intricate details of adulthood to an infant. New believers must rest in God and trust Him to reveal what we need to know about His plan as we mature and grow in faith. What we can know from the beginning is that God desires to have daily fellowship with us through the Holy Spirit because of Christ's redeeming sacrifice on the cross.

John 14:16-17 NIV ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

Ephesians 2:18-19 NIV ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household.

3. Obedience - As we remain in fellowship with the Father, we begin to understand that He calls us to a life of submission to His will and His Word.

1 John 3:24 NIV The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

2 John 1:6 NIV And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

4. Holiness - God's purpose for every believer is to be conformed to the character of Christ:

Romans 12:1-2 NIV ¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

5 . Discipleship - God calls Christians to be witnesses for Jesus in the world

Acts 1:8 NIV *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

Matthew 16:24-26 NIV ²⁴ *Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"*

6 .Good Works - The Bible likens believers to works of art in the studio of the Master Artist:

Ephesians 2:10 NIV *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

2 Corinthians 4:7-11 NIV ⁷ *But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body.*

7 .Progress - God does not reveal the complete plan for our lives all at once. We don't get the whole schedule or the nitty-gritty details but only what we need to keep moving forward. Our job is to trust Him on the journey and allow Him to do the creative work in and through us as we "walk by faith, not by sight".

Jeremiah 29:11-13 NIV ¹¹ *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

In Closing: Stop confusing yourself on your plans, but trust God on his plans cause it's much greater than what our eyes can see ; AMEN