

"What God Says about your Potential"





- "The world may not recognize your potential, but the Lord does."
- "He loves you unconditionally and wants you to discover His unique purpose for your life."
- HOW?

1 -Holy Spirits Guidance

- If you are a believer,
 you now have the
 spirit of God living
 inside of you now.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 says

 "Therefore, if anyone
 is in Christ, he is a
 new creation. The old
 has passed away;

come."

behold, the new has

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 This means you have a new start, a new beginning; the things of your past are no more.

- Psalm 103:12 New Living Translation

 12 He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.
- It is such a blessing that God doesn't keep any record of our past mistakes.



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 However, this isn't even the best part.

 The Spirit inside of you holds great potential, greater than anything you ever possessed before coming to know Jesus.

2-The Grace Direction

But after a person becomes a Christian and starts growing in faith and knowledge of the Word, God applies the law to his heart.

• The Holy Spirit will call to remembrance what the Bible says, John 14:25-27





2-The Grace Direction

- He will send people to teach or bring God's commandments to mind.
- He also helps the believer understand scriptural principles and reveals the Father's purpose and desires.

You will never outgrow your need for the Spirit.



2-The Grace Direction

John 14:25-27 New Living Translation

²⁵ I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. ²⁶ But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

²⁷ "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.



3- The Law of Obedience

The law tells you that you *must* obey.

- And the Holy Spirit gives you the *desire* to do so.
- He works in your life continually to nudge you in the right direction.
- And like any good educator, He will test you to reveal areas of weakness and growth.
- The Spirit already knows your heart and how you will respond.
- The test is for *your* sake. God wants you to know yourself better.

4- Discipline



Another way God leads us to our full potential is through failures and struggles.

- In allowing free will, the Lord gave you the freedom to fall short of His purpose for your life—to fail, make mistakes, or sin.
- But through these shortcomings, the Holy Spirit can mold you into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

4- Discipline



- Many people set unrealistic goals and, when they fall short, have a sense of worthlessness.
- Others decide on objectives but then never put them into a workable plan.
- When their goals aren't met, they can feel frustration and self-doubt.
- God, however, has no responsibility to help people reach man-made targets.
- If you and I don't allow Him to help us set goals, the Holy Spirit may rebuke us so that we choose to be guided by His will rather than our own.



4- Discipline

Falling short of our potential means missing **God's unique destiny** for our lives.

- Perhaps we don't recognize what the Lord has created us to be, or maybe we resist cooperating with His plan through neglect, lack of effort, or outright rebellion.
- The Holy Spirit is never satisfied with human preference for the status quo.
- He draws us to the <u>full perfection of Jesus</u>
 <u>Christ</u> and the hope of a bright tomorrow.



5- Your True Destiny

So, how do you reach your full potential?

- The answer is simple—it must begin with <u>handing your life over</u> to Christ.
- Through teaching and discipline, the Lord molds and perfects us for His purposes.
- The Holy Spirit works in our lives, changing us so we will accept and follow God's will.



5- Your True Destiny

When you truly grasp the Lord's commitment to helping you fulfill your destiny, hope is inevitable.

- Rekindle your passion today by regaining sight of your God-given capacities, as well as His promise to develop them.
- Our heavenly Father is in charge of fulfilling the potential He has given you—trust Him to do exactly that.

Our potential is God's gift to us; what we do with that potential is our gift to God.

- In Ephesians 2:10 the bible says "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."
- And in Colossians 3:14 "And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."



Our potential is God's gift;

Each of us has God given potential; but it is up to us to develop, grow and use that potential to impact the world around us through our works and our love.



Our potential is God's gift;

Here are some questions to ask yourself in order to better discover your God given potential:

- 1. Do I understand where this God given potential comes from?
- 2. How well am I using this God given potential right now?
- 3. What are some immediate things that I could do in order to walk more in this potential?



Closing

- Think about the potential that you know that God has given you; then decide how you can use it to impact those around you.
- I strongly urge you to do your best to give God the gift of living up to the potential that He has placed inside of you.
- God can do more through you than you could ever imagine.
- **Be a willing vessel today** by doing good works and loving those around you!