

DISCOVERING YOUR DESTINY

“...that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.”
~ Colossians 4:12

Part 5: Hearing The Coach

Introduction – What Are You Willing To Give Up?

Romans 12:1-2

Do You Hear What I Hear?

The value of “counselors”...

Proverbs 1:5; 11:14; 12:15; 13:10, 20; 15:22; 19:20; 24:6; 27:9

- 1) They can help us understand Scripture’s _____.
- 2) They can help us see our own “_____ spots”.

3 Questions to ask...

- 1) Do you know of any biblical principles that _____ to my situation?
- 2) Has your experience taught you anything that could be of _____ to me in making my decision?
- 3) Do you see anything in my life that _____ be there?

Personal Prophecies...

Acts 21:10-15

Personal prophecy is never _____, but _____.

Chance, Circumstance, Free Will, & Providence

Open & Closed Doors...

Acts 14:27; 1 Cor. 6:8-9; 2 Cor. 2:12-13; Colossians 4:3;
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 9:11; Psalm 37:7

To Fleece Or Not To Fleece...

Judges 6:36-40; Matthew 12:38-39

Sometimes what appears to be “chance” is really _____!

Ruth 2:3; 1 Kings 22:34; Luke 10:31; Luke 13:1-5; Philemon 15-16

Conclusion – Removing The Earplugs

Hebrews 5:12-14

Live according to what you _____, and you’ll know more about how to _____!

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing this week’s teaching, share what one thing most inspired, perplexed, or challenged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read **Genesis 1:29; 2:16-17; & 3:1-5.** a) How might you use God’s first instructions to humanity in to show someone his foundation for relating to us and running the universe on a *free-choice-within-divine-boundaries* basis? b) How does the Serpent’s first words to Eve attempt to twist this foundational truth to suggest that God is a controlling tyrant? c) How does Eve’s response suggest she is indeed beginning to view God as too controlling? (Closely compare **3:3** and **2:17.**) d) How might **Deuteronomy 29:29** provide a balancing “last word” on the topic of human freedom and divine sovereignty for anyone who becomes fixated on figuring it all out?
3. One source of God’s guidance not discussed in this week’s message is God’s creation, where principles for life are woven into the fabric of all that exists. Read **Proverbs 6:6-11 & 30:24-28.** a) What life lessons do we learn from the animals mentioned in these passages? b) *Brainstorm...* What other practical lessons can we learn from examples in nature? c) Knowing that God speaks not only through his Word but through his world, how should this effect our attitude toward and involvement with nature? Give some examples of how this might inform the way we live as Christians.
4. Review the verses listed from **Proverbs** on the value of counselors. Also see **Luke 17:3.** a) What steps could your Home Church take to make spiritual feedback and counsel a more natural part of the matrix of church? b) In what kind of situations (if any) is it appropriate to rely on the counsel of: i) Professional counselors, ii) Professional pastors, iii) Home Church leaders, iv) Wise spiritual brothers and sisters, v) Non-Christian friends?

SO WHAT?...

5. From whom do you regularly receive feedback on the attitudes and actions, priorities and principles lived out in your life? What could you do this week to strengthen this brotherly/sisterly feedback process?