

Mapping Your Future

Introduction

Congratulations, you have just completed the P.O.D. Seven Intensive teaching Sessions and are well on your way in the spiritual transformation process that leads to a profitable purpose filled life that is well pleasing to your Lord. As with any good teaching, the crux has always been “how do I turn what I just heard into practical application?” Jesus emphasized this when we gave the Great Commission “ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you”.

In order for the teaching to take root, you will need to develop a “road map” in the presence of the Lord. Along with the map, you will need a compass, a legend, signposts, and a GPS for the journey. Someone once said, “If you do not know where you are going any road will take you there”. Our Lord desires to be a “lamp unto your feet”. He wants to show you the way of a unique and fascinating journey with Him.

As you map your future, you will draw from the training that you have received this year through the P.O.D. experience. In Session One, you heard the call of God, His universal purpose for everyone. You saw how the power of God is manifest in the context of living in the middle voice in intimate union with the Holy Spirit. A healthy holy Fear of Lord, Session2, overcomes our natural tendency to fear man and not obey God. Embracing your new ID and experiencing God’s grace, Session 3, creates the desire to make your life count as God lives in and through you. Solomon’s temple, Session 4, served to show us the pattern of how the Mind of Christ works is us and gives us His counsel and strength. How to hear God’s voice, Session 5, is imperative in creating your map. You will need to be in close communication with Him as he reveals how He has worked in your life and intends to specifically direct you going forward. Understanding God’s standards for blessing, Session 6, should provide more than enough incentive to get serious in completing the mapping process, as it holds promise for the present life and for the life to come. Finally, Session Seven clarified the love of God to be understood in proper balance with His other attributes. One of God’s names is Jealous. He will not allow anyone or any agenda to gain a place in our life that usurps our relationship with Him. Remember that you do not want your activities and objectives to dictate your life purpose. Instead, to be squarely in God’s will, you must allow your purpose to dictate your objectives and activities.

The very valuable mapping resource that we want you to take advantage of is entitled ["Mapping Your Future"](#) (Discovering God's Unique Purpose for Your Life). As you partake in this mapping process, God will begin to reveal to you many of the things He has given you for "life and godliness". The process will give you a:

1. COMPASS: It will guide you to write a Biblical based purpose statement as you orient yourself to the timeless truth of God's Word.
2. MAP: In order to map our future, you will need to map your past. As you start "storyboarding", your life God will show you how He has worked through your life up to this point. This will be your personal testimony.
3. LEGEND: A statement of your life's core values (see session 6) which is critical in interpreting your map.
4. SIGN POSTS: These are natural signs God has built into your life to guide you such as; Traits (temperament, personality, and physical traits); Talents (natural and spiritual gifts); Training (education, and experience); and Target (passion, dreams, burden, desire, and calling).
5. GPS: A vision statement, like a GPS, provides direction. By developing your personal vision statement, you will create a concise, concrete action plan that will encourage, motivate, and guide you.

After completing this process, you now need to act in faith and obedience to take the next step. Note: A vision with without action is merely daydreaming. This is where your POD group will play a critical role. As you share your vision, your POD mates can provide the necessary encouragement, accountability and companionship as you co-labor together. Remember, "if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart." (Eccl. 4:12)

Let's go fishing!