



NEW DESTINY PRAISE AND WORSHIP CENTER

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November 2013

DESTINY CONNECTIONS

November Theme

“Living The Blessed Life”

- G³ Women’s Breakfast — November 9, 9AM
- Church Visitation at Spring Tabernacle Community Church — November 9, 7PM
- Patmos Ministry for Seniors Meeting — November 14, 11AM — 1PM
- Corporate Prayer Conference Call — November 16, 8AM
- Family Unity Day — November 24, Pastor Lynn Phipps @ 8AM and Bishop E. Earl Jenkins @ 10AM
- Thanksgiving Eve Service — November 27, 7PM

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- Men’s Ministry Man Talk — December 14, 9AM
- Annual Christmas Production — December 15

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Pastor’s Corner

“I will bless my people and their homes around my holy hill. And in the proper season I will send the showers they need. There will be showers of blessing”

~ Ezekiel 34:26 (NLT)

I really believe that I am living the blessed life. My wife, daughter and myself have been influenced by Robert Morris who is the senior pastor of a mega church and author of the books, *The Blessed Life* and *The Blessed Church*. He teaches that the key to living the blessed life is wrapped up in trusting God with the level of your giving.

Many of you know that Pam and I have given away two C Class Mercedes Benz cars. We gladly gave them away to loyal people who were not related to us. I have practiced being a giver on every occasion as The Lord speaks to me. I have given away trips, gifts, and even cash to be a blessing to people in need or just to assist them along the way.

I have learned to enjoy giving in every way. I believe in giving a good tip to the waiter, even if the service is not good, to the skycap, the bellman, the valet and

anyone who has a great smile or those who are experiencing terminal illnesses. It has been a life change for me and my family. Most of all you cannot give everything out without giving good gifts at home. Many times we put ourselves last to be a blessing.

I believe in the word of God that says, “I will bless you to be a blessing” (Genesis 12:2); “it is better to give than receive” (Act 20:35). If you know my story I was a major drug addict for several years living in the car, motels, and with different



people. Homeless in so many ways, lost and didn't even know I was lost; but, the Lord sent his son at the right time (Romans 5:8). Listen, God gave me the most precious gift I could ever have without me even asking. Somebody should praise God now!

Here are the spiritual realities for why I am living the blessed life according to God’s Word.

1. I give because God has been super good to me.



2. I give because God commands us to bless others.

3. I give because I want to help change somebody’s life.

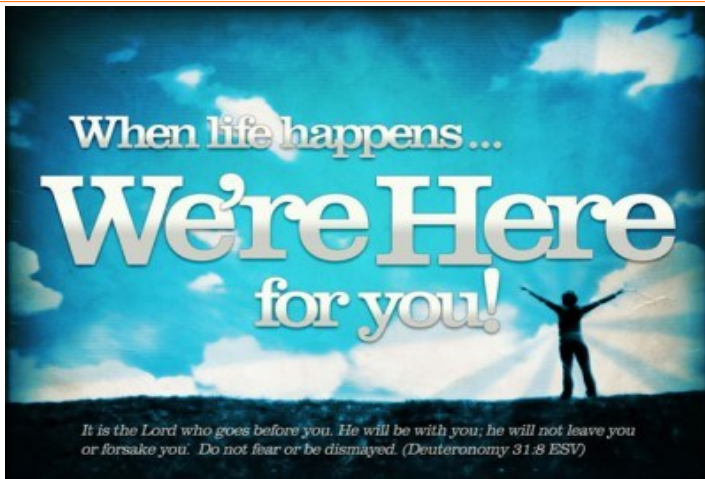
4. I give because I remember when no one helped me.

5. I give because God is faithful and he has blessed me in due season for what I have already given away.

6. I give back to God because I cannot out give God.

I give because I've learned that the bible is true in Psalm 37:25, “I once was young and now I'm old but I have never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread”. I pray that you join me this month in giving to God and being a blessing to others in some way. Consider this, it does not have to be big like giving away a car, you can buy someone a lunch, tip someone an extra \$10.

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“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.” (James 5:14-15)

We deeply care about all of our members and their families, so we are asking if you are sick, shut-in or have lost a loved one to please let us know. We would love to partner with you in prayer and minister to you during these life experiences.

Please call the church office at 281-580-8686 or visit our website, www.newdestinypwc.org under pastoral care on the home page.

Pastor’s Corner (Continued)

If you want to experience God’s blessings you need to be a blessing! Bless God and bless others.

Just a footnote for the ones who really desire to live the blessed life. Living the blessed life also includes heavy persecution. Living the blessed life draws haters. Living the blessed life makes the enemy mad that God would even chose someone like you. Living the blessed life will cost you close friends and family members too. Living the blessed life is learning that people can have all types of motives just to be connected to you. But most of all, living the blessed life God will bless you 100 fold in this life according to his word in Mark 10:30.

Please join me this month as we prayer for living the blessed life. You have to pray to live at this level not think it, but pray and live it out. Right now I’m praying over your life for increase, exceeding the normal boundaries, for overflow of God’s amazing grace, for divine release of supernatural favor in every area in your life. In Jesus’ mighty name, Amen.

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NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES

LIVING THE *Blessed Life*



—DR. ETHAN W. OGLETREE SR.—

With so many economic and political changes taking place in our world today, people everywhere are asking, “How do I find God’s will for my life?” Businessmen who have relied on their company’s loyalty for decades are suddenly out of work. They wonder how to support their families. College graduates who had planned to enter a career are finding that it’s almost impossible to get work. People are losing their homes. And in the midst of it all, they are losing their sense of direction.

It is important to know that the Lord has a plan for each of our lives. And when we operate within its boundaries, we soon discover His will for the circumstances we face. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us that God’s plan includes the future—He sees the big picture when we can’t.

We need to realize that God’s will isn’t something to fear. It’s meant to give us clarity of purpose and power to lead a blessed life. His will provides us with direction at every turn and answers important questions. In an age where even our cars can get real-time, turn-by-turn directions from satellites, it’s hard to understand why some people resist the flawless guidance that comes from our loving, omniscient Father.

When you think of being blessed what comes to mind? For many people, the idea of being blessed has shifted over time away from God’s ideal definition. Today, some people think that being blessed comes down to their circumstances. If they have a lot of money or possessions or if they have a relatively happy marriage, they feel blessed. Jesus, however, had a slightly different definition of blessed. When He spoke about being blessed, he was talking about more than just happiness about our circumstances. He was talking about a feeling of hope and joy that only comes from following Him. He was talking about eternal joy as opposed to earthly happiness. In the first part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave us the Beatitudes, which were a series of statements about what it means to be truly blessed.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit” - A person who is poor in spirit is not the same as a person who is “poor spirited”. He or she is someone who has an honest

opinion of his or her spiritual condition. The person who will admit he is sinful is well on his way to faith in Christ for salvation.

“Blessed are those who mourn” - The heart that mourns over sin is the heart that will confess and find the comfort of forgiveness. Initially people will find the forgiveness of salvation. After salvation, people will find the comfort of forgiveness for sins that they confess.

“Blessed are the meek” - Being Biblically meek is being in submission to God. Being meek does not indicate a lack of strength, but rather strength that is under God’s control.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness” - To hunger and thirst after righteousness should be a characteristic of every Christian. We should want to please God by doing what is right. We should hunger and thirst for the things of God and His Word.

“Blessed are the merciful” - As followers of Christ, we should show mercy toward others simply because of the mercy God has shown us. None of us deserves to be saved, but God has saved us anyway because of His great mercy. When we understand our own forgiveness, we will be better able to show mercy toward others.

“Blessed are the pure in heart” - Many people concern themselves with what other people see about them. They think appearance or actions are key because they want others to believe they are righteous. God, however, looks only at our hearts. What we have in our heart is what matters to Him, so we should do everything we can to keep our hearts pure.

“Blessed are the peacemakers” - There are two main ways in which we can be peacemakers. We can be peacemakers between man and by how we treat others and by avoiding things like gossip and strife. We can be peacemakers between man and God by sharing our faith with others and leading them to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Ministry in Action

