

Signposts of Maturity Stepping into Our Destiny

Overview: It is not a coincidence that we are living as children of the Most High God in times like this. It is time for us, as spiritually mature sons of God, to step into our destiny in these ending days to prepare this world for the return of Jesus.

A. Marks of Maturity.

1. Uncompromising faith in the Word of God.

- a. Faith connects us to the promises and the power of God. Heb 11:1,6
Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
- b. Faith trusts the Word from a God who cannot lie. Heb 6:18
Heb 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:
- c. Faith speaks the Word without doubting. Mark 11:22-24
Mar 11:22-24 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

2. Hearing clearly the voice of the Holy Spirit.

- a. A mature person is led by the Spirit. Rom 8:14
Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
- b. God reveals to us His ways and His will. 1 Cor 2: 9-12
1Co 2:9-12 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

- c. The Holy Spirit will show us all things to come.

John 16:13

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

3. Controlling emotions.

- a. Let not your heart be troubled.

John 14:1

Joh 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

- b. Rejoice when you are tested knowing...

James 1:2-4

Jas 1:2-4 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

4. Acting decisively. (knowing His will and power)

- a. Ask God for wisdom without doubting.

James 1:5-8

Jas 1:5-8 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

- b. Obedience to the Word.

Gen 22:1-3

Gen 22:1-3 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. 2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. 3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

- c. Speaking with authority.

Matt 7:29

Mat 7:28-29 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: 29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

B. Growing Up to Our Destiny.

1. We are called to be rulers.

- a. Grow up to be the heir of our father.

Gal 4:1,7

Gal 4:1 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

Gal 4:7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

- b. We have been called to reign in life. Rom 5:17
Rom 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)
2. It is time to put away childish things.
 - a. Speak as an adult not as a child 1 Cor 13:11
1Co 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
 - b. Understand as an adult not as a child.
 - c. Think as an adult not as a child.
3. Grow up to the strong meat of the Word.
 - a. By reason of use we have our senses trained to discern. Heb 5:14
Heb 5:13-14 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.
 - b. Be a mature person (father) in the faith. 1 John 2:12-14
1Jn 2:12-14 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. 13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. 14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.
4. It is time to conquer the spirit of fear.
 - a. God has not given us the spirit of fear. 2 Tim 1:7
2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
 - b. God has given us love, power and a sound mind.

C. Knowing Who We Are.

1. The Glorious Church. Eph 5:27
Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
2. Manifested Sons of God. Rom 8:19
Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.
3. World Changers. Eph 2:10
Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

4. Giant Killers.

1 Sam 17:46-50

1Sa 17:46-50 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands. 48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. 50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

5. As a man thinks in his heart so is he.

Prov 23:7

Pro 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

D. Living Out Our Destiny.

1. Now is our time.

a. Serving God in this generation.

Acts 13:36

Act 13:36 For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

b. We have come into the kingdom for such a time as this.

Est 4:14

Est 4:14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

2. Governing with Jesus from our seat in heavenly places.

a. We are seated with Christ in heavenly places.

Eph 2:6

Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

b. We are kings and priests.

Rev 1:6

Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

3. Destroying the works of the devil.

a. Jesus came that He might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8

Jn 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

b. Prevailing over the gates of hell.

Matt 16:18

Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

- c. Tear down the strongholds with spiritual warfare. 2 Cor 10:3-4
2Co 10:3-4 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
4. Preparing the way of the Lord.
 - a. Lift up your voice. Is 40:3-5
Isa 40:3-5 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.
 - b. Prepare the way for the Glory of the Lord.
5. Establishing the kingdom of God.
 - a. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done. Matt 6:9-10
Mat 6:9-10 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
 - b. The kingdom of God is within you – release it. Luke 17:21
Luk 17:20-21 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.
6. Ministering the Gospel more effectively.
 - a. Preach the Word; Speak the truth to overcome deception. 2 Tim 4:1-4
2Ti 4:1-4 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.