

TOPIC Effective Prayer Part 3

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THEME Effective Prayer

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

Personal Destiny

With BBTC's direction and emphasis on 2018 being a year of prayer, a 3-part series by Senior Pastor Daniel Foo is a timely reminder on the importance of effective prayer. In this final part of this series, Senior Pastor exhorts us to pray for our Personal Destiny – to reveal our identity and purpose.

Identity and Purpose

The two aspects of Personal Destiny - Identity and Purpose, calls us to reflect on the person we are becoming (Romans 8:29) and the purpose of our calling (Ephesians 2:10).

1. The Person we are becoming

In finding our identity of the person we are becoming, it is important to focus on Jesus, as he is our model to living a victorious life, and to please God.

Here are some useful handles to discovering the person we are to become:

- A. Acknowledge our identity as children of God (Romans 8:15-16).
- B. When we are born again, we live under open heavens where we can receive the blessings and abundance from our Father in Heaven (Luke 3:21-22).
- C. Our lives and identities should be empowered by the Holy Spirit, just as Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit.
- D. Learn from Jesus in how he found His identity and significance in His relationship with God the Father. Lastly, it is important for us to develop our identity and significance in God, lest we revert to living with an orphan spirit (John 14:18)

2. The Purpose of our calling

After learning and building our identity and significance in God, we should work the second aspect of our Personal Destiny – our Purpose. SP shared some truths relating to our purpose. Firstly, that we were all created for good works, to value add unto others, and this is our calling even before we are born (Ephesians 2:10). Secondly, we receive God's grace when we live out His calling for us (2 Timothy 1:9).

Thirdly, the grace that God has given us is the empowerment for our purpose, that this grace lets us have sufficiency and abundance for the good work that we do (2 Corinthians 9:8). Fourthly, our

purpose is related to our strengths, gifts and talents from God and it is an area which prompts us – something we should do, want to do and can do. Lastly, our purpose can also be shaped by the life stages which we are in. Therefore, it is important for us to continue discovering and pursuing our purpose – and in doing so, becoming the salt and light of the world, administering the God's grace to others, and to share Christ with pre-believers.

Concluon

In conclusion, the path to finding our personal destiny lies in finding our identity and purpose God has for us. Like the many examples in the bible, with the likes of Joshua, Apostle Peter and even our Lord Jesus Christ, they found their identity and purpose, and so should we!



1. At your current life stage, to what purpose do you think has God called you to?	
2.	SP challenged us to pray daily and proclaim Christ. What are some joys and challenges
•	you face as you began applying these this week?
2 (Spend time together during cell to share how you can reach out collectively to your oikos
	and also take time to pray for your families and cell group.