

Pictures of Destiny

Overview: He chose us, He saved us, He raised us up with Jesus to heavenly places, and He gave us a destiny (Eph 1:4; 2:1-10). For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Eph 2:10). We position ourselves for our destiny with clarity, desire, and determination. We achieve our destiny through consistency with our thoughts, words, and actions.

A. The Soldier. 2 Tim 2:3-4

1. The Goal: to please him who chose us.
2. The Process:
 - a. Endure hardness with faith and patience.
 - b. Remain pure from the entanglements of the world.

B. The Athlete. 2 Tim 2:5

1. The Goal: to be victorious.
2. The Process:
 - a. Compete lawfully – with righteousness.
 - b. Compete strategically – to achieve the maximum results.

C. The Farmer. 2 Tim 2:6

1. The Goal – to labor to produce fruit.
2. The Process:
 - a. Tactical actions – planting what you want to reap.
 - b. Partaking of the fruit – blessings in your life.

D. The Vessel. 2 Tim 2:20-26

1. The Goal: to be ready, thoroughly furnished for God's use in these ending days.
2. The Process:
 - a. Purging oneself from everything of dishonor toward God.
 - b. Being set free from satan's snares through repentance.