



SCRIPTURES FOR YOUR CAREER JOURNEY

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All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
2 Timothy 16-17

THE LORD WANTS TO BLESS YOU

Genesis 1:27-28 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, The Lord lift up His face to you and give you peace."

Deuteronomy 33:11a: Bless all his skills, O Lord, and be pleased with the work of his hands.
(Note: What a beautiful blessing in Deuteronomy 33 for Levi. (v. 8-11). Levi = priest. We are His royal priesthood. Our skills are to be blessed and God will be pleased with the work of our hands. This is the only blessing on skills in Moses' last blessing of the tribes!)

Deuteronomy 7:13 He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land – your grain, new wine and oil – the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land that he swore to your forefathers to give you.

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Numbers 6:24-26: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, The Lord lift up His face to you and give you peace.

Psalms 22:9-10 Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast. From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Psalms 27:13 I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us

Matthew 7:7 Ask and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Isaiah 49:15 Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

GOD'S PLAN FOR WORK

Genesis 2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Hebrews 13:21 equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Proverbs 16:26 The laborer's appetite works for him; his hunger drives him on.

Proverbs 20:4 The sluggard does not plow after the autumn, So he begs during the harvest and has nothing.

Isaiah 43:21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

2 Thessalonians 3:7-9 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow.

Ephesians 6:6 Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.

Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,

Proverbs 14:23 All hard work brings a profit but mere talk leads only to poverty

Galatians 6:9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. (clarify what those good works are!)

Ecclesiastes 9:10a Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...

Proverbs 18:9 One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys.

Exodus 34:21 Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the plowing season and harvest you must rest.

VISIONING & LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Numbers 24:16 The oracle of one who hears the words of God, who has knowledge from the Most High, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened...
(Vision comes from the Almighty, when we are prostrate and He opens our eyes.)

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish.
(God is the vision)

John 14:16 I am the way, the truth, and the light.
(God is the way, the path, to all truth, to all visions.)

Proverbs 16:9 In his heart, a man plans his course, but the Lord determines His steps.
(We may plan, but the Lord can be trusted to redirect our steps if we need to go a different direction.)

Lamentations 3:37 Who can speak and have it happen if the Lord has not decreed it?
(God is sovereign!)

Isaiah 30:21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."
(God will be faithful to guide.)

Psalms 32:8 I will instruct you, and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

1 Chronicles 28:12 He (King David) gave him (Solomon) the plans of all that the Spirit had put in his mind...

JOBS / ASSIGNMENTS & SUCCESS COME FROM GOD

Genesis 32:9-10 Then Jacob prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, O Lord, who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,' I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two groups.

Genesis 39:2 The Lord was with Joseph and he prospered

Psalms 75:6-7 No one from the east or the west or from the desert can exalt a man. But it is God who judges: He brings one down, he exalts another.

Luke 19:17 'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.'

1 Chronicles 27:25-34 Azmaveth son of Adiel was in charge of the royal storehouse ... in charge of the field workers ... in charge of the produce of the vineyards ... was in charge of King David's property ... Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a man of insight and a scribe. ... Joab was the commander of the royal army.

Acts 6:3 Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them

Acts 4:28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur. (NASB)

Acts 5:38b-39 for if this plan or action is of men, it will be overthrown; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them; or else you may even be found fighting against God." (NASB)

BRAINSTORMING, PRIORITIZING, EXECUTING YOUR PLAN

Jeremiah 33:3 Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.

Matthew 7:7 Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.
(God is the giver of ideas!)

Luke 10:42 Mary has chosen the better part.
(Focus on priorities!)

Philippians 4:9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice.
(Note: Don't just think about it, DO IT!)

PLANNING

Proverbs 16:3 Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

Proverbs 16:9 In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.

Proverbs 19:21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

Proverbs 21:30 There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord.

Psalms 33:10-11 The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

Job 42:2 I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.

Proverbs 16:1 To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the Lord comes the reply of the tongue.

Luke 14:28 Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

James 4:13-15 Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

TRIALS ARE TREASURES FROM GOD

Lamentations 3:38 Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both calamities and good things come?

1 Peter 1:6-7 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 4:12-13 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

James 1:12 Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

Romans 5:3-5 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

James 1:2-4 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Numbers 14:24 But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me *wholeheartedly*, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it. (emphasis added)

ASK FOR HELP ... CRY OUT TO THE LORD

Isaiah 38:2-6 Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, "Remember, O Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes. And Hezekiah wept bitterly. Then the word of the Lord came to Isaiah: "Go and tell Hezekiah, 'This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life. And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city.'"

Exodus 3:7 The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering."

1 Samuel 7:8 They said to Samuel, "Do not stop crying out to the Lord our God for us, that he may rescue us from the hand of the Philistines."

2 Samuel 22:6-8 The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called to the Lord; I called out to my God. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came to his ears.

Psalms 34:15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry;

Psalms 40:1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

Psalms 18:6 In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.

Mark 10:48-51a Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

Eph 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast, for we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

GET GODLY COUNSEL, PARTNER WITH OTHERS ON YOUR JOURNEY

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 15:22 Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

1 Kings 22:16 The king said to him, "How many times must I make you swear to tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the Lord?" (select mentors who will be honest with you and not just go along with the crowd. Read 1 Kings 22:1-40 for more insights.)

Ecclesiastes 7:5 It is better to heed a wise man's rebuke than to listen to the song of fools.

Proverbs 20:5 The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Proverbs 20:18a Make plans by seeking advice...

Luke 5:7a: So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them...

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

JOB SEARCH - God sends you with a purpose and will open doors for you

1 Thessalonians 3:11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you.

Judges 6:14 The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"

JOB SEARCH TIMELINE - Time is in God's hands

2 Peter 3:8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

Psalm 84:10 Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere

Psalm 139:16 All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

PURPOSE

Psalm 138:8 The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever – do not abandon the works of your hands.

Romans 9:21 Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

2 Timothy 2:20 In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble.

Eph 1:11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

Philippians 2:13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Ephesians 1:18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you.

STRENGTH

Mark 9:23 "Everything is possible for him who believes."

Philippians 4:13: "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

Zechariah 4:6 So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.

GOD WANTS US TO BEAR FRUIT IN OUR LIVES, WHICH INCLUDES OUR WORK

Luke 13:6-9 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

"'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

John 15:5,8 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ... This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

John 15:16a "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-fruit that will last."

Matthew 25:22-23 Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents. His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful

slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

1 Chronicles 4:10 Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWING... WHAT YOU SAY

Proverbs 16:15 Kings take pleasure in honest lips; they value a man who speaks the truth.

Know when to stop talking: Judges 16:16-17a With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was tired to death. So he told her everything. "No razor has ever been used on my head," he said, "because I have been a Nazirite set apart to God since birth. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as any other man."

2 Corinthians 11:17 In this self-confident boasting I am not talking as the Lord would, but as a fool.

Philippians 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Dress appropriately: 1 Timothy 2:9-10 I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

2 Samuel 23:2 The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me; his word was on my tongue.

John 12:49 For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it.

John 12:50 I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.

Ecclesiastes 6:11 The more the words, the less the meaning, and how does that profit anyone?

Proverbs 8:7-8 says "My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips detest wickedness. All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse."

Isaiah 50:4a The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.

James 1:19 Let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger.

Proverbs: 18:13 He who answers before listening, that is his folly and his shame.

Leviticus 26:9 I will look on you with favor and make you fruitful and increase your numbers, and I will keep my covenant with you.

Proverbs 15:23 A man finds joy in giving an apt reply-- and how good is a timely word!

Exodus 4:12 Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.

Matthew 20:26-27 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave

Matthew 23:12 For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Matthew 12:36-37 But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

Proverbs 29:29 Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Proverbs 10:19 When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.

Exodus 20:16 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Ephesians 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Proverbs 6:16-19 There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

Ephesians 5:4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

DEALING WITH PRESSURE OF CARRER TRANSITION

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7)

BE PROACTIVE / ACT

Colossians 1:29 To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in me.

James 2:14-17 What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

GUIDANCE / DIRECTION

Psalms 73:24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.

Psalms 25:9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

Psalms 25:12 Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him.

Psalms 25:14 The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

Psalms 139:17 How precious it is, Lord to realize that you are thinking about me constantly!

John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

James 1:5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
Cannot be a lamp or light unless we're holding it out in front of us. Like a lantern, you must hold it close to see what's in front of you.

Genesis 24:42,48 When I came to the spring today, I said, O Lord, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. . . and I bowed down and worshipped the Lord. I praised the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son.

Joshua 3:1-4a Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. After three days the officers went throughout the camp, giving orders to the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, who are Levites, carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before.

Isaiah 30:18-21: Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

1 Chronicles 22:12-13: May the Lord give you discretion and understanding when he puts you in command over Israel, so that you may keep the law of the Lord your God. Then you will have success if you are careful to observe the decrees and laws that the Lord gave Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged.

Psalms 25:14 The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

Deuteronomy 33:26-27a There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides on the heavens to help you and on the clouds in his majesty. The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Isaiah 44:2-3 This is what the Lord says – he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid, O Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

PERSISTENCE

1 Chronicles 16:11 Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Job 17:9 Nevertheless, the righteous will hold to their ways, and those with clean hands will grow stronger.

CALLING

Romans 1:6 And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

1 Corinthians 1:2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours

Jude 1:1a-2 To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

Ephesians 1:18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you.

Romans 11:29 for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.

1 Corinthians 6:19b-20 You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

Philippians 3:13-14 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 1:11 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.

2 Timothy 1:9 who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time...

Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. 2He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.

SALARY NEGOTIATIONS

Luke 3:14 Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay."

Hebrews 13:5 Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,"

Psalms 84:11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Psalms 37:25 I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

Hag. 1:6 You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."

Luke 10:7 Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

GOD WILL PROVIDE FOR YOU

Psalms 139:4 Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.

2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10:10b for the worker is worth his keep.

Matthew 7:9 "Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone?"

LET YOUR WORD BE GOOD

Matthew 5:37 But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil.

Jonah 2:9 But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the Lord.

Proverbs 16:11 The Lord demands fairness in every business deal. He established this principle.

NETWORKING ... with Honesty and Good Intentions

Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor.

James 4:17 Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

YOUR PERSONAL BRAND

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Philippians 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Proverbs 3:3-4 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

Joshua 2:10-11 We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.
(Note: A good reputation gets around!)

FEELING INSECURE ABOUT YOUR ABILITIES

Exodus 3:11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

Exodus 4:10 Moses said to the Lord, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

Psalms 71:5 For you have been my hope, O Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth.

DECISION-MAKING

1 Kings 18:21 And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him..."

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, 20 by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers... (Moses' last counsel—all decisions should be based in our choice to love the Lord, obey, hold fast to Him)

Joshua 24:15b choose for yourselves today whom you will serve... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord

James 1:5-6 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

GOD WANTS YOU TO BE A WITNESS FOR HIM WHEREVER YOU GO

Acts 8:4 Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Matthew 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

SCRIPTURES RELATING TO THE MASTER F.I.T.™ MODEL

FUNCTION (What you *want and like* to do! What strengths/talents/skills/passions have you excelled at in the past? What are your spiritual gifts? What would you like to learn to do? What job titles are associated with these functions? Conversely, what do you want to avoid? If there were one task you couldn't give up in your current career, what would it be? Job titles will often be associated with the Function.)

Romans 12:6-8 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

1 Corinthians 12:7-12 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

1 Peter 4:10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

John 15:16a You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last.

Hebrews 2:4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Romans 9:21 Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

2 Corinthians 3:5 Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.

Exodus 36:1a ... every skilled person to whom the Lord has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work...

Psalms 33:15 he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

INDUSTRY/INTERESTS ... motivation/passions to develop gifts/skills; where you will use your gifts (Where do you want to use your "function" skills? Where do your interests, knowledge, or experiences lie? What industries/companies/products do these interests represent? Conversely, what situations do you want to avoid?)

Exodus 31:2-3 See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts

Exodus 35:10 All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the Lord has commanded

Exodus 35:31, 35 And he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts ... He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as craftsmen, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers – all of them master craftsmen and designers.

Exodus 36:2 Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work.

1 Kings 7:14b Hiram was highly skilled and experienced in all kinds of bronze work. He came to King Solomon and did all the work assigned to him.

1 Chronicles 28:21 ... every willing man skilled in any craft will help you in all the work.

2 Chronicles 34:12 The men did the work faithfully.

Proverbs 22:29 Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.

1 Corinthians 14:12b Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.

1 Timothy 4:14-15 Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.

2 Corinthians 9:10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

THINGS THAT MATTER (Which values and priorities—financial, work/lifestyle, environmental, intellectual, emotional, spiritual—must be present for you to be your best in your work?)

Isaiah 56:4b choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant

Luke 10:42a ...but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better...

FULLILLMENT (PURPOSE) (Why do you work? What do you sense is God's purpose/destiny for your life? What difference do you want to make in the world? How would you describe your living legacy? Why will this be rewarding?)

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

John 17:4 I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

Psalms 33:11 But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

Psalms 138:8 The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever – do not abandon the works of your hands.

Proverbs 16:9 In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.

Proverbs 19:21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

Ephesians 1:11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

Philippians 2:13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven (KJV)

Acts 26:15 Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you [for this purpose] to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you.

Colossians 1:16: For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

2 Timothy 1:9 who has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,

2 Timothy 2:20 In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble.

IDENTITY (Who are you? Whose are you? Who are you becoming? Who does God want you to be? What adjectives best describe your present and future you? How do you want others to perceive you? Who are your role models? Who have been your key supporters?)

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Colossians 3:3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

1 Corinthians 1:30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,

1 Corinthians 6:19b-20a You are not your own; you were bought at a price.

1 Timothy 3:7 He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

Colossians 1:27: Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Mark 8:29 Jesus asked Simon Peter, who do you say that I am?

Philippians 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

1 Chronicles 14:17 "So David did as God commanded him ... So David's fame spread throughout every land..."

TYPE (How do you prefer to re-energize, take in information, make decisions, and orient your environment? For instance, Are you more energized by people and things or ideas and concepts? Do you primarily trust information that is tangible and concrete or abstract and conceptual? Do you prefer to make decisions based on logic or how it will affect people? Do you prefer an environment that is more controlled and predictable or unstructured and variable? How do you learn best?)

Proverbs 22:6 (TAB) Train up a child in the way he should go [and in keeping with his individual gift or bent], and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Isaiah 49:1 Before I was born the Lord called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name.

Psalms 139:13-16 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.