

THE FORCE OF INTEGRITY AND CHARACTER

Text: Daniel 1v8

Whenever character is concretized destiny is defined. Whenever purpose and potentials are discovered, developed and deployed destiny can be fulfilled. However, there are other forces that must come to play if destiny must be fulfilled. This is because there are people who discover their purpose, develop their potentials and probably begin to deploy their potentials yet could not fulfill their destinies. This could be as a result of certain things that were out of place in their lives. For instance, the bible teaches us that Samson knew his calling. He deployed his potentials but he was caught short in the middle of his life and destiny because he was bankrupt of the forces of integrity and character which is one of the forces that must be in place for destiny to be fulfilled. Samuel had everything going for him because he was a child of destiny who was anointed right from his mother's womb.

At his birth his parents were given instructions that should guide him to fulfil a great destiny. He decided out of his own self will to go against the template of his life. He disobeyed divine instructions out of his own volition and he paid dearly for it. His weak character indiscipline and lack of self-control robbed him of a glorious destiny. A lot of Christians today are towing the path of samson by doing their own will instead of allowing the will of God to prevail in their lives. They tend to do their own things and go their own way while jettisoning the standard that God has laid for them through his word. Such direction and inclination certainly lead to destruction.

The strength of character is what determines the strength of destiny. You know character is in strength. A strong character will

see the forces of integrity, discipline and self-control at work. There are people with strong character and others with weak character. Nobody can have a weak character with strong destiny and vice versa. Now thought is the starting point of character (Prov. 4v23, 23v7). Whatever is your thought become your character. This is why the Bible says as you think so you are. The products of your thoughts manifest into your actions as it becomes a pattern of your life. This is how it works. Thought established leads to actions. When you think about anything for a while you act on it. Actions when sustained form habits. Habits perpetuated establish character and whenever character is concretized destiny is defined. So beloved if you want to handle your destiny start from your thought and to discipline your thoughts you need to engage the word of God. Joshua 1v8, Rom 12v1-2. The word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword piercing even to the division of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of man (Heb 4v12)

So, it is through interaction with the word of God that one can build strong character that will be consistent with godly standards and values that enhances destiny fulfilment. You must make up your mind to watch what you think so you can control your character and fulfill your destiny. Examine your character is it questionable? Ask God for help to turn a new leaf. Phil. 4v8. Shape your thought pattern by renewing your mind with the word of God daily. You can bow your head and talk to God and say Father, work on me both in and out. renew my mind daily and cause me to be a true reflection of your image on earth in Jesus name. See you again next month.

