21st Century Women of Purpose

In Pursuit of Your Destiny!

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Definitions

- **Purpose**: (noun) 1. the reason for which something exists or is done, made, used, etc. 2. an intended or desired result; end; aim; goal. 3. determination; resoluteness. 4. the subject in hand; the point at issue. 5. practical result, effect, or advantage: to act to good purpose.

- **Destiny**: (noun) 1. something that is to happen or has happened to a particular person or thing; lot or fortune. 2. the predetermined, usually inevitable or irresistible, course of events. 3. the power or agency that determines the course of events.
“Every individual (male and female) has a responsibility what he (or she) is made for. After he discovers his calling, he should set out to do it with all of the strength and power in his being. He should do it as if God Almighty called him at this particular moment in history to do it. He should seek to do his job so well that the living, the dead or the unborn could not do it better. No matter how small one thinks his life’s work is in terms of the norms of the world and the so-called big jobs, he must realize that it has cosmic significance if he is serving humanity and doing the will of God.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from THE MEASURE OF A MAN

*Genesis 1:27* - So God created humans in his image. In the image of God he created them. He created them male and female.
What Men and Women Want
From Chuck Swindoll’s book: THE GREAT AWAKENING – Primary needs in marriage

**Women**
- Affection
- Conversation
- Honesty/Openness
- Financial Support
- Family Commitment

**Men**
- Sexual Fulfillment
- Recreational companionship
- An Attractive Spouse
- Domestic Support
- Admiration/Respect
Some women in the Bible were simply bad role models.

Some women had issues, but their repentance and deliverance caused their sinful paths to be redirected and they became testimonies.

There is much to be learned from the lives of women in the Bible.

Let’s examine just a few of the lives of Bible women.
Prayer Projects

Often in life, we find ourselves facing certain temptations and roadblocks. In defining our purpose and pursuing our destinies, we can look to Bible women for examples of what to do and what not to do.

1. Eve
2. Jezebel
3. Delilah
4. David's Wife Michal
5. Vashti
6. Bathsheba
7. Woman on the street corner
8. Sapphira
9. Unwise virgins
10. Silly women
11. Baby Mama Drama
12. Rachael
13. Sarai
14. Miriam

Learn from their mistakes!

Eve (Genesis 3:6) The woman was seduced. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.

Jezebel (1 Kings 21:25) No one else was so completely sold out to the devil as Ahab, for his wife Jezebel encouraged him to do every sort of evil.

Delilah (Judges 16:19) Delilah lulled Samson to sleep with his head in her lap, and then she called in a man to shave off the seven locks of his hair. In this way she began to bring him down, and his strength left him.

David's Wife Michal (2 Samuel 6: When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she was filled with contempt for him.)

Vashti (Esther 1:11-12) The King wanted the nobles and all the other men to gaze on her beauty, for she was a very beautiful woman. But when they conveyed the king's order to Queen Vashti, she refused to come.

Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11:2) David noticed a woman of unusual beauty taking a bath. Modesty, not publicly showing your body.

Woman on the street corner (Proverbs 7:10) The woman approached him, seductively dressed and sly of heart. She was the brash, rebellious type, never content to stay at home. She is often in the streets and markets, soliciting at every corner.

Gomer – wife of Hosea the Prophet. Had a good man, kept cheating on him.

Sapphira (Acts 5) He brought part of the money to the apostles, claiming it was the full amount. With his wife's consent, he kept the rest.

Unwise virgins (Matthew 25:3) The five who were foolish didn't take enough olive oil for their lamps,

Silly women 2 Timothy 3: 2 For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. 3 They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. 4 They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. 5 They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that! 6 They are the kind who work their way into people's homes and win the confidence of silly women who are burdened with the guilt of sin and controlled by various desires. 7 (Such women are forever following new teachings, but they are never able to understand the truth.)

Baby Mama Drama 1 Kings 3:16 16 Some time later two prostitutes came to the king to have an argument settled.

Rachael – took her father's idols to her new home
Sarai – tried to help God
Miriam – mocked her brother, God's man
Role Models

1. Eve (Gen. 3:20) Adam named his wife Eve because she would become the mother of all the living.
2. Mrs. Noah (Gen. 7:11) On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark.
3. Sarai/Sarah (1 Peter 3:6) like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.
4. Ketura (1 Chronicles 1:33) The sons of Midian: Ephah, Epher, Hanok, Abida and Eldaah. All these were descendants of Ketura.
5. Rebecca (Genesis 24:67) Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.
6. Leah (Genesis 30:17) God listened to Leah, and she became pregnant and bore Jacob a fifth son.
7. Rachael inspired a great love
8. Miriam Prophetess, worshipper
9. Rahab the Harlot (repented, married to Joshua Son of Nun)
10. Deborah Prophetess, warrior
11. Abigail wise woman, peace maker
12. Bathsheba Mother of a king
13. Bride of Solomon inspired a love story
14. Queen of Sheba came to prove, received her heart’s desire
15. Esther her prayers led God to redeem her people
16. Ruth faith and obedience
17. Hannah prayed to have a son
18. Proverbs 31 Woman
19. Wise Women (Virgins and oil, 2 Timothy)
20. Wailing Women praying women
21. Mary Mother of Jesus said yes to God
22. Mary Magdalene first woman disciple, delivered of 7 demons
23. Anna the Prophetess
24. Lydia supporter of the church
25. Dorcas supporter of the church
26. Woman at the Well first woman evangelist
27. Women who support ($) ministry
28. Woman with the issue of blood Faith
29. Shunanite Woman faith and faithful
Women can be helpmeets or hindrances to the men in their lives. Men can be agents or redemption or grief in women’s lives. Everything depends on the level of faith, love, repentance and commitment to God in the lives of the men and the women in human relationships.

The Bible has many accounts of God guiding men to “redeem” women from certain situations.

Here are just a few examples:
Joshua and Rahab the Harlot

The Talmud records that Joshua married Rahab the Harlot! Can you imagine today a distinguished head of state, or even more so, a major religious leader marrying the most famous prostitute in the history of the Bible? Well Joshua married her! Plus it is related that many great men were descended from her.

Joshua saw from Rahab's actions that she was really deeply G-d fearing. Instead of turning these two Jews over to the king's soldiers and garnished a reward, as any normal person would have done, she risked her life because of her belief in G-d, to save them. She believed with a deep conviction that G-d was leading the Jews back into the Promised Land. She believed deeply in the G-d of the Hebrews and that He would fulfill His promise to give the land of Canaan to the children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. She entertained no doubts of this and she desired to be a part of it.
Boaz and Ruth
(And a wise Mother-in-Law)

We all know and love the story of Naomi and Ruth in the Bible. It is a story of romance, passion and redemption, reminding us of God’s love for us, and the sacrifice of Jesus, our Kinsman Redeemer. Naomi advised Ruth, her daughter-in-law to sleep at the feet of Boaz, a relative of Naomi’s. Boaz honored Naomi and Ruth by marrying Ruth soon after that night on the threshing room floor.
Esther the Queen

While Esther’s story is told with much emphasis on romance, it must also be remembered that Esther made great sacrifices. Brought up as a Jewish girl, Esther never expected to be one of many wives to a despot king in a pagan kingdom. She had to share her husband with many other women. In the midst of all of this, she had to remain devoted to her faith. By her prayers, her husband the king was inspired to make a decree to redeem Esther and her people from destruction.
Hosea and Gomer

God caused Hosea the Prophet to marry a temple prostitute named Gomer.

Gomer had babies by her husband Hosea.

Gomer had babies by her clients.

Through it all, God and Hosea remained faithful to Gomer and cared for all her children.

This is an example of how much love God has for us, His daughters.
King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba

Many historical accounts report that King Solomon married the Queen of Sheba. Both 1 Kings 10:13 and 2 Chronicles 9:12 say that “King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba all she desired and asked for.” 2 Chronicles 9:12 adds that he gave her more than she had brought to him.

There’s a tradition among the Jews of Ethiopia (called Falasha) that when the Bible says Solomon gave the Queen of Sheba (modern Ethiopia) all she desired and asked for, it’s referring to a son they had together, and this is how she returned with more than she had brought.

The son, named Menelik and also called Ebna la-Hakim, or “Son of the Wise”, stayed in Jerusalem with his father until he was 18 and then went home to be the King in his mother’s place. This tradition also states that Solomon gave him a replica of the Ark of the Covenant to take with him. Some believe that priests who foresaw Israel descending into paganism switched the replica for the real thing and therefore the real Ark went to Ethiopia. Whether it’s the real one or not no one knows, but by many accounts there is an Ark in Ethiopia today.
Women have issues (Galatians)

- Need salvation and deliverance
- Lust
- Fornication
- Adultery
- Abortion
- Homosexuality
- Greed
- Pride
- Rebellion
- Lack of prayer
- Praying amiss
- Lack of parenting skills
- Sickness and Disease
- Fear

- Gluttony
- Laziness
- Envy
- Jealousy
- Robbing God
- Lying
- Cheating
- Selfishness
- Hatred
- Don’t know how to give love
- Don’t know how or refuse to be a helpmeet
- Need the Fruit of the Spirit
- Whatsoever things...
Miriam’s Song (Prayer)

Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron’s sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD,
for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea.”

The Waters of Marah and Elim

Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?” Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink.

There the LORD issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test. He said, “If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you.”

Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.
A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: “Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.
And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.
His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”
The Blood of Jesus

After praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus went on to Calvary to shed His Blood for our redemption. When he said “It is finished,” He meant it! His pure eternally living Blood (DNA) poured into the very earth from which our earthly bodies are formed. Jesus went on into Hell and defeated our adversary Satan. Then our Lord Jesus arose and appeared to his disciples and others and went to Heaven to take His throne as our High Priest. He is coming back again, and we who are in faith will join Him in the air. We will rule and reign with Him, and live in those heavenly mansions (planets) He has prepared for us. His blood is alive in us today. We have only to believe this and accept His perfect sacrifice for our sins. Let us pray together now.
Heavenly Father, in the name of The Lord Jesus, I come. I confess my sins before your today and ask for your forgiveness. I do believe that Jesus is Your Son, born of the Virgin Mary, lived and ministered in this earth for 33 years, died on the cross at Calvary and shed His blood for my sins. He went into Hell and defeated my enemy Satan, and took the keys of Hell and death. He rose again and came to Heaven to sit on His throne on Your right hand, and serve as my High Priest. He is coming back again soon, as He promised. He has given me the Keys of Your Kingdom, and granted me Your authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of my enemy. I believe this Father, and ask You to take me as Your child, to deliver me from all my sickness, disease, and every evil curse and thing that has and could come against me. Break every yoke Father. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and release your ministering angels to take charge over me. Teach me, and lead me into my inheritance according to your promise. Thank you Father, Praise You Lord Jesus, Bless You Holy Spirit. I thank you, and praise you and worship you right now! In Jesus’ Name. Amen
Take a Moment

Let’s take a moment now, to worship the Lord. Allow the Holy Spirit to more clearly reveal God’s purpose for your life... To take you deeper into your destiny.

Psalm 139… Search me oh God, and know my heart…
Psalm 139 – “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. 23Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: 24And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Deuteronomy 30:19 – Choose Life!

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

1 Peter 3:3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. 4 Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight. 5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, 6 like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Ephesians 6 – Put on the full armor of God!

Psalm 103 – “Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me...
Bless His Holy Name!”

1 Corinthians 13 – LOVE NEVER FAILS!

GOD IS LOVE

BELIEVED LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER
Your purpose and your destiny await you!

For now we see through a glass darkly... When He appears, we will be like HIM!
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer!