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destination - place to which *one is going* or to which something is sent.

1. Why is your Destiny so important?

Because you have a **destiny**- something to which a person is destined (**Eph 2:10**) (**You are destined to be great**)

2. What is Destiny from God's View?

a. God's life plan and future for our lives.

(**Jeremiah 1:5**) Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nation.

b. God's custom-made plan for our lives.

(Psalm 139:14) I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well.

c. The path God has ordained **(laid out)** for our lives. **(blueprint)**

- a blueprint, or detailed road map for our lives, and remember that there are choices we make that can impact the blueprint.

3. How important are the roads we travel?

- The road you're on determines where you'll end up. If I head north on I-5 from Tacoma, eventually, I will end up in downtown Seattle. **(Not Portland)**
- Whatever road, whatever highway, whatever path I'm on will determine where I end up. You can want to end up somewhere else. But it's not going to happen!!!
- Your direction, not your intention, determines your destination.

4. What can we learn from our own real-life experience when it comes to paths?

- Whatever road, whatever highway, whatever path I'm on will determine where I end up. I may want to end up somewhere else. *But it's not going to happen!!!*

(Psalm 25:4–5) Show me your ways, LORD, **teach me your paths**.⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

5. The Principle of the Path

Your direction, not your intention, determines your destination.

- Whether it be our family life, our financial life, our marriage or dating life, the way we raise our kids, our physical fitness, or our professional life, this **same principle applies**.

- In every area of life, *our direction*, not *our intention*, determines *our destination*.
6. How many times have you been in a conversation with someone who is dealing with their life problems, or their marriage difficulties, or their failures, and *you can see their good intentions, but their direction doesn't line up with their desired destination?*
- All of life is involved in this '**direction – destination' principle**.

7. **For students:** if you want good grades but don't study, what happens? ***Bad grades***

- Your direction, the path you are following, not your intentions, determines your destination.

8. ***What is a destiny thief?***

- According to the Bible, a "**destiny thief**" is often interpreted as Satan or demonic forces that actively try to steal your God-given purpose and potential in life, with the most prominent example being the verse in John 10:10 where Jesus says "the thief comes to steal, to kill, and to destroy."

9. ***Who's the primary thief?***

Satan as the primary thief:

- The Bible portrays Satan as the main "destiny thief," actively working to derail people from fulfilling their God-ordained plans.

10. ***How does temptation and deception impact my destiny?***

Temptation and deception:

- Satan uses temptation and deception to lure people away from their true path, leading them to make choices that hinder their destiny.

11. How important is spiritual warfare?

Spiritual warfare:

- The concept of "destiny thieves" is often linked to the idea of spiritual warfare, where Christians must actively resist and fight against evil forces trying to sabotage their lives.

12. Could your own Sinful behavior rob you of your destiny?

- Certain sinful actions like greed, pride, and lust can also be seen as "destiny thieves" as they can lead people astray from their God-given purpose.

13. Watch out for the negative people in your life.

Negative influences:

- People in your life who actively discourage you from pursuing your dreams or who lead you down a destructive path could be considered "destiny thieves".

Conclusion:

God has a plan for every one of his children. But there are powers working against this plan that attempt to subvert the destiny of believers. Just as Adam and Eve were seduced into sin by the serpent, Christians today still experience these destructive powers that threaten to steal their divine destiny.