

Lies We Believe

#1-The Lie of Self-Fulfillment

"The serpent said to the woman, You surely will not die! For God knows that the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:4-5

I. Introduction

II. Misguided Thoughts, Lies and Empty Promises

Misguided Thought: "The Goal of My Life Is (or should be) _____"

The Truth: The Problem with Self-Fulfillment is that all you get _____

How is this approach often encouraged?

- Just live your _____
- Just become the best _____

III. Biblical Truths and the True Path to Fulfillment in Life

1. The best version of you is _____

*"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And **My ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.** For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)*

2. You have to _____ to _____

"(Jesus said) 'If you try to hang on to your own life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for My sake, you will save it.'" Luke 9:24

3. Very often, the fulfillment you're looking for in/from life won't come from what

_____ but what _____

"Peter said to Jesus, "See, we have left all and followed You." Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold return now in this life--houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions--and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first." Mark 10:28-31

4. To discover God's journey for our lives, there are some things we that we must

_____ and some things we must _____

What must I know?

a.) God decided your _____ before you _____

*"But even before I (Paul) was born, **God chose me and called me** by his marvelous grace..."*

Galatians 1:15 (NLT)

*"**Before I shaped you** in the womb, **I knew all about you**. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you: A prophet to the nations—**that's what I had in mind for you**." Jeremiah 1:5*

*"...Lord, with Your own eyes you saw my body being formed. **Even before I was born**, You had written in your book everything I would do." Psalm 139:16 (CEV)*

b.) Trusting Jesus to be the leader will keep us from _____ living.

*"...when people measure themselves by themselves and **compare themselves with others**, they show how foolish they are, for **they do a very unwise thing**." II Corinthians 10:12*

*"For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] **that we may do those specific good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us** [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]." Ephesians 2:10 (Amp.)*

c.) Whatever God calls you to do in life, He will give you a _____, and it will bring you the _____!

*"For it is [not your strength, but it is] God who is effectively at work in you, both to will and to work [that is, strengthening, energizing, and **creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfill your purpose**] for His good pleasure." Philippians 2:13 (Amp.)*

What must I do?

a.) We must make a daily decision to seek and strive to do

_____ ----not just _____!

"Jesus said, For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me." John 6:38 (NASB)

b.) We must pray a daily _____

*"(Jesus said) 'This, then, is how you should pray---'Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name; **Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven**.'" Matt. 6:9-10*

"We can make our own plans, but the final outcome is in the Lord's hands." Proverbs 16:9

Answer Key:

II. Misguided Thoughts, Lies and Empty Promises

self-fulfillment

is yourself!

best life

version of you

III. Biblical Truths and the True Path to Fulfillment in Life

1. God's planned version of you

2. lose yourself---find yourself

3. you seek----you sacrifice

4. know----do

What must I know?

a.) purpose----born

b.) comparison-based

c.) heart to love it----most joy

What must I do?

a.) His will----our own

b.) prayer of surrender