



DIVINE DIRECTION

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Jeremiah 33:2-3 "This is what the LORD says, he who made the earth, the LORD who formed it and established it—the LORD is his name: 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'"

Have there been times in your life when you've just felt confused? One minute you think you're going down the "right" path, making the "right" choices, doing the "right" thing, and then at some point you're forced to stop and ask yourself, "Is this really what I'm supposed to be doing?? Am I really on the right track?? I'm CONFUSED!"

Be comforted in the fact that this is a very natural feeling and happens to all of us at various times in our lives. This is not, however, the way God wants us to live. The Word tells us that He is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33), and that He has very specific plans and purposes for our lives (Jeremiah 29:11). God doesn't just sit back and hope we'll figure things out and get ourselves together. He loves us and it is in His best interest that each one of His children is vibrant and productive, knowing exactly what He wants them to do.

The problem is that in our rush-rush culture, most of us don't spend enough time in prayer and intimacy with God to find out what His will actually is. We're willing to

do just enough—go to church, say a quick morning prayer, put on praise music during the day, but when it comes to really seeking the Lord's presence and purpose, we often feel "too busy". We confuse activity with productivity, not realizing that even if our schedules are jam-packed, if we're not operating in His purpose, we're not really accomplishing anything at all.

There are a total of 8,810 promises in the Bible, and the Lord recently reminded me of how special this one is. He promises that no matter how confused, busy, and perplexed we are, if we call on Him, He will answer us, and will tell us great and unsearchable things we don't know. He wants to refocus our attention off of our situations and circumstances and back to Him, and has set it up so we will need and pursue His guidance.

I encourage you this week to commit to spending intimate time with God each day in prayer and Bible study, asking Him for divine direction in each area of your life. Resist the desire to just phone a friend! Be sensitive to His responses and record what He seems to be telling you. Choose to exercise faith and patience, believing that if He promised divine direction, He will surely bring it to pass!

***Recommended readings— Jeremiah 29:11-14, Proverbs 3:6, Proverbs 4:7

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