

## Blueprint Principle #1: Purpose is a Divine Event

If Purpose is a divine event, then that means that God identified your Purpose, and then designed you to fulfill that Purpose. Not only that, but He chose this moment in our world's history for you and your Purpose to be fulfilled. So it's a paradigm shift from the common misconception that Purpose is something you choose. Really, your Purpose was already chosen for you.

This principle should leave you with this sense of empowerment, and even a sense of pride. After all, each of us was chosen to exist at this point in history, which means our Purpose has a sense of urgency and importance. It's not something that should add stress, but something that should build confidence, because it will come naturally to you. You've been designed to carry out this Purpose.

Purpose is a divine design for you. First and foremost, that means that you've got to partner with God. You must have a relationship with Him. You've got to be talking to this guy, not only to unfold your Purpose but to actually do it. You can't phone it in, either, because your God-designed Purpose is moving through you in a way that it doesn't move through anybody else. So having a relationship with him is imperative.

This also builds faith and trust. We've got to trust Him if we want to make sure that our Purpose is actually fulfilled. We've got to trust Him and *not ourselves*. We've got to trust Him and not other people or projects or circumstances or things to happen in life in order for us to do our Purpose. No, we need to trust him because He's the "doer" of the Purpose.

Once we've established complete trust, that trust then develops our faith in Him, instead of faith in self. Again, this is a massive paradigm shift and a needed one. Faith in Him versus faith in self.

What happens when we have faith in self? We alternate between two ends of an ego spectrum.

One end of the ego spectrum is "I'm all that and a bag of chips." Another end of the ego spectrum is "I suck." And we can literally vacillate between those two ends of the spectrum in just two or three seconds. It's incredible how fast we can switch up our self-talk. And I'm sure you've experienced this. I experience this all the time.

But if we have faith in God and not ourselves, then that eliminates the ego spectrum. If you're not the source of your Purpose, there's no ego trap to fall into. You're partnered with Him, which takes the ego right out.

Just thinking of supreme intelligence and omnipotence backing you and your Purpose is a huge game-changer. You're not trying to make this journey on your own steam. You're allowing supreme intelligence, supreme capability, and supreme power to move through you to achieve your Purpose.

## Blueprint Principle #2: You're 1-of-a-Kind

Not only are you here on Purpose, but you're one of a kind, too. There's a Chinese proverb that says, "The day you were born, a problem was solved." I believe this works for three reasons. The day you were born, a problem was solved suggests that you are needed at this point in history, which I mentioned in Principle One.

The second reason why I like that proverb so much is that it highlights how you can express God in a way that nobody else can. You're needed here on this earth, along with everyone else in order for Him to be fully expressed. And when He is fully expressed, no problems will exist.

The third reason I like this proverb is that it suggests your community. In the Bible, in Jerimiah, there's a quote, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" And I've been thinking about this in the context of Purpose, and how each of us is a unique balm to a unique Gilead. And that's what this Chinese proverb suggests. The day you were born, a problem was solved.

Consequently, this means you must be true to you. You have to be true to you, 100%.

Imagine God has created this huge puzzle and each of us represents a piece of that puzzle. We're all needed, just like every puzzle piece is needed to complete the picture. If there's a puzzle piece that's missing, as there inevitably is, then you're left with an incomplete picture. And the world needs a complete picture for its problems to be solved.

And then, imagine if puzzle pieces tried to overshadow each other. Say a puzzle piece tried to take over more space than it was originally designed to. That's a problem, that doesn't work. The colors, if that actually happened in a puzzle, would get washed out and muddied.

It just wouldn't work. It creates a mess. So we each need to identify our footprint, our little puzzle piece, and stay within it. Also, we need to respect the one-of-a-kindness of others, so that they can fulfill their role (puzzle piece) at this point in the world's history too!

If we're one of a kind, it also means that we cannot follow the crowd. We cannot look at somebody else's success or popularity or possessions and be like, "Ooh. I could have that if I just do what they do." Stop that! You'll never get what they have by doing what

they do. Never! You're one of a kind. You need to be you. And you need to get whatever you're supposed to get by being you.

And trust me, it's way better than what they have. Because what they have is designed for them. It wouldn't really suit you the way you think it will suit you. We have no idea, actually. What is intended for us is way better than what we envision and what we see someone else have because it's custom-designed for us.

If you're here to fulfill God and His unique Purpose for you in this world at this time in history, he is going to give you everything you need in order to do that. But you have to get on that road or you won't get it. And if you're always about what other people are doing and what other people have, you won't get what you are designed to get.

So be your unique self. Stop trying to copy other people and stop judging other people. And lastly, don't let other people tell you what to do. In matters of Purpose, only God's voice is important. The rest is just noise. He's your true source. So let him tell you what to do. Don't even tell yourself what to do.

When you let God lead you, instead of trying to work against your design, you'll find your own rhythm. You'll discover the routines and methods that work for you, because they're meant for you.

## Blueprint Principle #3: You Come Pre-Loaded

If God designed you for a unique Purpose, specific to this point in history, it stands to reason He would give you the right tools, too. He doesn't want your failure, after all. He wants your success! God's too smart to say, "I want you to fulfill this Purpose, but I'm not going to give you what you need to fulfill it."

You are of infinite design with your Purpose. That infinite design is what I refer to as Blueprint. So you have everything within you already that you need in order to fulfill your Purpose, and that's what your Blueprint is. You come pre-loaded with all of that goodness. You are a complete idea, not something "in progress."

While complete, however, your Blueprint is in raw form. Just like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. And we exercise our Blueprint by seeking challenge—situations where we're not sure if we've got the chops. We must seek the unknown. By flexing our Blueprint, we're gaining proficiency and pursuing our Purpose in the process. If you ever feel lost in your Purpose, start following your natural inclinations, your passions, and your curiosities, and the path you're meant to be on will be revealed.

So many times we stop ourselves short of fulfilling our Purpose because we don't pursue that which interests us. We think, "I've never done that before, I don't have any training to do that, or who am I to think that I can do that?" Well, if it's preloaded in you, it will call out to you.

You can trust that magnetism. If something's calling you by way of your passion, your curiosity, your intrigue, that means your Blueprint is there, and it is yet to be expressed. By having the guts and the faith in your Maker, and following that gut instinct, you're putting yourself in the path of your Purpose, even if you're uncertain.

And lo and behold, when you follow your instincts, even through uncertainty, you will find that your Blueprint actually is there. It can back you up. And by doing that, by signing up for things you've never done before, you're gaining proficiency, expertise, strength, resolve, and resilience.

Because you are so necessary to this world at this time in the world's history, your Blueprint will call to you. People and projects and places will call to you, and they will not leave you alone. Your Blueprint won't leave you alone. Your Purpose won't leave you alone. Just like Job in the Bible, you can try to escape. You can try to get away from your Purpose, but it won't let you. Because it's God needing you to do something right now. So it won't let you alone. It's going to call to you. It's going to magnetize you.

And the more you ignore it out of self-doubt, the more insistent it will become. And it will go from like a tiny little gentle whisper to a smack upside the head. Until you start to follow your Blueprint. Trust your Blueprint. Trust God. And get about doing what you're meant to do.

## Blueprint Principle #4: Purpose is an Infinite Journey

Purpose, and pursuing your purpose, is like having an adventure with God.

However, the seasoned adventurer will know that no journey is a bed of roses. There's a lot of unknown, and a lot of uncertainty, even on the most well-planned trip.

In Principle 3, we talk about exercising your Blueprint by following your gut instincts and trying new things. By getting out of your comfort zone and following your curiosity, you build strength and figure out your path. Do you feel empowered? Yes. Do you feel rejuvenated? Yes. Do you feel alive? Yes. Are you scared? Yes. Absa-frickin-lutely. Is it comfortable? No. Do you always feel confident? No. Remember how you have to move outside of your comfort zone? Yeah, that means things will be uncomfortable! But it IS an infinite journey with God, so as long as you take care of Principle #1, and recognize that purpose is divine, then you're in good hands. You're going to be okay because you're developing faith in Him and increasing your trust.

Let's get back to the infinite part for a second. This journey will never be over. Sorry.

You're not going to reach your 50s and decide that you're done, you've seen and done it all. No! You're always going to be unfolding your Purpose as you journey along with God. One of the reasons why you're never done is because it's God expressing Himself in you. And God Himself is infinite.

For example, I've known my purpose since 2006, so almost 20 years. I've known my Blueprint for a long time, but I'm still learning new things. I'm not learning new blueprint items, mind you. I'm not learning new tools that I have to fulfill my purpose. I'm just learning new things about them and new ways to apply them.

Because purpose is a journey and because your Blueprint is already designed, you're not adding things to yourself. You're unfolding what is already done. Remember that you're a complete idea. We talked about that in Principle #3. You're a complete idea. The work is already done within you, you're just learning it.

This means that the journey with God to fulfill your purpose is an *unfolding*, not an accrual. You're not adding things to you. You're not adding education. You're not adding tools. You're already done. If you feel like you're not enough and you feel like you have to go out and add achievement or add training, then you're dissing your Maker and His complete idea.

It's as if you're saying to God, you have to go. You didn't complete me, there's more that can be done in me and I can do it without you. No, that's not true. God is done. He is complete and He is all good. You're just learning your capability within God and your usefulness, the value that you can bring to the world.