

Stir up your Dreams with Divine Involvement

Once retired pirate – decides – live w bro

– walks to house – knock – what happen – yr **hand** – lost – sword fight – now hook; **leg?** Cannon ball hit, peg leg – **eye?** – got dust – how lost eyes? – first day with my hook

Once there was a retired pirate so he decides to live with his brother. The pirate walks up to his brothers house and knocks on the door and his brother answers the door and says, "Oh my gosh , what happened to your hand!?! " The pirate said, "I lost it in a sword fight , but now I have a hook." Then the brother said, "What about your leg?" The pirate said, "A cannonball hit it , but now I have a peg leg ." Then the brother said, "Well , what about your eye?" The pirate said, "I got some dust in it ."

The brother said, "How could you lose your eye by just getting some dust in it?" Then the pirate said, "It was my first day with my hook!

3 men – went to train station – train – cup of coffee

– drank forgot time – suddenly heard last announcement – got up started running – as fast

2 men made it to last car – 3rd not fast enough

Two men went to the train station with a friend. The train was late so they sat down for a cup of coffee. They talked and drank and forgot about the train. Suddenly they heard the last announcement about the departing train. They all got up and started running. They ran down the tracks as the train was pulling out of the station. Two of the men made it to the last car and the third man was just not fast enough.

3rd man stared to laugh – why – just missed yr train – what so

funny? - these 2 came to send me off

The third man slowed to a stop and started laughing. An onlooker went up to the laughing man and said, "What are you laughing for? You just missed your train."

"You're right, "was the reply. "I did miss my train. What's funny is those two men came to see me off."

Been in **days** – when if any thing that can go wrong has gone wrong wrong **place**, wrong **time**, doing wrong **thing**

Key – do right thing, right way make your path **smooth**, straight and pleasant – ack him in all that you do **Prov 3:5**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and never rely on what you think you know. 6 In all that you do **acknowledge** Him, seek Him and He will **CAUSE** you to be in the right, pleasant and prosperous path (He will show you what to do. He will smoothen your path, making it straight, removing all hindrances and crown your effort with success). *JY Paraphrased*

Key: **acknowledge** – what mean?

I. You acknowledge Him by relying and depending on Him in all things

Prov 3:6

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him ... NKJV

Let God be **involved** in every area of your life - **Big** or small

Often we think – God only interested in **big** things

Major crisis – no prob – going to God asking for help

Fact – God is interested in every area - Big and small – more **FRUITFUL**

Too often we **only think** about him on **Sunday** morning – bef meal – then

Go rest of day - never really think about God – **IGNORE** him most time

How do we invite God to be involved in all our ways?

In all your ways – God wants to be involved – **but** – **allow** when – **rely** – **recog his presence** - **not**

God would only be **involved** in as much as you allow him – **when rely recog**

Not a long 10 hrs prayer – 5 or 10 sec – in additional to devotion – under your breath all thru the day

Driving – favor client – office - phone call - kids in sch – find store - plane

Driving to work – not a 20 min prayer - under breath – save trip

Favor with client – thank you – protecting kids in school

Help me find just what I need in this store

About make a phone call – need his wis – God I ack – need your help

Plane – life in your hand – asking your protection

Need to deal with an issue in the office – asking you give me word to speak

This should be a life style we dev - **express**

Show him our dependence on God I need you – counting on you –

Numbered – **counted** - great plans for you

What happen when you let God involved in all that you do?

God wants you – more **productive** in the office each day – **favor** client

He will help you get the best deal Words to speak

Big and sm - Make that trip to **supermarket** most fruitful – **cook** your best dinner – **protection** in the free way

John **15** – apart from me – can do nothing – today not as **fruitful**

I know today is not going to be as fruitful without your help

More you ack – more **exp** his favor power – do **beyond**

Seek him and not rely on what you think you know

David – Nathan

Solomon -

1 Kings 4:29-30

Ver – China businessman – dream – show how to make a prod – now used all over the world including US arm forces

3 huge factories – gave one over to the Lord

Testimony

2. Your acknowledge Him by your worshipping and praising Him

Sol – riches man – 200 B – just the trumpets – 1 mill; **Key**

to his pros: godly wisdom

Why does God give Sol such great wisdom - Immed after given the throne – **worship**

One day – **despite wealth** cannot enjoy wealth - **Eccl** – all vanity

Not that Sol don't worship the Lord – lost that intimacy - **many** other gods – didn't not continue – burnt offerings

1 Kings 3:4-5

4 The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

Why does God want us to praise Him?

Give thanks for what you have – **multiply**

Wah – God so **egocentric** need to be flattered – need so much praise – fact – he doesn't need your praise – you need to praise – why – see him big – faith to receive

Deep worship – come out of an intimate rel w God - **Yada**
Ack – **YADA** – Adam knew – deep fellowship and partnership – intimacy
Chr did everything – to restore intimacy – an intimacy – people like David or Sol can only dream of
Hunger – 5 min than 5 hrs of the spectacular like raising the dead

3. You acknowledge Him by resting in His favor, ability and connection

1 Chronicles 22:8-10

8 But this word of the LORD came to me: 'You have shed much blood and have fought many wars. You are not to build a house for my Name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight. 9 But you will have a son who will be a man of peace and rest, and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side. His name will be Solomon, and I will grant Israel peace and quiet during his reign. 10 He is the one who will build a house for my Name. He will be my son, and I will be his father. And I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'

Why did God call Solomon to build him a house?

Real privilege to build God a house – David wanted – didn't get a chance
Solomon – chosen to build – rest
Sol – pict of us – enjoy all the wealth – bec of what father did – we can enjoy wealth – bec of what God in Christ did.
Don't be too busy running, working, planning, fighting, standing on your right, set the record straight, if it's going to be – up to me
And fail to quiet down to listen

Often creative ideas came – **least** looking for them – **rest** – ideas just come
Resting in Jesus' love puts us in the right place and in the right time
Mary, unlike Martha – resting at the feet of Jesus – one that has the privilege to anoint the body of Jesus – Peter

How is God at work in your life?

Even if you don't see - God is all the time at work
Arranging right peo – cirum – to turn out in our favor – **Esther, Boaz, Joseph**

Bef national crisis arises – bef Haman came up with the evil strategy – God already arrange Mordecai and Esther

Bef tragedy hits Alimelech and Naomi – God already prepared Boaz for Esther

Bef world famine – God already arrange a Joseph – right place cupbearer baker – pict of Christ ?

Sometimes, God allow even an enemy – appear to threaten us – only to bring us a step closer – dream - **Goliath**

What catapulted David – King – Goliath

Ziglak – lost everything – within 48 hrs – anointed king, very day – Saul died

Just imagine – full of anger, unrest, bitterness – miss the greatest blessings
Be like the old donkey – shake off and step up

So when feel unfair injustice – don't let dirt of self pity – bitterness bury you – loose fire and eat - enthu

shake it off – step up; harm? inc
This diff is meant to harm me – I know – God is going to use it to inc me

Felt – **disa** – give up
Felt – bad choice **mistake** - **condemn** – limit
Like the old donkey – you just sake off dust – **step up**
New beginning – new door – new friends – new oport
Feelings of **unrest** indicates that God is telling you to hold on
You rest as you pray in the Holy Spirit

4. You acknowledge Him by living a life of giving

Proverbs 3:9-10

9 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops ...

9 Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything your land produces. 10 Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with the finest wine. NLT

Why God want us to live a giving life? For our benefits – **happiest** – **healthiest**

1 Chronicles 28:10

10 Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a temple as a sanctuary. Be strong and do the work."

1 Chron 29:9

9 Everyone was excited and happy for this opportunity of service, and King David was moved with deep joy. TLB

1 Chronicles 29:14

14 "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

Giving not just finances, giving – time, love, care, concern → **happiest people**

How living a life of giving make us happy?

Why - expectation

John 12:24

24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. NKJV

Farmer don't say – Oh just buried my seed – planted
There is a diff bet being buried and planted – expectation - **know** – **something good come out**
How can I be happy – when people that I gave to (time, care) – don't appreciate, don't reciprocate, don't return favor
How to be happy? – all that you do – including our giving – ack him – recog him as the Lord of the Harvest
He can touch anyone – most unexpected sources – to return back – multiply – a thousand fold

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