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“Who? Me?”

Romans 8:28 (NLT) ²⁸ And we know that God causes everything to work together^[a] for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

He created each of us with such EXTRAORDINARY DESIGN that we possess His UNIQUE and SPECIFIC fingerprint upon us.

Proverbs 16:4 (NLT) The Lord has made everything for his own purposes,

He made us for his purpose. **Not** for my purpose. **Not** for your purpose. **Not** for my pleasure *but* for his..

Proverbs 19:21 (NLT) ²¹ You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail.

Proverbs 20:24 (NLT) ²⁴ The Lord directs our steps, so why try to understand everything along the way?

Proverbs 16:33 (NLT) ³³ We may throw the dice,^[a] but the Lord determines how they fall.

God simply calls us to be AVAILABLE to carry out his PLAN and PURPOSE

He gave you certain GIFTS.

1 Cor 12:7 (NLT) A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church.

Spiritual gifts are special ABILITIES used for SPIRITUAL PURPOSES.

He gave you a specific PASSION.

Prov 4:23 (NLT) Above all else, guard your heart, for it affects everything you do.

God has given each of us a unique emotional “HEARTBEAT” that races when we encounter activities, subjects or circumstances that interest us.

He gave you distinct ABILITIES.

1 Cor 12:46 (NLT) Now there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. {5} There are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving. {6} There are different ways God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us.

The Bible tells us; some are hands, some are feet, others eyes...Each one has a UNIQUE FUNCTION to support the other.

He gave you a unique PERSONALITY

1 Cor 2:11 (NLT) No one can know what anyone else is really thinking except that person alone,

DNA: Problem Solving, Processing Information. Managing Change, Facing Risk

He gave you individual LIFE EXPERIENCES.

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DEFINING MOMENTS happen so God can shape us for his ULTIMATE PURPOSES.

Acts 20:24 (NLT) ²⁴ But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus