

Bible Study - Living for God, Not the World – Continued – Lesson - 23

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To Live For God You Must be Intentional

Intentional Means: Done on purpose; deliberate.

The Intentionality of God...The quality of mental states, e.g., thoughts, beliefs, desires, hopes directed toward some object or state of affairs.

God is an intentional God in His relationship with His creation, especially to humanity. The manifestation of this relationship is reflective in the deliberate decisions that God has made, and is making on behalf of all of humanity. God's decisions toward humanity are planned and calculated based on who He is, what we are to Him, and what He desires of us. God's actions and decisions are made with a purpose in mind, and are part of His overall plan, and desires for all of His creation. God's master plan was put in place even before the world was even created. So the decisions that God make on behalf of humanity are well thought out far in advance, but based on historical occurrences, or events. In the first chapter of Genesis God demonstrated His intentional qualities in the creation of the universe.

- On day 1 God created the light,
- On day 2 God created the firmament,
- On day 3 God brought forth the dry ground,
- On day 4 God brought forth the sun, moon, and stars,
- On day 5 God brought forth the fish and the birds,
- On day 6 God brought forth living creatures and land,
- Also on the 6th day God intentionally created man in His own likeness.

After God had intentionally created the universe, He said it was good. And on the 7th day God after He had finished that which He had intentionally created, He rested. There are times when God will reveal what He is planning to do in the future based on what He has already done in the past, and what is occurring in the present time, this is known as prophecy. As revealed in the scripture, God sometimes makes known to His chosen servants special revelation, like He did with Isaiah.

- **Colossians 1:16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
- **Genesis 1:1-4** In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. (2) And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. (3) And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. (4) And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
- **Genesis 1:26-27** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

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- **Isaiah 46:1-10** Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages were heavy loaden; they are a burden to the weary beast. (2) They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity. (3) Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb: (4) And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you. (5) To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like? (6) They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship. (7) They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, one shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble. (8) Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors. **(with emphasis on verse 9-10)** (9) Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me. (10) Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying. My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure
- **Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.
- **John 14:6** Jesus saith Unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me.

If we truly want to live for God, we must be intentional in our relationship with Him. Having an intentional relationship with God requires us to make deliberate choices, and decisions that reflect the importance of God to us, and in our life. Many people, especially church people are very outspoken about their relationship with God, and how much they love and adore Him. Some folks even go as far as to say that God is their all and all. But is He really? If God is truly that important to us, then our choices, and decisions we make in our daily life should reflect the value of our relationship with God. As stated above, God was intentional in creating the world and all of humanity, as such He desires and command humanity to be intentional to Him in the same manner. In order to maintain an intentional relationship with God we must stay in a continuous state of communication with Him. In other words we must stay connected to him at all times. Since God is a spirit our connection with Him is spiritual, to maintain connectivity (the quality or state of being connected, the ability to connect to or with another intelligent being).

Living intentionally means living a life that is based on the pursuit of God and the purpose for which God has created you. Making sure that the things you do for God and unto God are intentional, not by accident or by chance. Being filled with God's spirit, and allowing the spirit of God to lead and guide you through this evil world. ***Jeremiah 29:11*** States that God has a plan for each of us.

- **1Corinthians 6:19-20** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? (20) For ye are brought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.
- **John 15:1-8** I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. (2) Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. (3) Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken

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unto you. (4) Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. (5) I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. (6) If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. (7) If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. (8) Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

- **James 1:19** Where, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:
- **1Thessalonians 5:11** Where comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do
- **Ephesians 5:15-18** See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, (16) Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. (17) Wherefore be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is. (18) And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess but be filled with the Spirit.
- **Ephesians 6:7** With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:
- **John 13:34-35** A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. (35) By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.