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You Are Vital In The Plan of God.

You are a living answer to someone's prayer.

Today, my focus is on your personal Assignment. Let us give total attention to discerning your personal calling and destiny.

32 Facts You Should Know About Your Assignment

Everything God Created Was Created To Solve A Problem.

Your eyes see.

Your ears hear.

Your hands reach.

Your feet walk.

Your mouth speaks.

Your nose smells.

Everything God creates has a *purpose*. Everything God creates solves a problem on earth.

Mechanics solve car problems.

Dentists solve tooth problems.

Lawyers solve legal problems.

Mothers solve emotional problems.

CPAs solve tax problems.

2. Your Assignment Was Decided By The Holy Spirit Before You Were Born. Listen to Jeremiah. "Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child," (Jeremiah 1:4-7).

Jeremiah's focus was his weakness. God's focus was his work. Notice that God did not say Jeremiah was not a child—He just said, "Do not discuss it! Do not talk about your weaknesses. Do not discuss or declare your limitations. Do not expose your vulnerable area."

God discusses his very life Assignment with him personally! "...for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Then the Lord put forth His hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put My words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant," (Jeremiah 1:7-10).

Everything God creates solves a problem—which means everything God creates is a solution. That is the purpose of creativity.

3. Everyone Needs A Problem Solved. When an inventor—whether it is Thomas Edison, or whomever—invents something, his creativity is based on an existing problem. He

solves the problem, and he is rewarded accordingly.

If you create something that helps people save money or complete a task faster or quicker, it is a *solution*.

One day a young man working with my ministry leased a paint gun. Why? It painted *quickly*. Instead of using a brush, he used the gun and finished painting much more quickly. Why rent the paint gun? It solved a problem.



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You watch CNN news on TV. Why? In a few minutes you know what is happening around the world. It solves a problem.

Everything God creates solves a problem. This means you are a reward to someone.

4. You Are A Solution To Someone. In Acts, God told Philip to go down to the desert. He met the Ethiopian eunuch who was the head treasurer for Candace, the queen of Ethiopia. *The Holy Spirit* was the One Who told Philip to link himself to that chariot.

The precious Holy Spirit!

Oh, praise God for His Spirit, the One Who is our Paraclete —the One Who walks beside us, the One Who takes us by the arm and guides us into our Assignment.

5. The Holy Spirit Knows Where You Are Geographically Assigned. In Acts 13, this revelation is so clear. "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate Me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them," (Acts 13:2).

You do not decide what you are.

You discover what you are.

You do not decide where you are supposed to be.

You discover where you are supposed to be.

"And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost," (Acts 13:3-4). Where did He send them? "...by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence

they sailed to Cyprus," (Acts 13:4).

The Factory Decides The Product.

The airplane did not tell the Wright Brothers, "I am going to be a plane." They told it what it was! The automobile did not tell Henry Ford, "I am going to be a car." He told it what it was!

You are the Divine creation of an Almighty God. You do not decide your gifts. You do not decide that you are good at electronics, or that you are an incredible drummer. You do not decide your gifts. You discover your gifts.

Your gifts are linked to an existing problem on earth. Oh, this truth is so life-changing when you see it.

6. Anger Is A Clue To Your Assignment. "Do you think anger is a clue to my anointing?" Oh yes—most assuredly.

When Moses saw an Egyptian beating up an Israelite, anger gripped him Why? Because he was a *Deliverer*:

That is what he was.

That is why he responded the way he did.

It may be disorganization. It may be unhappy marriages. Whatever you hate is a clue to something God has skillfully gifted you to *correct*.

- 7. What Saddens You Is A Clue To What God Wants You To Heal. It may be the plight of battered wives, or abused children, or alcoholism or drug addiction. Whatever *grieves* you reveals your compassion. Compassion is the signpost to where you belong.
 - 8. What You Love Most Is A Clue To Your Assignment.

What do you love to hear about?

What do you love to talk about?

What do you love to read about?

The kind of books you love to read is a clue to your anointing, your mantle!

9. No Assignment Is Trivial, Meaningless Or Too Small. "For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice," (Zechariah 4:10).

No one else has received your Assignment, so no one knows your Assignment like you do. No one knows your Assignment like you do.

10. Your Assignment Determines The Problems That Attract Your Attention. Your Assignment heightens what you notice. Your Assignment increases your sensitivity.

Here is an example. *Tailors* notice a missing button. It is like a glaring signal to them. *Hair stylists* see the roots of your hair turning gray, that you are trying to hide—when no one else sees them. Why? That is their calling! That is what they see! *Mechanics* often hear sounds in your car engine that you may not hear. They say, "You have got something amiss here." Well, you do not hear anything! But *they* do, because that is the *center of their Assignment*.

11. Your Assignment Is Geographical. God made places before He made people. Where you are matters as much as what you are! Pineapples may grow well in Honolulu but do poorly in Alaska. Why? Because atmosphere matters. Climate determines what grows—weeds or flowers within you.

Your very thoughts have presence. You walk into a room and feel anger. You walk into a room and feel love. You enter a room and feel confusion. You walk into a room and feel energy. You walk into a room and feel death.

Because...thoughts have presence.

So, it matters *where* you are. Jesus told the disciples, "And when ye come into an house, salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet," (Matthew 10:12-14).

Paul wrote it this way: "After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not," (Acts 16:7). "And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there," (Acts 20:22).

The Spirit said, "Go here."

"Do not go here."

"Go over here."

"Do not go here." Why? Because geography matters.

Moses knew this. "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward," (Deuteronomy 2:3). It was written of Jesus that "...He must needs go through Samaria," (John 4:4).

Jesus taught His disciples to go where they were celebrated, not to stay where they were tolerated.

Geography matters.

- Where you go determines who celebrates you.
- Where you go determines who sees you.
- Who sees you determines the birth of favor.

- 12. Your Assignment Will Require Favor. I preach this and teach this everywhere I go. You cannot work hard enough to get enough money these days. You cannot work long enough hours. You cannot do enough to receive, and do all that you want in your life—there has to be *Divine favor* wrapped around your life like a mantle.
 - · Favor is more powerful than your gifts.
 - · Favor is more powerful than your talents or skills.
 - Favor is one of the greatest forces on earth.
 - You can grow in favor!
 Favor comes in measure.
 - You can cultivate favor with God
 - · You can cultivate favor with men.
 - Favor with God caused the butler and the baker to be thrown into prison with Joseph.
 - Favor with the butler made Joseph remembered.
 - Favor with Pharaoh made Joseph second in command over all Egypt.
 - Favor with the king made Esther able to rally the Jewish people against Haman, the assassin.
 - Favor with Agrippa caused him to say to Paul, "You almost persuaded me to become a Christian."
 - Favor with Boaz birthed marriage to Ruth.
 - Favor with people in the country made Abraham celebrated wherever he went.

Favor does not begin until somebody sees you. Ruth could not be blessed until Boaz saw her. The king did not select Esther until he saw her. It is important to be where you are heard, where you are seen.

13. Never Stay Where God Has Not Assigned You. I was preaching up north several years ago and it was miserable. I was miserable every night. It was the second night, and the people did not seem to enjoy me, and I was *not* enjoying them! We were all miserable!

And that night I just stopped, and said, "Holy Spirit, what is wrong?" He said, "This was your schedule." It was my schedule, not His! I said, "Everybody stand to your feet. You have been looking at me like I am an alien from Neptune every night since I got here." I said, "This conference is supposed to last another night or two, but God has told me I am not even supposed to be here. God bless you. Take care. I'm leaving now."

I closed the meeting. I left. I did not even stay for the next service. Only the ignorant would stay where he is hated.

I have a world-class staff. They are truly "eagles"—superachievers who fly above storms instead of complaining about them. But the one thing I emphasize to them and to everybody around me: Do not stay where God has not assigned you. Do not stay at a job where you are miserable.

Do not gripe and complain and go around saying, "My boss is horrible. I am not paid enough, and it is too far to work."

If you are going to let something continue, then be quiet about it. Either *change* it, or *be quiet* about it.

If where you are is not the place you are assigned to be, then go where you can solve a problem. Stop making a problem for everybody.

Go where you can solve a problem. Go where you are celebrated. Go where you can celebrate someone else!



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Copyright © 2018 by Mike Murbick + Window International the Windows Center + 4051 Denters Hwy + Ft. Wirth, TX 7611 14. God Can Place You In The Center of Your Assignment Within 24 Hours. It may seem that no one will ever discover you. It may seem that you are out in the middle of nowhere. You may wonder how in the world you will ever get to your Assignment.

Oh, listen to me, precious friend! Ruth was in the barley field one afternoon. Hours later she was Mrs. Boaz.

One day Joseph was wearing the garb of a prisoner. Just twenty-four hours later he was wearing the robe of the prime minister

One night he laid his head on a stone floor. The *next* night it was on a silk pillow! One night he ate from a little tin cup. The *next* day he was eating from the nicest china in the palace.

God Can Get You Anywhere He Wants Within Twenty-Four Hours. Also, God can bring the person He has assigned to you any time He wants to as well.

If God has placed you where you are...serve others! Bless others!

- 15. The Problem Nearest You May Be Your Next Assignment. "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it," (Proverbs 3:27).
- 16. Your Assignment Is Always To A Person Or A People. It is to *someone*. Ruth's Assignment was to Naomi. Then it moved to Boaz. But your Assignment is always to one person or to a group of people.

Many ask, "How can I know to whom I have been assigned? How can I know if I am at the job where I am supposed to be?"

Joseph is an example. He felt assigned to Potiphar. He refused to do anything that would offend his boss, even when the wife of the boss felt otherwise.

Potiphar's wife attempted to seduce Joseph. She put on her most seductive outfit. She grabbed him, she pulled him, she vexed him everyday. She hassled him every morning and night. And when her husband was out of the building, she was all over Joseph, trying to seduce him.

He refused, "Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" (Genesis 39:8-9)

Joseph knew his Assignment. The success of his boss mattered to him above anything else.

- Whose pain matters to you?
- Whose bankruptcy matters to you?
- · Whose tears matter to you?
- · When you see somebody hurting, does it grieve you?

That is a clue to those to whom you have been assigned.

You will not feel compassion for everybody. You do not have time for everybody. God really did not call you to everybody.

Years ago, a young preacher said to me, "I am called to the world, Brother Mike."

I laughed and said, "Then why don't we just all retire and

photograph you since you are called to the world?"

No, you are called to *somebody*. You are called to *some place*.

17. Passion Is A Signpost To Your Assignment. If you are assigned to your husband or to the man you are dating, then you will possess a *passion* for that man.

If you are dating a *woman* and God has called you to *marry* her, you will possess a passion for her. It will not be just a business deal to you. You will go to sleep thinking about her!

Do you have a passion for souls in India? Do you *think* about India? Every time there is a story on the television news about something that happened in India, you will respond. When you walk up to a group of people, and they are talking about India, something will come alive in you.

Passion is a strong desire. Compassion is a strong desire to heal. You will have compassion for someone to whom you are assigned. That is why Moses wept over Israel. He said, "God, I love them. God, these are my people. God, I cannot bear to see them hurt." Why? Because he was assigned to them.

18. Your Assignment Will Require Preparation. Moses took eighty years to prepare. Jesus took thirty years. It may take three years of training. It may take eight years of Bible school or some other kind of school. I do not know what it will take for you, but it will take some preparation.

Esther was willing to soak in oil month after month so the king would be happy with her. Why did she go through this preparation? It was her Assignment.

19. Your Assignment Will Require Seasons of Waiting. Even Jesus had to wait. The Bible said of Him, "Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered," (Hebrews 5:8).

We learn obedience in seasons of waiting. "The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him," (Lamentations 3:25).

20. You Will Sometimes Lose Enthusiasm For Your Assignment. There will be times when you feel like no one cares.

There will be times when you say, "My Lord, no one even knows I am here. God, help me. Oh God, help me. No one even sees me over here."



There will be moments in your life when your Assignment will seem like it has no sizzle, no longer exciting.

21. Your Assignment Will Contain Seasons of Solitude And Loneliness. In fact, there will be seasons of total isolation on the backside of a desert. Like Moses, when he was tending Jethro's flocks, like David, when he tended the sheep while his brothers were on the forefront of battle. Solitude is not always easy.

Esther had to call a special fast. "Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish," (Esther 4:16). She did not assume her Assignment would succeed without prayer!

22. Your Greatest Adversity Is A Clue To Your Future Assignment. *Healing* ministries often experience incurable diseases in their *early* years.

Seasons of *poverty* are often experienced by ministers who are called into *prosperity*.

Those who are called to help heal broken marriages and help people through seasons of divorce often tell of conflicts with their mates during their early years of ministry.

23. Your Excellence Determines The Promotions You Receive In Your Assignment. If you are not diligent where you are planted, do not expect to be promoted. If Ruth had not taken care of Naomi, Boaz would never have pursued her. But, he knew that the whole town was discussing her. It was said to

Naomi, "thy daughter in law, is better to thee than seven sons," (Ruth 4:15).

I must emphasize...God Will Never Promote You Until You Become Over-Qualified For Your Present Assignment.

You must qualify for the palace.

You have to qualify for the throne.

- **24. Your Assignment Will Attract Adversaries.** There are four kinds of people satan uses to destroy and distract you from your Assignment.
 - Those Who Do Not Accept Your Assignment.

They do not believe it. They do not accept it. It may be your husband or wife. It may be your family. It may be those in your church. Your own preacher friends might not accept your Assignment.

Those Who Do Not Respect It.

They do not think it is a great or exciting Assignment. I have heard people say, "Well, I am just a housewife." They do not respect the Assignment. I heard one woman say, "Well, I am just a wife. That is all. I am just a wife to my husband." I want to tell you something: You should respect the position of a great woman to a great man.

• Those Who Do Not Protect Your Assignment.

There will be those who do not help you stay focused. They do not respect your Assignment. They do not protect it. What you do not respect, you will not protect.

Those Who Do Not Expect You To Achieve It.

Some have doubts about your abilities, your calling, or the intensity of your desire.

Jesus never followed the Pharisees around, pleading with them to believe in Him. No, he went home with Lazarus, Mary and Martha.

There were people He associated with and people He refused to associate with. He drew the line. He knew that intimacy should be earned, not given.

Jesus knew that intimacy had benefits and rewards. Someone said one day while He was teaching, "Behold, Thy mother and Thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with Thee." He said, "Who is My mother? and who are My brethren?" (Matthew 12:47-48). Jesus was asking, "Who is valuable to Me? Those who do the will of My Father." Men Will Be Assigned By Hell To Distract, Delay And Derail Your Life Assignment.

25. Your Assignment Will Require A Plan To Fulfill It Properly. It is important for you to recognize this.

- · Noah had to get a plan for the ark.
- · Joseph had a plan for enduring the famine.
- Moses had a plan for the tabernacle.
- Joshua had a plan for Ai.
- Solomon had a plan for the temple.

Few of us enjoy planning; I do not really enjoy spending

time planning!

Jesus pointed out the importance of having a plan, saying, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?" (Luke 14:28).

The *quality of your plan* determines the *longevity of your ministry* and your life.

- **26. Your Assignment May Begin Small And Seem Insignificant.** Your Assignment may require that you start *small.* God will not always start you at the top. You can go anywhere you want if you will take *enough small steps.*
- 27. Your Assignment Determines The Appointments You Accept Each Day. Your *daily schedule* should be built around your life Assignment.
- 28. Your Assignment Decides The Library You Collect And Build In Your Home. Build your personal library around your life Assignment. If you are called to deal with electronics, build your library around electronics.
- 29. You Will Only Succeed If Your Assignment Becomes Your Total Obsession. You will not succeed with something you only dabble in. It must become an obsession.
- **30. Your Assignment Is Your Dominant Distinction From Others.** Your Significance Is Not In Your Similarity To Another, But In Your Point of Difference From Another.

You do not go to McDonald's because it reminds you of Wendy's. You go because it is *not* like Wendy's. You do not buy a Cadillac because it reminds you of a Toyota. It is *not* like a Toyota.

You did not marry your husband because he reminds you

of your first boyfriend. He is *not* like your first boyfriend. So your significance is not in your similarity to another person. It is in your *point of difference*.

Do not celebrate sameness. I have heard people say, "Mike, you and I are just alike." But, I said, "No, no we are not just alike. If both of us are alike, then one of us is unnecessary!"

- 31. Someone Is Being Prepared Now To Assist You In Your Assignment. There are always those who are like Boaz in the field. You do not see them. You do not know it, but they are discussing you with someone.
 - God can supernaturally link you with anyone on earth within twenty-four hours.
 - God will often use illogical methods and unlikely people to help you fulfill your life Assignment.

That is why Esther called for people to help her pray. Your Assignment will require favor with someone.

32. Your Assignment Is The Only Place Divine Provision Is Guaranteed. Provision goes where God sends you.

God told Elijah, "Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there," (1 Kings 17:3-4). He went there, and the ravens were there.

Then the day came when *the brook dried up*. Maybe ravens did not show up. Why? Because God had supernaturally *changed* his Assignment.

"And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee," (1 Kings 17:7-9).

Peter discovered that an *instruction* is the link to provision. Jesus told Peter, "...go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for Me and thee," (Matthew 17:27). Jesus was saying, "We need money for taxes. Go fishing." Why? Peter loved fishing! What you love will reward you.

Money is always in something you love.

Peter went fishing. He pulled up a fish. He opened its mouth, and there was a coin for tax money. Why? He was where God had assigned him.

Money does not follow you everywhere.

Money goes where you are assigned. Your Provision Is Always At Your Place of Your Assignment.



Our Prayer Together...

"Holy Spirit, Oh precious Holy Spirit, let my friend and my partner today sense Your glorious hand, Your magnificent guidance, that You are placing us where You want us. It is happening now! Accelerate our Assignment. For my friend today I pray that what normally takes three years, let it take three months instead! Take the wrong people out of their lives today and put the right people in their lives. In the name of Jesus. Amen."

- Now, get up and focus on your Assignment!
- Eliminate options.
- · Abandon yourself to the will of God...totally.
- Do your present tasks with excellence.



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Will You Accept Jesus As Your Personal Savior Today?

The Bible says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved," (Romans 10:9).

Pray this prayer from your heart today! "Dear Jesus, I believe that You died for me and rose again on the third day. I confess I am a sinner...I need Your love and forgiveness...Come into my heart. Forgive my sins. I receive Your eternal life. Confirm Your love by giving me peace, joy and supernatural love for others. Amen."

Yes, Mike! I made a decision to accept Christ as my personal Savior today. Please send me my free gift of your book 31 Keys to a New Beginning to help me with my new life in Christ.

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