

Champions/Women of Destiny

Year 2 LESSON 24



Life After High School

Read: Proverbs 16:3, 9; Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 2:12-16; James 4:13-17

Champions and Women of Destiny Students, this is your final lesson in the CWOD Program. We are encouraged by your commitment to your personal growth as a Christian. It is our hope that you have enjoyed such growth and are seeking to be the leader and servant that God has designed you to be.

We want to further challenge you to consider participating in the Higher Ground Leadership Program. This camp is unique because we don't emphasize sports but training in disciple-making and servant-leadership. If you desire to grow deeper in a practical way, we highly recommend that you take this next step.

Here are some brief answers to questions CWOD participants have had about the Higher Ground Programs:

- You may attend both KAA AND Higher Ground. If attending both, we recommend KAA first, then Higher Ground.
- A Kaleo is not necessary for you to attend Higher Ground.
- CWOD students who completed the program automatically qualify for Higher Ground selection process...pending Director approval.
- Higher Ground is a three-year program but there are those who have attended only one and two years.
- You will have a great deal of fun on and off camp grounds in a learning environment, but not like school, and not exactly like the other KAA Kamps.
- See our website at www.kaakamps.org/higherground for further info.

Again, we want to thank you for your commitment to two years of Champions and Women of Destiny. May you continue to pursue God with a passion and hunger for His Word. We expect you to lead and share with others the knowledge you now possess. Stay tuned for more opportunities to stretch your faith.

Continue to Learn to Live,



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Now to the Lesson . . .

By now, you have studied from the Scriptures many areas of God's will for your life. As you look to life after high school, you're probably still looking for answers to the "BIG" questions like: What job does God want me to have? Should I go into full-time Christian service? How much and what kind of education should I get? What college should I go to? Will I get married and to who? This lesson should help you sort through these kinds of questions where the Bible does not give specific answers.

PLANNING

The Bible tells us that Christians should make plans for the future. As a Christian teen, you should be thinking about life after high school. Solomon wrote: *In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps* (Prov. 16:9) God wants you to choose a course, or make plans, for your life. If you are obeying God's Word and yielding yourself to the Holy Spirit, then your plans will please Him. **Remember, God has the right to interrupt your plans to bring you something new and better.**

Solomon also wrote, *Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed* (Prov. 16:3). Tell God all about your situation and ask Him to lead you. Make plans **within** His will that you already understand. **Obey** His commands and **follow** the biblical principles you have studied. Then your plans will be God's plans, and you will **succeed** as a result.

Don't
FEAR the future!
PLAN for it!

Make plans to include what you already know God wants you to do. As James put it: *...Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins* (4:17). For example, you can be an effective Christian witness **in many jobs**, whether you work in "full-time" Christian employment or not.

REFLECTION

Paul told the Philippian Christians to "*continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling*" (Phil. 2:12). The Word **salvation** here refers to your Christian life after receiving Christ as Savior from sin. To work out your own salvation means to **obey** the **Scriptures** so you become more **like Christ, God's ultimate will for your life** (Rom. 8:29).



In another letter, Paul wrote that we are God's **workmanship** (Eph. 2:10). The Greek word for workmanship is *poiema* from which we get the English word **poem**. We are individual poems – *distinctive, unique creations* of God. The plans you make, then, should be in line with how God made you. Consider your **personality, gifts, talents**, etc.

Plan to be who God made you, not someone else. Investigate jobs and education that interest you and suit your abilities. Include in your plans

“Doing good works” for God and others. **IMITATE** the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember, making all our plans is a part of working out ***your own salvation***.

Evaluation

Both Paul and James emphasized the need to ***plan with God***, not **around** Him or **without** Him. Paul said we should work out our salvation through the power of the Holy Spirit, not through self-effort. God is the one who energizes us to do His will (Phil. 2:13-14).

First, we work out our salvation by yielding ourselves to God and His will to become more like Christ. So, if things don't work out just as you planned or hoped, don't complain or get bitter (like the Israelites in the wilderness) but trust that God will do **what is best for you**. **You never know if the change in your plans is exactly what you end up needing to get where you need to be!**



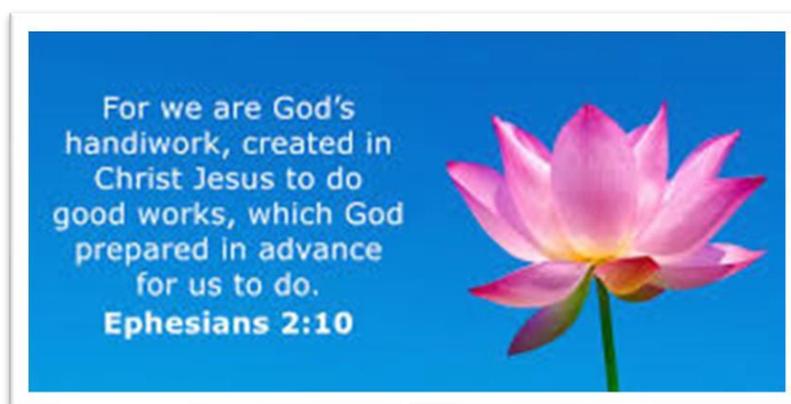
We also work out our salvation by being ***light*** in a dark world – **wherever** we are. You don't have to go to a foreign country to be a missionary who is a Christian witness for God. When you're obeying God's will, your relationship with God can attract non-believers to Him wherever you are.

James also wrote that you need to make plans with God. Recognize that He is guiding and directing your life if you have submitted it to Him; **don't depend on self-confidence**. Remember, life is uncertain and brief, but **God loves to direct those who are submitted to Him (Prov. 3:5-6)**. Focus on doing what you know God wants you to do today. God's will is for now, not just five or six years from *now*.

So, what is God's will for you right now? And after high school?

The same as it is now – becoming more and more like Christ.

Memory Verse



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

Think About It

By now you should have a good handle on what God's will is for you as a Christian. You've studied portions of the Bible, and you know where to find more about God's will (in the Bible of course). As you do God's will and obey Him, He is controlling your wants. So what you want to do is His will. You don't need to agonize over careers or colleges or marriage. Just focus on enjoying God and pleasing Him. Remember Psalm 37:4 ***"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart."***

PERSONAL EVALUATION FOR DECISION MAKING

Take a few minutes to examine what kind of individual creation God made you to be. What kind of "poem" are you?

What are your strengths? Name three things you can do well? What can you do best?

What skills, gifts, and talents do you have?

What are your interests? What do you enjoy most?

What are your weaknesses? What can't you do very well?

In the next few weeks, talk with your parents, a youth worker/pastor, a teacher, and a guidance counselor. Ask them the above questions about yourself and record their evaluations in a notebook. Also discuss the jobs that fit with the way God made you. Then find out what kind of education/training is needed and places to get it. And don't forget to pray, pray, pray and search out the Word of God for **principles** to **practice**.

Now watch this Supplemental Video about your lesson:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ma7accRoOiE>

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LESSON 24 Review Quiz



Click here if you are taking your quiz online, then send the email you receive to your mentor to grade and discuss: <https://forms.gle/weHy3hpJNWfyJUgf7>

Student name _____
(PRINT CLEARLY)

1. True/False. The Bible teaches us to make plans for the future.
2. Fill in the Blanks. A man plans his course, but the Lord
_____ .
3. Explain Proverbs 16:9 in your own words.
4. True/False. The plans you make for the future should be based on the kind of person you are.
5. Multiple Choice. What should you include in your plans for life after high school?
 - a) Good works
 - b) Obeying God
 - c) Going my own way instead of God's
 - d) Stop attending church
6. What is God's ultimate will for your life?
7. Do you agree with the following statement? Explain why or why not? If you continue doing God's will, you can do what you want after high school.
8. True/False. God wants you to enjoy the work you choose to do.
9. True/False. God wants you to make plans for the future that do not violate His commands and principles in the Bible.
10. Why should you concentrate on doing God's will today instead of waiting until you graduate from high school or college?