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Identity & Purpose

## Spiritual Engagement and Associations

### At a Glance

#### BIG IDEA

Our associations and spiritual engagement play crucial roles in shaping our destinies. By aligning ourselves with the right influences and maintaining a strong spiritual foundation, we can secure a future filled with purpose and peace. This study explores biblical principles that guide us in making wise choices about our relationships and spiritual practices.

#### PRIMARY PASSAGES

John 15:16

Proverbs 13:20

Romans 8:6

Romans 8:14

Second Chronicles 27:6

## Key Takeaways

- Spiritual engagement is essential for securing one's destiny.
- Associations have a profound impact on our future; choose wisely.
- Responsibility and dignity are interconnected.
- Being chosen by Jesus gives us a unique identity and purpose.
- Avoiding wrong associations protects us from potential destruction.

## Introduction

In our journey of life, the choices we make regarding our spiritual engagement and the associations we keep can significantly influence our destiny. This study delves into the biblical principles that guide us in making wise decisions that align with God's purpose for our lives.

## Scripture Reading

- **John 15:16** — Emphasizes the significance of being chosen by Jesus and its impact on our identity.
- **Proverbs 13:20** — Highlights the importance of choosing wise companions to avoid destruction.
- **Romans 8:6** — Encourages being spiritually minded for a life of peace.
- **Romans 8:14** — Affirms that those led by the Spirit of God are His children.
- **Second Chronicles 27:6** — Illustrates how spiritual preparation leads to strength and success.
- **Psalm 1:1-3** — Describes the blessings of delighting in God's law and avoiding the path of the wicked.

## Key Points

1. **The Power of Spiritual Engagement** — Being spiritually active is crucial for securing one's destiny. It involves being a lover of the Bible and an active member of a faith community. Spiritual engagement helps us align our lives with God's will, providing us with peace and purpose. By nurturing our spiritual lives, we become more attuned to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which leads us to make decisions that honor God.
  - Dedicate time daily to read and meditate on the Bible.
  - Participate actively in your faith community.
  - Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in decision-making.

Scripture: Romans 8:6      Romans 8:14

## Key Points (cont.)

**2. Choosing the Right Associations** — Associations can either build or destroy destinies. The people we surround ourselves with can influence our thoughts, actions, and ultimately our future. Proverbs 13:20 warns us of the dangers of associating with fools, as it can lead to destruction. Therefore, it is vital to choose companions who encourage us in our spiritual journey and support our growth.

- Evaluate your current associations and their impact on your life.
- Seek friendships that encourage spiritual growth.
- Avoid relationships that lead you away from God's path.

Scripture: Proverbs 13:20

## Key Points (cont.)

3. Responsibility and Dignity — Taking responsibility in life defines one's level of dignity and prepares one for future challenges. When we accept responsibility for our actions and decisions, we demonstrate maturity and integrity. This principle is evident in the lives of biblical figures like Moses and Joseph, who took responsibility for their roles and were honored by God.
  - Identify areas in your life where you need to take more responsibility.
  - Reflect on how taking responsibility can enhance your dignity.
  - Commit to being accountable in your personal and spiritual life.

## **Key Points (cont.)**

- 4. Being Chosen by Jesus** — Understanding that being chosen by Jesus gives us a unique identity and purpose, which influences our destiny. John 15:16 reminds us that we did not choose Jesus, but He chose us. This calling provides us with a sense of belonging and a mission to bear fruit in our lives. Embracing this identity empowers us to live with confidence and purpose.
  - Reflect on what it means to be chosen by Jesus.
  - Embrace your identity in Christ and live purposefully.
  - Seek to bear fruit in your life that reflects your calling.

Scripture: John 15:16

## **Group Discussion**

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

## **Observation**

- What does John 15:16 reveal about our identity in Christ?
- How does Proverbs 13:20 describe the impact of our associations?
- What does Romans 8:6 say about the benefits of being spiritually minded?

## **Interpretation**

- Why is spiritual engagement crucial for securing one's destiny?
- How can choosing the right associations protect us from potential destruction?
- In what ways does taking responsibility enhance our dignity?

## **Application**

- What steps can you take to deepen your spiritual engagement?
- How can you evaluate and improve your current associations?
- In what areas of your life do you need to take more responsibility?

## Prayer Focus

- Pray for wisdom in choosing associations that align with God's purpose.
- Ask for guidance in deepening spiritual engagement and understanding.
- Seek strength to take responsibility and live with dignity and purpose.

## Next Step

Reflect on your current associations and spiritual practices, and make intentional changes to align them with God's purpose for your life.

## Conclusion

Our spiritual engagement and associations are pivotal in shaping our destinies. By aligning ourselves with God's will and surrounding ourselves with wise companions, we can live lives filled with purpose and peace. Let us commit to nurturing our spiritual lives and choosing relationships that honor God, ensuring a future that reflects His glory.

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