

God's Plan—Your Dreams

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How do you make your dreams come true?

When it comes to making your dreams come true, you are not alone. Imagine having someone in your life who helps you to become an 'I CAN' person? This person totally 'gets you'. A person who sees your potential, knows your strengths and weaknesses, who is permanently on your side. They know your dreams and passions and will do EVERYTHING to make them happen.

What would this person look like to you? Would he or she be a father or mother figure, a mentor or coach? This is the person who you cannot wait to tell them your ideas and news, whose advice you take immediately because their wisdom knows no bounds.

This person never criticises you so you have no fear of telling them anything. They guide you intuitively, has your best interests at heart and fights for you. This person is your No 1 Fan, always on the sidelines cheering you on. They speak positivity into your heart and sometimes you wonder why they bother with you when their time could be spent somewhere else or on a more deserving person.

This is the person you gravitate towards to celebrate your successes or for comfort in moments of failure. They are the first person you reach out to for guidance or solace. Do you know this person? He is available to you.

I call Him—God.

Your Unique Gifts, Abilities and Powers

Did you know that God knew you from your beginning? *'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart'* (Jeremiah 1:5). You are special to God—He has enormous plans for you. These are *'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'* (Jeremiah 29:11b).

Plans or a Blueprint

We love what we create. Whether that is a child or a piece of art, a cake or engineering. Each of us are naturally creative, able to take something or someone and nurture, grow and develop them or it. Do this we have invested ourselves in making this the best it can be. We may have plans for them, ideas in ways they need to go, after all we know best.

Perhaps you are training your children or young people the best way they can go in life – through your viewpoint. You have their best intentions at heart. No judgement here. You may say they need to go to school, work hard, get

qualifications, get a job. You want them to be welcomed in society and be successful in adulthood. But what if despite your encouragements they want a different path. Would you be disappointed?

As we are children of God? Do you think this is the same for God?

I'm not sure it is. The point you and I often forget is each person's has been given freewill.

Your Freewill

God never forgets giving you freewill, after all He created you in the first place. Part of His design for you was Freedom to choose what you will do. So I don't believe that God has a blueprint set out for each us. Planning heavily every detail with must do

Therefore, I think He considers plans in a different way.

I do not believe that God sets himself or you up for disappointment. So imagine if your No 1 fan cannot be disappointed in you? It is not a feeling that makes sense for him.

His plans are around your personality traits and individual characteristic, the make-up of your soul. The portion of kindness you have to share with others, the percentage of joy you communicate with others the measure of love you have for others. Each can be "ramped" up according to your circumstance and your will.

These are known as the fruit of the Holy Spirit and longside this are patience, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

Why does the fruit of the Holy Spirit recide in the make-up of each one of us? That is the subject of another talk but I do have an ebook which shows where in the Bible the gifts and fruits are listed. As a quick reminder they are:

'Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control' (Galatians 5:22-24) *'Clear minded, self control, strength'* (1 Peter 4:7)

Afterall, God is your No 1 Fan!

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He is YOUR No 1 Fan – the one cheering you on to take up these fruit, who sent Holy Spirit to encourage and edify you. The 'what' in which you do this – the job, your marriage, career path – the man-made culture pressures is not His main interest. It is 'how' you walk into His plans and your behaviour. By living and following in the way of Holy Spirit—you can only be successful and prosperous and joy filled receiving everything you have asked for. Remembering that all things are possible—in Him.

God, is your Number 1 fan, He created you BUT His thoughts are different to yours, His ways are a world apart. The journey of life is to move closer towards His World, align your dreams to those plans and expect them to be different to anything you can imagine!

You can do anything, achieve your dreams because God has created you to be successful. He is Your Number 1 Fan and through him all things are possible.

Come with me a moment, close your eyes.

Imagine being on God's lap, sitting on your Father's knee and telling Him of your dreams or your problems. Feel His delight and know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that He will do anything to protect you in His love for you. If you dream it you can achieve it, keep your hope alive and ask God for his help and timing.

Hear Him say, "You are not alone, just as you climbed onto my lap, I am here with you and for you always. I have such plans for you my child. We will set aside any disappointments you have had because I am not disappointed in you. It is impossible for me to be disappointed in you, because I love you and know what you can do. Will you let me help you, lead you, listen to the Holy Spirit inside you? Protect you from anyone who wants to steal your dream from you? Come back and climb onto my lap or lean into my arms anytime you want to. Now I am going to set you down, you can open your eyes and continue with your evening,

You are my Blessed Creative Child."

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