

LIFE IN 3-D

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IN AN EXCERPT FROM HIS UPCOMING BOOK, ZORO PRESENTS A THREE-DIMENSIONAL APPROACH FOR DEVELOPING YOUR GIFTS AND FULFILLING YOUR GODLY PURPOSE.



The sole purpose of our musical gifting is to praise God, bring glory to his name and lead others to his throne room where salvation is found, lives are transformed and destinies are forged.

Having a God-given gift is one thing. Fulfilling your purpose with it is quite another and this takes strategic planning and deliberate intention. Like the parable of the talents, one day we'll be called upon by the Lord to give an account of how we stewarded those gifts. Did we make the most of them or squander them. Did we use them to glorify God or ourselves?

I have applied 3 D words to my life that have greatly contributed to the effective use and development of my own gifts. I call this strategy, Life in 3-D! Living life in 3-D will help you to develop your gifts and lead you daily to the divine destiny that God has prepared for you as a worship musician.

Here are those three very important and foundational D words.

1. DISCIPLINE

You need discipline in every area of your life to accomplish anything of worth. Undoubtedly, you'll need discipline to develop the gifts God gave you and reach your potential. You'll also need to discipline yourself to spend time in God's presence, pray and read his word. That discipline will empower you with discernment, wisdom and direction as the Lord directs your steps. God has planted his plan for your life in the form of talents,

desires and aspirations and has given you the ability to develop those gifts through disciplined focus and determination.

2. DILIGENCE

Whereas discipline is necessary for short-term goals such as learning a song or staying on a diet, diligence is the ability to discipline yourself over the course of your entire life! We must remember that life is a marathon, not a sprint.

You will need diligence to persevere and accomplish the tasks that God sets before you and to finish the race of life. Through hard work, persistence and patient waiting upon the Lord for His perfect timing, he brings you closer to your destiny with each passing day.

3. DENIAL

The more increase we experience with regards to our talents in the form of respect, admiration and prominence, the harder we must work to resist the temptation to glorify ourselves by becoming puffed up, arrogant, prideful and self absorbed. Make a decision to deny yourself, glorify God and choose to serve him and others as a faithful and humble steward. Self-denial and radical obedience will release incredible power and anointing that would not otherwise be available, and this will impact lives for the kingdom of God in a tremendous way.

THE FOURTH D... DESTINY

Consistently choosing to be shaped by those three "D" words (Discipline, Diligence, and Denial) will ultimately lead you to the fourth "D", which is "Destiny".

God's ultimate desire for us is a life of divine purpose. But that purpose will never be fully realized until we surrender our will to his and ask how specifically he wants us to serve him with our gifts. Our destiny is forged then, through obedience, courage, patience and endurance. The percentage of the visions and dreams that we see come to pass in our lives is determined in direct proportion to the diligence and faithfulness we are willing to demonstrate in pursuit of them.

It doesn't come by accident or by chance. It doesn't come from indifference, laziness, and apathy or by lack of determination. It comes to those passionate individuals whose intense desire to please the king becomes the major driving force and focus of their existence.

I implore you to be on fire, be driven, and be determined to be the musician you were called to be by living life in 3-D. Fulfill your destiny for this generation by diligently and faithfully warring with the gifts that he has entrusted to you for his divine purposes.

Psalm 144:1-2 (New American Standard) Blessed be the LORD, my rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle...

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