

Title: God's Life Plan for Christians

Text: (Rom 8:29-31)

Have you ever Considered utilizing a Life Coach?

A life coach is someone who helps an individual through a difficult period in their life, or helps them deal with a life situation, while helping them focus on a pre-determined set of goals.

A life coach is someone who will help guide an individual to achieve their dreams.

As trained experts in their field, they are equipped to empower and motivate individuals to succeed.

Sometimes all a person needs in life is someone to motivate them and tell them that they can make it through whatever trial, or event they are working towards.

With that said, a life coach is a lot like a cheerleader in that they are there to lean on and to use as a resource.

In Alexandria Va. it costs

Life Coaches Make on average \$130 an hour.

\$1290 for the 1st 4 days of Training.

\$300 a Month - WHAT TO EXPECT for just \$10/day

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- WEEKLY INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS (\$80)
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- Bounty of Online links, research, app + podcast recommendations
- Exercise + Nutritional Analysis (\$80)

Would it Surprise you to know that God is a Life Coach.

God is someone who will help you through a difficult period in your life, or help you deal with a life situation, while helping you focus on a pre-determined set of goals.

God as a Life Coach is someone who will help guide an individual to achieve their dreams.

As the Ultimate, trained expert, in His field, He is equipped to empower and motivate individuals to succeed.

Really, all a person needs in life is God to motivate them and tell them that they can make it through whatever trial, or event they are working towards.

With that said, God is a lot like a cheerleader in that He is there to lean on, Rely on, and to use as a resource for Truth.

Is God YOUR Life Coach?

I Know God wants everyone to be saved - TRUE!

(2 Pet 3:9) The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Remind God of His promise when seeking the Salvation of others through Targeted, Intercessory Prayer.

BUT, Salvation is not an END in itself but the beginning steps of God's Life Plan, (Otherwise know as His WILL) for the the life of every believer.

Christianity is a journey, Not a Destination!

Christianity is a journey, from the Cross to a Crown!

Christianity is a Journey, from Earth to Eternity!

(1 Cor 15:19) *If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.*

God's Life Plan for us is outlined it in (Rom 8:29-31)

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Vs 29 "FOR" = "BECAUSE" God has a plan for us.

God has a desired outcome.

(Jer 29:11) *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, **to give you an expected end.***

We all know vs 28 by heart

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.

But vs 29-31 Explain why vs 28 is true.

Because God uses our Life Situations, Events, even Failures to Work His Will, or Life Plan for us.

Yes, Even our Failures:

Failure: (Prov 24:16) *For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.*

3 Things to Remember About Failure!

1. Everybody Fails: *"If at first you don't succeed, Congratulations you are running about average!"*

"If at first you don't succeed, DESTROY all the evidence!"

Look at your neighbor and say, *"You are going to mess up!"*
Too Much Fun Look back at your neighbor who told you that and tell them *"I did, I sat next to you!"*

We seem to connect with peoples failures b/c we all fail!

Illus: The Peanuts Comics were funny because we could relate to Charlie Browns failures. Lucy never held the ball, He never got a date with the little red haired girl, and he never got the kite to fly w/o getting it stuck in a tree!

2. Nobody enjoys Failure: JFK said *"Failure has no friend!"*

When we fall, we typically get up quick to make sure no one saw us!

Illus: But when you are down, you might as well pick something up!

3. We Only Learn From Failure: Will Rogers said *"If stupidity got us into this mess, why can't it get us out!"*
Nothing funny about success, Humor comes from Irony!
God's Life Plan for us Includes Our Successes & Failures

He knew they were going to happen

(Step 1) Foreknowledge: *"he did foreknow"*

(Eph 1:3-6)(1 Pet 1:2a)

The idea is not about God's Sovereign Will or Irresistible Grace Heresy taught by the Reformed Theology movement,
It is about God's overall Life Plan for us.

He knew who would accept Him, and Who would not.

God had no hand in making someone accept Him, or a hand in making someone Reject Him. - **He just knows.**

God knew the Failures, Hurts, & Pain, and has chosen to use them to Accomplish His Life Plan for US.

Step 1, God For Knew

(Step 2) Predestination: “he also did predestinate”

Fore Ordained or Planned In Advance

(Eph 1:4-12) “*from he foundation of the World.*”

He had a heads up on them before we knew about them.

For those that He Foreknew, He planned in advance for them to...

(Step 3) Conformation to the Image of Christ:

God’s will and plan always has been for us to be like Jesus. God in eternity past planned for us to someday be like His Son Jesus.

God planned to perfect His Will in us by using our Life’s Experiences, His Word, His Church, His Grace, His Power to Mold us into the Image of Jesus.

It is God’s Will for us...

To have Him Made Known By Us to those who don't know Him. (Mark 16:15) (Rom 1:15-16) (Rom 15:20)

To have Him Modeled By Us Embodying His character. (Phil 2:5-8)

To have Him Minister to Others Through us. (2 Cor 6:16)

Gal 2:20 - We are the Only Body the Holy Spirit has.

- a. The only Hands He has are our Hands.
- b. The only Tongue He has is our Tongues.
- c. The only Feet He has are our Feet.

d. The only Arms He has is ours.

(Step 4) Adoption: (Rom 8:15) (Eph 1:5)

Predestinated to Adoption into His Family!

Sonship as noted in (Rom 8:14-17).

“that he might be the firstborn among many brethren”

The word translated as ***firstborn*** conveys not so much the time of birth, But as the Rank of Birth.

In middle-eastern culture, the firstborn assumed the Mantle and Rank of Leadership upon the death of his father.

He became the Chief of the Tribe or Head of the Clan.

Not only is Jesus therefore our great elder brother, He is the One whom God has set forth for us to pattern our lives after

“that we might be conformed to His image.”

He is the greater example for us, His little brothers & sisters.

(Step 5) Called: (Vs 30) “them he also called “

(Rom 1:6-7)(1 Cor 1:2, 9, 24, 26) (1 Thes 2:12)

The logic is taken to its conclusion.

Once again, the thought is not of sovereign or irresistible grace. Rather, it is an overview of God’s working.

As God planned a body of believers to be conformed to the image of His Son, He called them.

That call remains to this day:(Matt 11:28) “*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*”

Also Seen in (Revelation 22:17) *“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely”*.

Unfortunately, not every one called has come.
They fight the Call of God.

The Callings of God:
Called in Salvation

- (1) Contrition: (Godly Sorrow) (2 Cor. 7:10)
- (2) Repentance: (Luke 13:3), (2 Pet 3:9)
- (3) Faith: (Heb 11:6)
- (4) Regeneration: (Titus 3:5)
- (5) Reconciliation: (Rom 5:1)

Called in Separation: (1 Thes 4:3-4)

Christians are called out of the world, from the evil spirit and temper of it;

Called above the world, to higher and better things, to heaven, things unseen and eternal;

Called from Sin to Christ,
Called from Uncleanness to Holiness;

Called In Service

Called from Vanity to Seriousness, and this according to the Divine purpose and grace.

(1 Chron 28:9) *And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and*

understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

(6) Justified ~ Justification: “*them he also justified.*”

(Rom 3:24-26) God declaring us Just.

For those who have responded to His call,
(Peace is the result of Justification)

The greater principle of justification, so fully developed, is thus related to God’s will, call, and plan.

Justified To Live Free in Christ:

Free from the Penalty of Sin.

Free from the Power of Sin.

Free from the Condemnation of the Law.

Free from the Condemnation & Accusations of Satan.

Free from the Bondage of Sinful Flesh. (Gal 5:16)

Free from the Bondage of Worldly Thinking (Eph 4:17,23)

Free from the Bondage of Fleshly Thinking. (Is 26:3)
(Col 1:21)

Free from the Bitterness of Past Hurts. (Heb 12:15)

(Step 7) Glorification: (Rom 8:30) (1 Cor 2:7-9)

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

“whom he justified, them he also glorified.”

The ultimate glorification of the believer is in view.

In our standing in Christ, we already have been glorified.

However, the fullness of that glorification yet awaits.
Nevertheless, we thus far have received only the down
payment in the gift of the Holy Spirit.

(2 Cor 1:22)

(2 Cor 5:5)

But we have the hope of His glorification in our resurrected
bodies and the full glory of salvation in that day.

Hence, our glorification is both accomplished and yet future.

God's Life Plan for Us...

*(Rom 12:2) Proving what is that good, perfect and
acceptable will of God.*

If sanctified and glorified, all the honour and glory must be
ascribed to God, and to him alone.

As it is God who begins the work of grace in the souls of
men, so it is He who carries it on, and perfects it.

Let us not trust in ourselves, nor in our stock of grace
already received, but in him, and in him alone.

Is God your Life Coach?

Are You Following God's Life Plan For You?

From the Cross to a Crown:

This is God's Life Plan for all His Children.

*31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for
us, who can be against us?*