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Destiny Your Destination

*"One meets his destiny often in the road he
takes to avoid it."*

- French Proverbs

Life's Destiny

Human lives and beings in general seem to be a blessed victim of implacable sequence of providence or destiny. Destiny according to Webster's Third New International Dictionary is continuing activity and functional behavior that tends to determine eventual status. This definition makes every tide and turn in human's affairs lead to destiny.

Indeed, one cannot be far from correct to state that destiny is our destination in life. Over the centuries, notion of destiny being

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our destination has given tyrants excuse for grievous crime and a fool's excuse for mediocrity. "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for; it is a thing to be achieved," said William Jennings Bryan.

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In other words what many of us call accidents are often times divine providences designed to usher us into a good harbor of life. Many of our trials and heartaches are not designed to make us bitter but better in life. The fact is, troubles do not always last but tough people do. The only people I know with no trials, troubles and challenges are those in the grave.

I remember the story of a Christian woman who constantly goes to her pastor that her neighbors are too troublesome for her liking. Despite her pastor's series of biblical counseling on how to maintain relationship with people, it didn't work. The pastor decided on a practical solution to the woman's problem if and when she surfaced again for prayers and counseling concerning her pestering neighbors.

True to pastor's inkling the woman came again. The pastor, as usual, listened patiently to all the heartache stories brought this woman by her neighbors. The he said, "I found a workable solution to this nagging problem as I pray for you." The woman was very excited. She started thanking pastor profusely for his caring spirit and never giving up attitude in respect of her problem.

The pastor had rented a big truck. He told the woman a better place has been secured for her where nobody will bother her. Both of them went to the woman's rented apartment. They packed

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all her belongings and headed out of town. They reached one of the biggest cemeteries in the outskirts of town and drove in. At a convenient spot the pastor parked the truck and asked the woman to come down. He told her to off load her stuff and decide where she would like to pitch her tent in the burial place. Adding that all these human beings are dead and they will never trouble and pester her life.

The women protested and began to cry; all the first excitement was gone. Pastor then remarked, “The lesson I have been trying to teach you is that no life is devoid of problems; your aptitude and attitude to problems is what matters.”

Everyone upon the surface of the earth always passes through challenges and obstacles to reach their desired goals. Always remember you are just passing through; the challenges are not your place of abode. Your focus must be on your goals in life.

Human beings no doubt are the glory of the whole creation due to the way God created us. We have an unequalled and extraordinary capacity and capability to exercise a conscious control over the ever-changing tides of life. It matters not whether these tides are smooth or very rough as the case may be in each person’s life.

In essence, destiny or providence drags the mediocre while it propels the visionary and dreamers into action. This simply classifies the people in the world into two major groups of mediocre and dreamer, among many other classifications of human beings in the world. Friedrich Nietzsche summed it up well by saying, “Our destiny commands us, even when we do not yet know what it is. It is the future which guides the rule of the present.”

The mediocre quietly resign to the concept that life on this planet earth is completely beyond control. He accepts life as a roll

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of dice utterly beyond any kind of control or regulatory measures of anyone playing the game of life. But the dreamers believe there is a meaningful purpose to life despite inability to regulate most of the happenings, therefore seize the bull by the horn and live life anyway. Here lies the reason why life grinds some and polishes the others as it rolls on everyday.