

ENEMIES OF DESTINY

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Matthew 16:21-24

The types of people who are enemies to your destiny appear to be your friends. These people do not start off as your enemies. They enter your life as an ally, an anchor, support system or as a confidant. These types of enemies are the hardest to recognize because they enter your life with the best intentions.

Enemies of destiny do not intend to attack you. They are focused on attacking **WHERE YOU ARE GOING**. Their focus is to draw you **AWAY** from the place God has destined for you.

Most people fall victim to these types of enemies because they are clueless to their destiny. The **ONLY** way to combat these types of enemies is to have a clear understanding of your destiny.

WHAT ARE YOU DESTINED TO DO?

Unfortunately, this is a question most people cannot answer. However, if you want to know what you are destined to do, ask yourself this question. What do you have the **POWER** to do? The word power in this context means **ABILITY**.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO?

God gave you the **ABILITY** to do something. That ability gives you the temperance, knowledge, understanding and patience to maximize the power that was invested into you. Dr. King and Malcolm X were destined to lead. Why? Because they had the **ABILITY** to lead.

Michael Jordan was destined to play basketball at an elite level. Why? Because he had the **ABILITY** to play basketball at an elite level. You get the point. **YOUR DESTINY IS HIDDEN IN YOUR GOD GIVEN ABILITY!**

ONCE YOU'VE IDENTIFIED YOUR DESTINY YOU
CAN IDENTIFY THE ENEMIES OF YOUR
DESTINY!

THE ATTACK

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Peter was a loyal disciple of King Jesus. He loved Jesus with all of his heart. He never had ill feelings toward Jesus. However, he was an enemy to the destiny of Jesus. Jesus destiny was to suffer for the sins of the world and to die on the cross.

Remember, your **DESTINY IS LOCKED IN YOUR ABILITY**. King Jesus had the **ABILITY** to carry the sins of the world on his shoulders. He had the **ABILITY** to redeem humanity from sin and death. However, Peter tried to **DIVERT** Jesus from fulfilling His destiny.

Peter did not do this from a malice heart. He did it from a loving heart. Unfortunately, his intentions were not for a righteous purpose, it was for an evil purpose. Peter did not want Jesus to die on the cross. He wanted him to live.

Intellectually, this seems to be a reasonable request but to Jesus it was an evil request because He was destiny driven. People who are destiny driven are long term thinkers. They are God conscious, **NOT** people conscious.

These people are more focused on their divine purpose rather than their personal passion. This was the nature of Jesus. When Peter tried to deviate Jesus from fulfilling His destiny Jesus rebuked him because Peter's words **OPPOSED** His destiny.

Matthew 16:21-24 says, *From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.*

Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

Take Up the Cross and Follow Him Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

When people speak **WORDS THAT ARE OPPOSING** to your destiny these people are enemies to your destiny. It does not mean they are bad. It does not mean they can't be your friend. It does not mean they're evil. It means they **LACK UNDERSTANDING** of who you are in God.

WHEN PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW WHO YOU ARE IN GOD THE ENEMY WILL USE THEM TO KILL YOUR DESTINY.

This is how the devil used Peter to attempt to destroy the destiny of Jesus. After Jesus rebuked Peter he did not remove himself from his company.

He did not stop associating with him. He **CORRECTED** him! After Jesus corrected him, Peter **NEVER** interfered in Jesus destiny. Everyone who comes in your life will not know your God given destiny.

It will be your responsibility to **EDUCATE** them so the enemy **CANNOT** use them to derail you from fulfilling your destiny. If you allow people to derail you from fulfilling your destiny you will feel incomplete as a person.

You were created to fulfill the destiny God put in you. You were created to do something special on the earth. Find that ability! Pursue that ability! Work in that ability! Rebuke any words that are **OPPOSING** to your destiny.

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