GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE The Six Phases of Faith -- Part 2 Pastor Vernie Fletcher Sunday, October 13th, 2013

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

"For I know the plans I have <u>for you</u>," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you <u>hope</u> and a <u>future</u>."

How to Discover God's Dream for You

1. DEDICATE all my life to God

Romans 12:1-2 (NASB)

^[1] Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

[2] And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

2. RESERVE time alone with God

Job 37:14 (ESV)

"Hear this, O Job; stop and consider the wondrous works of God."

3. **EVALUATE** my abilities

SHAPE

- 1. Spiritual Gifts
- 2. Heart
- 3. Abilities
- 4. Personalities

5. Experience

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1 Peter 4:10 (TLB)

God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings.

Romans 12:6 (NASB)

Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly:...

4. **ASSOCIATE** with Godly dreamers

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

5. MAKE my dream public

Hebrews 11:1 (TLB)

What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the <u>certainty</u> that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead.

Acts 13:36 (NIV)

"For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep..."

Acts 20:24 (NIV)

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me...