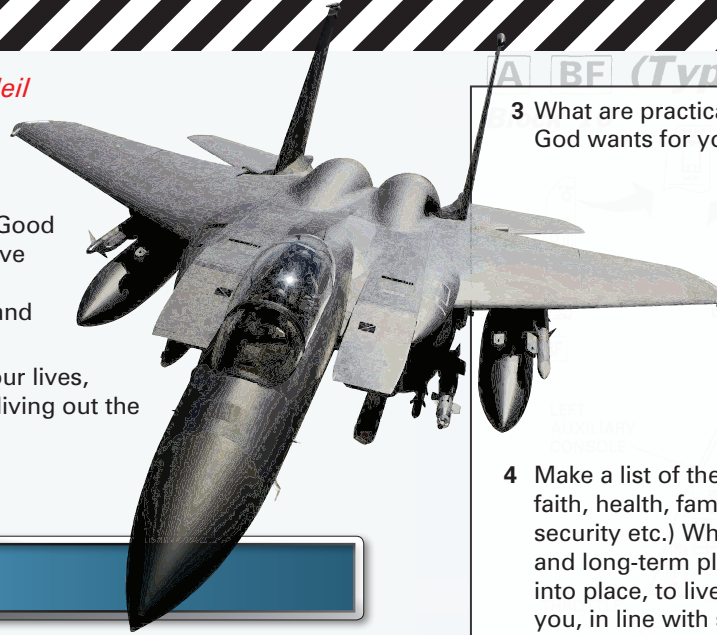


WARM UP | During his ministry, the Apostle Paul was beaten and imprisoned numerous times, as well as shipwrecked on four separate occasions – all to share the Good News of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Many people would have given up after the first or second shipwreck, however Paul had a specific vision and goal to make a difference in his (and ultimately our) world.

God wants us to have a firm vision, plan and purpose for our lives, rooted deeply in His will. He also wants us to be active in living out the destiny He has for us in our daily lives.



READ | Proverbs 21:5 & Psalm 32:8

BACKGROUND |

God wants us to fulfil our potential in every area of our lives. We have times of abundance and times of trial, which is normal, however it is possible to have a more focused, balanced and fruitful life by:

- A** Seeking God's plans for your life through prayer, reading the Bible and wise counsel.
 - B** Diligently planning your short, medium and long-term steps in light of His revelation.
 - C** Following up those plans with practical action, continually praying and seeking God's direction as you progress.
- Prayer without action = unfulfilled potential
 - Action without prayer = waste of energy



QUESTIONS |

- 1** How interested do you feel God is in our everyday lives? (For example job, health, finances etc?)
- 2** Why is it important to make plans and goals for the future?

QUESTIONS |

- 3** What are practical ways you can seek what God wants for your life?
- 4** Make a list of the key areas of your life (e.g. faith, health, family, fun, career, financial security etc.) What are some short, medium and long-term plans and goals you can put into place, to live out the vision God has for you, in line with some of the key areas above?

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER |

What do I need to apply from what I have learned from this study?

IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER |

CONSIDER THIS |

Sadly, the vast majority of people spend far more time planning a holiday or buying a second-hand car, than they do planning their life or career. However all of us can be men of destiny in our families, communities and places of work, if we take the time to allow God to speak to us about our future. Chances are you won't have a burning bush telling you which way to go, however you may be given enough insight to take you to that next place of revelation. Like the Apostle Paul, let us run the good race, asking the Lord to be our coach and mentor, as well as our compass!

WRAP UP |

As a group, let's pray for God to give us wisdom regarding each area of our lives, then the courage to trust Him with His plans, and move forward to claim our destiny!