

Determining Your Mission For 2018

The Revelation – 2018 The Year of Increase!

This is the year of increase for all Guiding Light members. This was the word given to me December 31, 2017. It is validated by the previous year's declaration on December 31, 2016 that no faithfully attending member of this church could die in 2017 and none did. Additionally, I am confident many members of this ministry protected members of their families simply by their faithful commitment to God exhibited here in this ministry. The Guiding Light Church is not just any church. It is a discipling church!

The declaration on December 31, 2017, was unexpected and not preplanned just like the word New Years Eve the previous year. The word of increase is a declaration for every faithful attending member of this church. You can be confident that I will in every way deliver God's word to you in such a way that you may hear from God and receive the increase that he has allocated for each of you.

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) — 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

This year, the Lord has given me the understanding that we must determine the mission God has created each of you for, so you can pursue it. Then as you begin to listen and serve him, he will increasingly direct you in the way of fulfilling his wishes for your life. As you walk in his light, you are guaranteed of the overwhelming blessings and increase.

Your Calling (Your Cross to Bear)

Let us consider this morning that everything God has created as a purpose.

**YOU HAVE A PURPOSE GIVEN TO YOU BY GOD!
IT IS YOUR MISSION TO DETERMINE WHAT YOUR PURPOSE IS!**

¿Considering all of the universe and everything he has made has a purpose, do you really think he has no purpose for you? You are the focus of all his creation. You are no accident! You are no mistake! You were not born without a purpose! You have a mission to fulfill for him in this earth! **YOU HAVE A DIVINE POTENTIAL!**

**TO BE ANYTHING LESS THAN WHAT GOD HAS DESIGN YOU TO BE
IS AN INJUSTICE TO YOUR OWN SELF!**

Why would you try to be something that you are not designed to be? Why would you struggle to be something that God never intended for you to be. A round peg does not fit well into a square hole nor a square peg into a round hole.

All you have to do is to submit to God and let him work in you the work he wants to do through you. You are far greater than what you think you are! Unfortunately, many have limited yourselves by allowing yourself to think of who you are and not allowing the God of creation to mold you into the greatness he intended for you to be.

When we look at the Scriptures, we see God called many people to fulfill a work for him greater than they could imagine.

He said to Jeremiah...

Jeremiah 1:5–8 (NKJV) — 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” 6 Then said I: “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I *am* a youth.” 7 But the LORD said to me: “Do not say, ‘I *am* a youth,’ For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. 8 Do not be afraid of their faces, For I *am* with you to deliver you,” says the LORD.

He said to Joshua...

Joshua 1:2–3 (NKJV) — 2 “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.

Joshua 1:5–10 (NKJV) — 5 No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be

afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go.”

He said to Moses...

Exodus 3:1–12 (NKJV) — 1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **2** And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. **3** Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.” **4** So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” **5** Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is* holy ground.” **6** Moreover He said, “I *am* the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. **7** And the LORD said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. **8** So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. **9** Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. **10** Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” **11** But Moses said to God, “Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” **12** So He said, “I will certainly be with you. And this *shall be* a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

There is a natural tendency of all of us to shrink back from what God has called us to do. Why would you be anything less than what God called you to when he promises you the ability to excel? Have you not failed him when he created you for purpose and you go about doing what you want to do?

Do you remember that he gave talents to his servants and he expected each to use them for the benefit of his kingdom? Never forget that one day God is

going to call you to account not only for what you did for him, but also what you did not do that he expected you to. There is a Judgment Day!

WHAT HAVE YOU ACCOMPLISHED FOR GOD THUS FAR IN YOUR LIFE?

There's a natural tendency to not even listen to hear what he has called us to do. But

Job 33:14 (NKJV) — 14 For God may speak in one way, or in another, Yet *man* does not perceive it.15In a dream, in a vision of the night, When deep sleep falls upon men, While slumbering on their beds,16 Then He opens the ears of men, And seals their instruction. 17 In order to turn man from his deed,And conceal pride from man, 18 He keeps back his soul from the Pit, And his life from perishing by the sword.

Job 33:15–18 (The Message) — 15 “In a dream, for instance, a vision at night, when men and women are deep in sleep, fast asleep in their beds— 16 God opens their ears and impresses them with warnings 17 To turn them back from something bad they’re planning, from some reckless choice, 18 And keep them from an early grave, from the river of no return.

Each of you has a mission to complete for Christ. Each of you has a cross to bear. Do you know what your mission is from God? What have you accomplished for the kingdom of God thus far in your life?

If you have not done much as of yet, remember 2018 is the year of increase. This year you will do more for God and he will do more for you.

**DO NOT FOCUS YOUR EYES ON YOUR FAILURES AND YOUR INABILITY
FOCUS YOUR EYES ON YOUR FUTURE AND HIS ABILITY!**

Why We Don't Know Our Calling For God

What did Jesus say in Matthew 16:24 the biggest hindrance to our ability to accomplish the mission he has given us?

Matthew 16:24 (NKJV) — 24 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.

The biggest problem is self. Self keeps each of us from hearing about the cross we have to bear. Self makes us angry whenever a messenger brings the message of the cross. The cross is offensive to us! Peter was offended by the message of the cross.

Matthew 16:21–23 (NKJV) — 21 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. 22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!” 23 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.”

Additionally, Satan will keep you offended and away from the message of the cross so that you will not hear the message that God wants you to hear. He will make you unhappy with something and cause you to focus on it rather than the word of God. Many turned from Jesus because he offended them (Matthew 13:57).

Let me now ask you a question; Can anyone of you find fault or a deficiency with the word of God that has been taught here at Guiding Light? Think about it.

Why do you think Guiding Light is in the condition that it is in today? Many people have gone to the wide gate and the broad way to do the things they desire, to do things that please them. Did not Jesus say that the way of life and blessings is narrow and few find it.

**CHRIST DID NOT BUILD HIS CHURCH TO ENTERTAIN YOU
HE BUILT HIS CHURCH TO MATURE YOU!**

Listen to me, God gave us 2017 with no deaths of faithful members to validate that the word that is spoken in this church is true. Not one of you died! 365 days and no deaths! All of 2017. Very few can make that type of claim of a word of God no deaths and see it come to pass. It is like when Paul told the captain of the ship no one would perish if they stayed in the boat!

Acts 27:22–25 (NKJV) — 22 And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. 23 For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, 24 saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.’ 25 Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.

Today, we must all learn that God has called us to do something for his kingdom!

¿Has he not told us all to seek first his kingdom and then everything else will be added to us?

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God Blesses Us Through Those He Sends

I must direct you to seek his kingdom first, his righteousness and then everything you desire will be given to you. The increase is coming!

1 Samuel 3:19 (NKJV) — 19 So Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

None of the word that Samuel spoke fell to the ground.

I am not perfect but I am seeking his will for me my family and this church. I am pressing forward like Paul when he said

Philippians 3:12–13 (NKJV) — 12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

Now I say to you, as my church family, if I am revealing the word to you then, I urge you to submit, not to me, but to the word of God that you hear preached. I urge you not to allow me to offend you or to keep you from following the word that God has revealed to you. Let us all press on together to lay hold of that which Christ has called us to.

Please understand this; it is always God's plan to reveal his plan through a man.

Ephesians 4:11–12 (NKJV) — 11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Now, consider for the moment why they were blessed...

Lot was with Abraham and was blessed because of his leadership.

The people of Israel were with Moses and were blessed because of his leadership.

Jacob and his family were blessed because of Joseph leadership

Egypt was blessed because of Joseph's leadership

Joshua and Caleb's family were blessed because of their leadership of them.

Rehab and her family were blessed because of her leadership.
Noah and his family were blessed because of his leadership.

Who you call your leader is important! Your leader affects your household and its blessings or lack of them.

Proverbs 29:2 (NKJV) — 2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked *man* rules, the people groan.

It is very important who you call your leader and who you submit to. This is very true in a nation. The Bible speaks of righteous kings and the people being blessed and unrighteous kings and the people suffering.

What's more important is what church and what Pastor you submit yourself to. If you expect the supernatural and blessings in your life you must have a leader that believes in the supernatural and blessings. Did he not tell Joshua to be bold and courageous in his leadership of the people? You may not agree with all I do but the people never agree with all a leader does. The question is, is the leader following God?

To experience the supernatural, your leader must believe in the supernatural. You cannot experience the supernatural or supernatural blessings by doing what is natural. A person who walks in the supernatural will never do what the world considers natural. They will have to be bold in speaking of the supernatural. When a person of the spirit speaks of spiritual things the world will not understand and the world will condemn them. That which is Spirit is spirit that which is flesh is flesh. The mind that is focused on the flesh will never see nor comprehend the supernatural.

Therefore, again, you must learn to first deny yourself and follow the leadership of God by the one the has appointed and seek the mission that God has called you to taking up your cross.

I have expressed to you before that there are many that are called but few are chosen. Why? Because they refuse to deny self and take up the cross for God to execute the work and impart the blessings to others through them.

Remember, no cross, no crown. And also remember when you take up your cross, the world will begin to reject you. Your friends and perhaps even your family will begin to turn against you. This is the way of the cross.

2018 WILL BE THE YEAR OF INCREASE AND EACH OF YOU WILL INCREASE IF YOU ADHERE TO THE WORD OF GOD THAT YOU HEAR HERE.

Determine Your Mission For 2018

This week (1) ask God to reveal to you your purpose, your mission, your cross, your work that he has for you to do in this life. Continue to ask this each day until you receive an answer.

Then, (2) seek to begin to operate in what you believe the Lord has called you to. Revealed it to others and ultimately reveal it to me so that we may work together to help you to be all God created you to be.

2018 will be an increase in your commitment and value to God for his kingdom and from that increase to him everything else will be added as an increase in your life.