LETTERS TO LEADERS

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DIVINE INFLUENCE

Each and every born again Christian is a leader in God's eyes. Some are leaders in the church but most are leaders in this world we live in. A leader is one who has "divine influence" into the lives of others. For leaders in the church this "divine influence" is toward other Christians to help them mature into the image of Jesus. For Christian leaders in the world the "divine influence" is toward other Christians as well as those who have not accepted Jesus as their personal savior.

DESTINY

In this leadership role, whichever it may be, we have a destiny planned by God Himself, just for us. First of all we are "predestined" to be conformed to the image of Christ (Eph 1:1-12) (Ro 8:29). To be "predestined" is to have a destiny before. Before we were God's children, God destined us to be His children. Before we were conformed to the image of Christ, God destined us to become like Jesus. Many talk of God's will for us. Destiny is a much stronger idea than will. Destiny means God is determined to move us into this plan of His. Even when we miss it or get discouraged, God draws us back and keeps us on the "destiny track" He has for us. However, destiny is not an absolute. However much God is determined, one can resist the plan of God and therefore miss the best God has for us. God counters this with His mercy and goodness.

GOD'S PLANS

Beyond this basic plan to become like Jesus, God has a detailed plan, a destiny, to make us fruitful for His kingdom. Every born again child of God has a ministry destiny to have divine influence in their realm of life. God is determined to lead us into this destiny He has for us.

GOD'S FRUITFULNESS

Often this destiny is fulfilled when we think we are beyond the fruitfulness of youth, as was Abraham when beyond the age of child bearing, when promised Isaac was given to him. At the same time, our destiny is often foretold in our youth, as it was with David as he killed to lion and bear, watching the sheep.

DESTINY IN OUR HEART

Our destiny is found in our own hearts (Ps 37:4, "Delight thyself in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart."). This scripture was once given to us in a personal prophecy. The man of God prophesied, "God home and write down the desires of your heart and within 18 months God will grant them all to you." We went home and wrote down some 20 desires and put the list in the back of our Bibles. Within 18 months 17 of the 20 desires had come to pass. What about the 3 unfulfilled desires. All I can say is, "Even though these three were on the paper, they must not have been in our hearts." God led us into our destiny.

For us the "Time of Refreshing" is part of our destiny. We know there is more, but we do not yet fully see what it is.

YOUR DESTINY

God has a destiny for you. He is faithfully leading you into it. You may not fully realize that it is yourself, but God will also reveal this to you. Be encouraged. Your divine influence is increasing as your destiny is unfolding.

With His love

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