

Epilogue

In concluding this study, I would like to offer a list of exhortations that will also provide a brief summary of *Destiny 101*. First remember that this study is build around John 8:14 and the foundational principles found in Hebrews 6:1-2. Please read these two passages one more time and consider the bullet points below:

¹⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; ..."

— John 8:14 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

— Hebrews 6:1-2 (NKJV)

- Like Jesus, we will have confidence in our testimony if we know where we came from and where we are going. Knowing where you came from and where you are going will keep you on track in the present, even when those around you are off course.
 - Keep your historical roots in focus by considering the Christians who have gone before us. This tells you who you are, provides lessons which are instructive and help you avoid the mistakes others have made.
 - Let your hope rest on Jesus' promise that He will return and the Kingdom will appear with Him. This provides direction and purpose.
- Base your Christian practice on the principles of preparation found in the first principles of the oracles of God and seek to taste the powers of the age to come (see Heb 5:12-6:5):
 - Seek to hear from God and do the works He tells you to do.
 - Avoid sin by seeking to be holy as He is holy and pursuing His purposes.
 - Grow to maturity by teaching the foundational principles to others.
 - Pursue the power that is according to the resurrection.
 - Show mercy, remembering that mercy triumphs over judgment.

Pray the Vision

Jesus taught His disciples regarding the coming kingdom and then He taught them to pray for the kingdom to come in kind of prayer guide which is commonly known as *The Lord's Prayer*. In other words, He taught them to pray the vision. A prayer guide is not a collection of written prayers to be read over and over, but a set of general principles that keep us on track as we pray according to our current circumstances, situations, and vision.

The first principles represent a basic linear strategy for preparing the way for the kingdom to appear. As such, these principles also serve as an effective prayer guide. The first principles point us in the right direction so we can pray according to the will of God in various situations. The Kingdom Core Handbook has a section on Praying The Vision which provides examples of praying the vision.

God has a plan and purpose for you that goes beyond simply saving you from eternal damnation. He has a special destiny for you that is according to His power, love and wisdom. Fulfilling your destiny is determined by your perception of the future and by how you relate history to the present. This study, taken to heart and applied, will provide a foundation of purpose in your life that will put you on the path that leads to very best of what God has for you!