

Discover Your Divine Design*

Every Christian wants to know God's ultimate purpose for their life. In the words of inspired author Ellen White we are encouraged that there "is [a] special place designated on earth where we are to work for God." – Christ Object Lessons, p. 326, 327. While many know this they struggle to see how they can best fit in and serve within the body of Christ. This practical seminar is geared to matching who you are with areas of ministry, and to help you reach your full potential for the kingdom of God. No need to wonder anymore; you have been given a *divine design*!

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Who Do You Think You Are?
God Knows

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What Are The Pieces Of Your Puzzle?
Looking at the Big Picture

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Discovering Your Divine Design
Putting the Pieces Together

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Putting It To The Test
The Work of Faith

* The basic text of this workshop has been gleaned from the book "Maximizing Your Effectiveness" by Aubrey Malphurs. To date I have discovered nothing that explains the process of discovering and developing one's divine design so clear and succinct. The content and conclusion of this seminar have been substantiated through the Bible and the inspired writings of Ellen G. White.

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Who Do You Think You Are? God Knows

Most people have a profound inner desire to accomplish something of importance with their lives during their brief stay on planet earth. They want more than anything to lead fulfilling, productive lives that leave them with a deep sense of significance. The reality is that few will ever achieve it, and most don't know what it is.

This is also true for the Christian community. Many do not know _____ they are, _____ they're here, and _____ they're supposed to be accomplishing with their lives. The result is _____ Christianity.

Culprit? _____ philosophies of human behavior, and a _____ church philosophy.

The Deterministic Philosophy – believes a person is born into this world as a piece of clay or a _____ slate.

Problem: This model strips individuals of any personal _____ for their actions (see 2 Sam. 12:1-10; Counsels to the Church, p. 198, par. 7).

The Developmental Philosophy – believes people can essentially become _____ or _____ they want to be in this life. Problem:

1. It ignores _____ as part of the process.
2. If man is basically good or godlike (which is unbiblical – Rom. 8:7; Messages to Young People, p. 68) why does he need to become _____ he/she already is?
3. It does not _____ and fails to allow the person to recognize who they are and to be satisfied with that.

4. We cannot be or become anything we want. We are called to discover _____ we are, not to become what we are _____.

Ecclesiastical Philosophy – teaches that in the church, the pastor, not the _____, must do the work of the ministry. This view is contrary to Scripture (see Eph. 4:11-13).

Biblical Model – This teaches that:

1. God made us _____ (Jer. 1:4, 5; Ex. 31:1-5). Individually, we reflect His creative expression.
2. God made us _____ (1 Cor. 12:12-27)
3. We are all very much _____ (Rom. 12:4, 5)
4. We have the responsibility and privilege to _____ our unique, God-given talents and abilities to benefit humanity and grow the kingdom of God (Matt. 25:14-30).

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future and a hope.” – Jer. 29:11 (NRSV)