

Episode 020

Being Determined In God

Introduction

What does it mean to be determined in God as a prophetic person?

Being determined in God as a prophetic person means not being easily discouraged by challenging situations, difficult circumstances, or obstacles while striving to remain true to God and mature in the prophetic lifestyle. For example, discerning God's timing in various situations. The decisions you make may not align with others' expectations or be considered practical, but you must be willing to trust God in every situation. Therefore, you may need to stand firm and remain true to God's plan for you, even if it means waiting.

Why is it important to be determined in our lives?

When God calls us to move deeper into the prophetic and minister to others, we may encounter opposition. The forces of hell and darkness will attempt to hinder and defeat you because the enemy understands how your prophetic ministry could propel others forward in their walk with God. He will do everything possible to prevent you from being the vessel that encourages someone toward God, leading many souls to the Lord. You must resolve that nothing will stop you, relying on God even more.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



Sometimes the road may be filled with obstacles, such as those faced during the COVID-19 pandemic. But you must keep moving forward without looking back. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of your faith!

Hebrews 10:35-38 (NIV) So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay. But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him."

How to cultivate a heart filled with determination to pursue God's call on your life?

1. Find your encouragement in God's Word.

The book of Psalms is full of God's encouragement for those who are downtrodden and feel hampered. Romans 15:4 (NIV) For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

2. Continually place your hope in Christ.

Each time your spirit is dampened, quickly turn to God in prayer. Pray in tongues, and ask for God's perspective on your situation. Surrender your disappointments, doubts, and discouragement to God, and let Him fill you again with His determination.

3. Cultivate godly convictions in your life.

Identify the values and principles you stand for firmly and resolutely, so that you will not be swayed by any setbacks.

4. Connect with determined, faith-filled people.

Surround yourself with those who can spur you on, strengthen you, and inspire you to push forward. Listen to the "war stories" of proven prophetic people, and learn from their wisdom gained through experiencing God. 1 Samuel 23:16 (MSG) Jonathan, Saul's son, visited David at Horesh and encouraged him in God.



5. Submit all determination to God.

Otherwise, it may become striving in your own strength. Lean on God at all times. God has His seasons and timing. In your determination, don't run ahead of God; be patient and allow Him to work out His perfect timing for you. Ecclesiastes 3:1 (MSG) There's an opportune time to do things, a right time for everything on earth.

What aspects should we be determined about?

1. Your personal walk with God.

Be determined to walk closely with God, continually hunger for His Word, and love His ways. Grow and develop as a disciple of Christ.

2. Be determined to fulfill all that God has for you.

The race may be tiresome and long, but keep your eyes on the final outcome. Philippians 3:14 (TLB) I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God is calling us up to heaven because of what Christ Jesus did for us.

3. Be determined to maintain a godly attitude.

Sometimes, people can become disappointed, blame God, grow disillusioned, or become bitter because the journey has been tough. Trust God through the process. Unclog your spiritual wells and re-dig them with God's help. The way you reach the final outcome is just as important as the result.

4. Let nothing hijack God's plan for you or cause you to detour.

Always keep your heart in the right place and keep the original vision alive. Comfort zones, complacency, and apathy are subtle steps that can distract us from God. Psalm 86:11 (MSG) 11 Train me, GOD, to walk straight; then I'll follow your true path. Put me together, one heart and mind; then, undivided, I'll worship in joyful fear.

5. Allow godly influences to speak into your life.

They will provide checks and balances. In your determination, avoid being self-willed, and don't let personal ambition cut short God's desires for you. Proverbs 2:20 (MSG) So—join the company of good men and women, keep your feet on the tried and true paths.



Discussion Questions

These questions could be done personally or as part of a group discussion.

- What attitude do you sense God is calling you to develop in order to remain determined in pursuing His call on your life?
- **2.** As you listen to this podcast, identify one area where you need to grow in your determination before God.



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