



Spring Quarter Theme: Victoriously Driven
May Theme: Abundant Living

Student Lesson

TITLE: Living Out Your Potential

Key Verse:

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

John 10:10 "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

INTRODUCTION

Today our topic is **Living Out Your Potential** in Christ Jesus! People may not recognize your potential, but God does. He has placed gifts, talents, and abilities in you along with a specific assignment for you to complete while here on the earth. Furthermore, the Lord wants you to discover His unique purpose for your life through a growing relationship with Him.

God's process of "drawing out" potential has to do with teaching, guidance, experience, and discipline in Christ. It is these things that will help us to fulfill our God-given mission. The lesson is designed to provide discussion and insight concerning living your life to its fullest spiritual potential as a Christian.

I. What is Potential?

Potential is expressed possibility, a latent excellence or ability that may not be developed or released. It specifically deals with what one is capable of doing or becoming. We honestly believe that every child of God is full of incredible potential - just because God called you. God never calls people when He has nothing for them to do or has not given them the ability to fulfill the call. In spiritual terms, potential is the innate combination of elements that support your call (gifts, talent, experience, threshold of pain, wisdom, etc.) that when released will bring accomplishment to pass.

2 Peter 1:10 "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:"

II. What is Your Assignment and Purpose?

James 1:22 "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

Your God-designed potential, when manifested, will always end up in a God-given assignment and purpose. Did you know that you have a specific God-given purpose?

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God created you in the region where you live, with the church and family that you have, and all the other details because there is something that He wants you to do - there is an assignment with your name on it! You are here during this precise time in world history to solve some problem, encourage someone in righteousness, and lead someone to greater levels in Christ.

This is your time to walk in your purpose and complete your assignment! You may be saying, "What if it is not clear...how do I find my assignment and purpose?" Our answer is to work in ministry. When you labor in Kingdom work, God reveals your purpose to you.

Seven things to do to embrace your assignment and purpose in God:

1. Hear and believe God's Word - it will speak concerning your purpose
 - attending Worship Service, Sunday School, Special Events, etc.
2. Renew your mind - remove faulty philosophies and ideas
3. Develop a spiritual rhythm – a pattern of Success
 - be a consistent tither and offering giver
 - punctuality, accountability, and attendance
4. Let the power work in you (trust God)
5. Spend time in prayer
6. Listen to Pastoral instructions
7. Work the work of your God-assignment

III. What Happens When You Live Out Your Potential?

Why does God want us to prosper? Because He is the one that created each of us, and within us He has planted the seed of potential. After the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God sent the Holy Spirit (John 14:26) - to guide the potential within the people of God. This divine gift of potential has been entrusted to us and if nurtured correctly will bring forth anointed and powerful results. We must care for it so that we can help it grow and thrive in this world, nourished by God's Word and encouraged by acts of love.

When you truly start living out your potential in Christ, you will set in motion God's plan for Christians to turn the world upside down (Acts 17:6)! You are special - a potential-filled child of God! Satan will do all that he can to try to stop you, but he is a liar!

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1 Peter 2:9 "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;"

CONCLUSION

Joshua 1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

Each of us has the ability to control ourselves to a relatively high degree. Of course, having control of our thoughts, our mindset, our actions, and our realities takes a lot of work; it isn't easy and almost never comes naturally. However, if we yield our lives to God and His WORD - He shows us how to function and live to our potential. Good success can be "potential manifested" for every believer. Living out our potential should be the goal of every Christian. It is literally bringing forth the Kingdom of God. Your family is depending on it, your church is depending on it and God, Himself, is depending on it!

1 John 4:4 "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."