



STUDY GUIDE

Unlocking Destiny: Conquer Your Wilderness Mentality

I. You Have a “Divine Destiny” to Fulfill

- A. The word “destiny” was not in the original translation of the Bible.
- B. Jeremiah 29:11, however, does speak about destiny:

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,” saith the Lord, ‘Thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.’” (KJV)

Another translation says it like this:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, ‘Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’” (NIV)

II. There Is an Enemy That Desires to Steal Your Destiny!

- A. The prince of this world has a plan for destruction:
 - 1. The devil, our adversary, comes to steal, kill, and destroy.
 - 2. He is a thief and he desires to steal your destiny.
 - 3. He has many different tactics to snatch you from the plans of God.
 - 4. There are quite possibly strongholds in your land of promise.
 - 5. One of the strongest enemies that steals destiny may be the Amalekite spirit, and you must be equipped to drive them out of your land.
 - 6. Esther was opposed by Haman, who was an Amalekite.

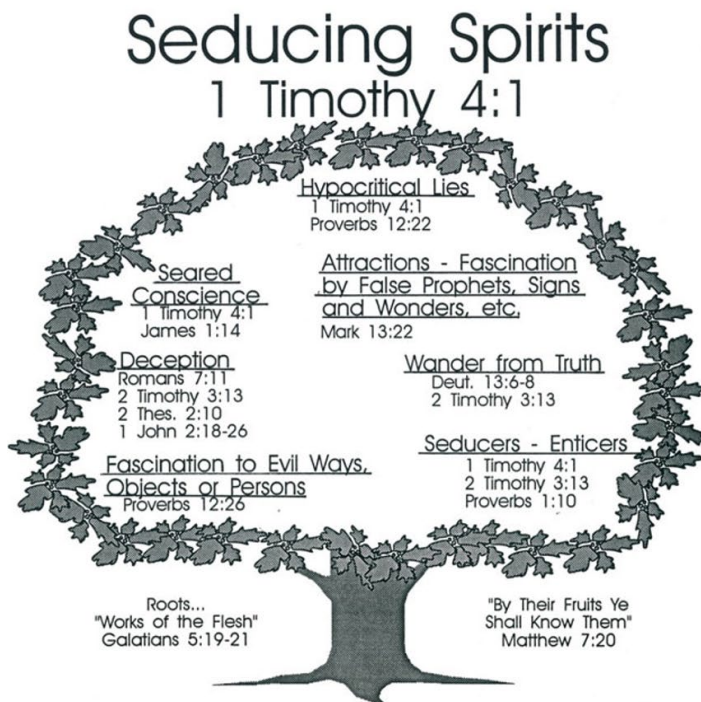
7. Haman attempted to destroy her and her family and her entire race!
8. You are an Esther also, someone coming forth for such a time as this.

B. Let's look at **John 10:10** a little more closely before moving forward:

"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." (KJV)

1. Thief: Someone who *steals*, especially *secretly*.
2. Steal: To take without permission or right, especially *secretly* or by force.
3. Exposure: Act of revealing or unmasking (we are unmasking the destiny thieves of your life!)
4. Seduction: The act of being seduced, led astray from duty or principles; corrupt, attract, win over and entice.

The Tree of Seducing Spirits



**According to
Matthew 18:18 ...**

- Bind: Seducing Spirits
- Loose: Holy Spirit - Truth

John 16:13

III. Overcoming the Wilderness Mentality

A. One destiny thief we will discuss is a wilderness mentality:

1. If you recall, the people of the nation of Israel wandered around in the wilderness for forty years. Their journey should have been made in eleven days!
2. What caused this delay?
 - a. We are not much different from the Israelites.
 - b. I believe that if we would change the way we think, trust God in our circumstances and not fear, we could cycle out sooner.
 - c. I believe that God is telling us the same as He did Israel: *“You have dwelt long enough on this mountain.”* (Deuteronomy 1:6, AMP)

B. A wilderness mentality involves our having ungodly mindsets.

C. We know from Ephesians 6:12 that we are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but with powers of darkness:

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” (KJV)

However, for more clarity, let’s read this from the *Complete Jewish Bible*:

“For we are not struggling against human beings, but against the rulers, authorities and cosmic powers governing this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm.” (Ephesians 6:12)

D. **The wicked spirits in high places:**

1. These previous Bible passages speak of the destiny thieves of darkness. There are wicked rulers in the high places which must be pulled down.
2. In this webinar, we must look at the battle of the mind first.
3. 2 Corinthians reminds us even more concerning how the enemy, as well as our thoughts, are destiny thieves:

“For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and

blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds, [inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we **lead every thought** and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). (2 Corinthians 10:4–5, AMP)

- a. We are to take every thought captive.
- b. We must understand the importance of our thoughts sufficiently to convey the true meaning of Proverbs 23:7.

“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.” (Proverbs 23:7, AMP)

- c. So what does Proverbs 23:7 really mean? The Kings James Version says it this way: “*As he (a man) thinketh in his heart, so is he.*”
- d. Another translation says, “*As a man thinks in his heart, so does he become.*”

E. Basically, **the mind is the forerunner of our actions.**

1. Our actions are a direct result of our thoughts.
2. If we have a negative mind, we will have a negative life.

IV. The Battlefield of the Mind

A. Again, looking at Ephesians 6:12, we are told that we are not wrestling with flesh and blood but against powers, spirits, and rulers of this present darkness and the spirit forces of wickedness.

1. Our warfare is not with other people, but with the devil and his demons.
2. The devil is a liar and the father of all that is false. (John 8:44)
3. He begins first by bombarding our minds with nagging fears, thoughts, worries—and then wears us down with them.
4. Through careful strategy, he attempts to establish a stronghold in our mind.

- a. A stronghold is an area in which we are held in bondage.
- b. Like a prison, due to a certain way of thinking.

B. Let's sum this up so far:

1. We have a destiny to fulfill.
2. We have an enemy that doesn't want us to fulfill it.
3. A wilderness mentality is a destiny thief.
4. A wilderness mentality involves the way we think, and if we don't get the correct mindset, we will remain in the wilderness.
5. We are engaged in a war.
6. There are many different names for our enemy, but our enemy is basically Satan.
7. The mind is the battlefield.
8. Satan sets up strongholds in our minds.
9. He has devised plans and schemes to deceive and seduce us.

V. The Grasshopper Complex

- A. A wilderness mentality involves also possessing the *grasshopper complex*.
- B. This is a complex that can completely paralyze your walk with God and literally freeze your destiny.
 1. If you recall, in Numbers 13:25–33 there were twelve spies who went into the land of Canaan.
 2. Ten of those spies were intimidated by what they saw.
 3. Joshua and Caleb were the only two out of the twelve who had faith to possess the land.
 4. The majority prevailed in frightening the entire tribe of Israel and said, "*We were grasshoppers in our own sight.*" (Numbers 13:33)
- C. **What caused them to view themselves as grasshoppers?**
 1. They allowed what they "saw" in the natural to intimidate them.
 2. They had a fear of failure.

3. The inhabitants were of great stature. They were like giants to the Israelites.
4. The Canaanites were well armed.
5. The Canaanites were well trained in warfare.
6. The Canaanites lived in walled cities. Israel lived in tents.
7. The Canaanites WERE larger. That wasn't their imagination. And yes, there were giants in the land.

D. But GOD was on Israel's side!

1. Many times it seems easier to see the giants than to see God.
2. A Grasshopper Complex is developed whenever we turn away from a God-given challenge to a fear that we lack the resources to tackle it!

VI. Characteristics of the Destiny Thief—The Grasshopper Complex

- A. A doubting heart. Hebrews 3:12 calls this *"An evil heart of unbelief."*
- B. A distorted self-image.
- C. Thirdly, those who see themselves as grasshoppers **constantly shift their focus**. James 1:5–8 talks about double-mindedness: It spills over in your life in every area!

"5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does." (NIV)

It's Decision time!

- D. The desire for security.
- E. The despising of weakness.

VII. Identify Your Complex!

- A. Failure is addictive. We often become content with mediocrity.
- B. What territories does God want you to inherit? What walled city keeps you from possessing?
 - 1. Distress of a bad marriage.
 - 2. Being wronged or misunderstood.
 - 3. Abusive relationships.
 - 4. Hidden addictions.
 - 5. Fear of failure?
- C. This is the time to decide that you will not have a wilderness mentality. This is a time to choose to possess the land, so let's take a test.
- D. **The Destiny Thief test.** Do you deal with any of these issues? If so, you may be struggling with a wilderness mentality:
 - 1. Cycles of loss, despair and hopelessness.
 - 2. Poverty mentality. (Stuck in loss, poverty, afraid to trust God for finances.)
 - 3. Trouble believing God (doubt and unbelief).
 - 4. Trouble trusting God.
 - 5. Fear of failure.
 - 6. Impatience.
 - 7. Inability to control your thoughts.
 - 8. Negativity.
 - 9. Anxiety.
 - 10. Worry.
 - 11. Being judgmental and critical.
 - 12. Feeling hopeless and miserable.
 - 13. Believing your life is a mess.
 - 14. Unable to leave the past in the past.
- E. Our identity awaits our discovery and possession. Yes, there may be giants in the land, but God says He will give you the victory.

VIII. There are ITES in Your Land

Yes, there are ITES in your land, and those “ites” are destiny thieves.

- A. The scripture talks about the “ites” in the Land of Promise. One passage concerning the land of promise was described by Abraham in Genesis 15:

“18 On the same day the Lord made a covenant (promise, pledge) with Abram, saying, ‘To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates—the land of 19 the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, 20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21 The Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.” (Genesis 15:18–21, AMP)

“1 When the Lord Your God brings you into the land which you are entering to possess and has plucked away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, 2 And when the Lord your God gives them over to you and you smite them, then you must destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them or show mercy to them.” (Deuteronomy 7:1–2, AMP)

- B. **The Amalekite spirit is the spirit that revolted against Queen Esther.**

1. It revolts against people in authority.
2. It is also the spirit that comes up against the Aarons and the Hurs.

- C. **The Beguiler.** The Beguiler is a destiny thief. This is the spirit that robbed Adam and Eve of their God-given destiny:

“1 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, ‘Yea, hath God said, ‘Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’ 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, ‘Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.’

“4 And the serpent said unto the woman, ‘Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and

ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.'

*"13 And the Lord God said unto the woman, 'What is this that thou hast done?'
And the woman said, 'The serpent **beguiled** me, and I did eat.'"*

D. **There are several key words about a destiny there**, and really, this applies to all of them:

1. **They are subtle**, meaning cunning, crafty, sly, and smooth.
2. **It "beguiles,"** meaning to lead by deception, cheat, persuade by charms. (False flattery.)

Even said, *"If I eat of it, I will surely die."*

3. **A beguiling spirit breeds doubt** into the correct word of the Lord. It causes the doublemindedness.
4. **We cannot defeat any of those "ites" that are in our land until we deal with a wilderness mentality.**