

MY FORMATION AS A LEADER



VIDEO SCRIPT - FORMED WITH A DIVINE DESIGN

Being a Christian leader is so much more than just filling a spot. It is about serving where God has placed you to serve as part of His divine design.

Being a Christian leader isn't about a job; it's about an opportunity to be formed and to help form others as part of God's purposes. Leadership is a continual process of spiritual formation.

God has designed you uniquely for ministry, for serving Him. You are a one-of-a-kind instrument in God's hands as well as one of the instruments in his divine orchestra.

Ephesians 2:10 says,

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

Before you were even born, God prepared works for you, for us to accomplish, as part of his great plan. He designed you appropriately for them.

Across the Bible we can see God preparing and placing leaders to be part of His purposes. His divine plan of creating, shaping, saving, building, and restoring a people for himself.

Jeremiah had a God prepared leadership role formed him for...

I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born. I appointed you a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah 1:5

We see Paul formed for leadership...

...when God, who from my mother's womb set me apart and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me, so that I could preach him among the Gentiles... Galatians 1:15-16

The Bible shows a pattern of God preparing leadership opportunities for ordinary people based on his purpose and how He has designed them.

God has designed us and is forming us as Christian Leaders to share in His plans. Our part is to embrace our divine design and begin to serve where God places us.

God has shaped us with unique personality and interests to be part of where God wants us to serve in his plans and purposes. God invites us into and forms us through His mission.

In different seasons, God gives us a strong passion or desire to serve specific people or contexts. This can be a Spirit given sense of urgency to serve. Sometimes this is formed in us as we serve.

The Bible also shows us that we are given different gifts or talents. Specific God-given abilities that he uses to serve others effectively.

Talents and gifts are the vehicles by which God outworks the passion and interests He is forming in us.

God is also continually giving each of us a unique cluster of experiences that make us who we are. In and through these experiences, God is forming us to serve others in His mission. Life experiences uniquely prepare you as a Christian Leader.

So how do we determine our divine design?

·Prayer - You are God's design, so ask Him about it.

·Serve – Get involvement. Gain exposure and experience. See by serving where you are.

·Learn – See what the Bible reveals about how God forms and shapes leaders to serve.

Wise counsel

·Power – The Holy Spirit is the one who forms and transforms. Be attentive to the work of the Spirit.

·Ask – Seek the input of others who you trust spiritually.

·Direction – Check you are aligned with God's plans and purposes.

The goal of our formation as a Christian leader is spiritual maturity. Becoming more like Jesus Christ. It is as we grow spiritually that our leadership grows. Our serving of leadership should flow out of our relationship to Christ. As we serving faithfully, we grow spiritually.

Being and doing are interlinked. As we are formed more in the likeness of Christ, we serve more faithfully. As we serve more faithfully, we grow in spiritual maturity.

God has and is preparing you to lead. He desires to use your unique interests, passion, abilities, and background for his glory, by using you to advance his work, His mission.

As we get involved in serving, as we serve faithfully, we increasingly discover our unique place in His plan.

It is God that forms a leader. Inviting us to grow spiritually and in maturity.

Christian leadership is about serving how God has shaped you and placed you to serve as part of His divine design.

A Christian leader is formed by God.