

BECOMING YOU



10 Steps to Becoming
Who You Were Created to Be

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Our hearts beat with a passion to become who we were created to be. We each have God-given dreams we long to fulfill, but are often distracted, discouraged or afraid to take our rightful place on the front lines of our own destinies.

This workbook is designed to give you 10 practical steps to becoming who you were created to be by...

- *Helping discover your dreams*
- *Practically learning to win the battle of mind*
- *Giving you the tools to overcome that which is hindering your journey*
- *Encouraging you to put that crown on and just do it!*

Introduction

“If God has a plan for my life, why do I feel like I’m wandering aimlessly through life? Why does every step seem to be a struggle?” “How do I overcome the thoughts that constantly hold me captive and keep me from fulfilling God’s call on my life?”

Becoming who you were created to be requires that you prayerfully and intentionally pursue God’s face, God’s will and God’s Word.

But it also means that your journey will send you straight to the front lines where the battle for your future begins and ends in your mind.

Becoming You is designed to arm you with the practical tools necessary to win the battle of the mind and begin taking ground to become the woman God created you to be.

Don’t allow the enemy to steal your God-given destiny, sweet friend. God has a plan for your life that is better than anything you could plan for yourself! You’ve just got to get busy taking the necessary steps to get there.

Put your armor on, grab your sword and get ready to learn how to fight for who you are. You’re only 10 victorious steps away from beginning your journey to becoming who you were created to be.

No turning back! No turning back!



Examining Your Heart

We're all taking steps along the way to our tomorrows one choice at a time. The Bible tells us,

"Consider well the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established and ordered aright." Proverbs 4:26 (Amplified)

In Hebrew, the word "consider" means to *make a smooth path* or to *weigh something out*. Unfortunately, we often make choices without weighing out the consequences, without first filtering each thought through the Word of God.

Our hearts determine our actions, but our hearts aren't always reliable. We don't always *want* what's good for us. We don't always *do* what's good for us.

No wonder we spend so much time wandering.

When we can't seem to find our way - when we continue to want what isn't good for us - when we struggle with choosing the right thing, we can be sure it's a matter of the heart...*our own heart!*

**The battle may begin and end in the mind,
but the war takes place in the heart.**

So, how do we deal with our hearts? How do we begin taking baby steps to become who we were created to be? We begin by taking a good hard look at our own hearts - by placing our desires under the microscope of God's Word and shedding some spiritual light on the direction we've been going and choosing to ponder the path of our feet.

Think about what your heart longs to do for Christ and begin making a list of every fiery dart that has plagued your heart and stopped you dead in your tracks. In your heart, they may feel like ginormous obstacles, but when you look at them in light of the grandness of God, they are just bumps on the road to your God-given destiny.



STEP 1: EXAMINE THE PATH OF YOUR HEART

Proverbs 16:9 *“A man’s heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.”*

Psalm 37:3-5 *“Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.”*

Determine what you want to be when you grow up. Not sure? *If you’re not sure of where you’re going, take a look back at where you’ve been and look for God’s fingerprints along the way.* What has your past prepared you for? What stirs your heart like nothing else? What would you do if you had no limitations?

Narrow it down by making a list of 5 of your dreams, passions and pursuits. Don’t hold back - no matter how far fetched they may seem.

Remember Abraham? Leaving where you are and stepping out into the unknown isn’t the most logical thing to do. But *walking by faith is seldom logical.* Remember Noah? *An ark without water doesn’t make sense at all! To every one else it looked foolish. To Noah, it was faithful obedience to the Living God.*

As with Abraham and Noah, **God generally calls us to do that which is beyond us - that which doesn’t make sense.** *Are you ready? Are you willing? Go ahead, be a brave little girl and list your top 5!*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Addicted to Christ



There's a new show called *My Strange Addiction* that centers on people who are addicted to anything from eating sheetrock to digging hair out of drains. Gross! I know. But in the real world people become addicted to the strangest things!

The online Merriam-Webster dictionary defines the act of *being addicted to something as to devote or surrender (oneself) to something habitually or obsessively*. Sounds a lot like what the normal Christian life should look like, doesn't it?

If we're going to be women who walk with God, our hearts should first be addicted to Christ more than anything else - even more than our service *for* Him. *Basking in His presence should be our obsession*. Spending time on our face seeking *His* face and in His Word should be the passion of our hearts.

From Him alone, we find wisdom, faith, direction strength and courage.

If we're going to place our feet in the imprint of God's plan for our lives we must first tilt our hearts upward so we can hear His still small voice saying, **"This is the way, walk in it."** (Isaiah 30:21). He delights in leading our hearts every surrendered step of the way.

You may be wondering if you will ever see your dreams come true - if you'll ever walk in victory over a specific area in your life - if you'll ever find freedom from your painful past - if you'll ever see light at the end of your tunnel - if you'll ever get past the limbo season you find yourself in.

Don't lose heart, sweet friend. Don't lose faith. God delights in doing exceedingly, abundantly above all you could ask or think! Your "new thing" may be just around the corner...just a still small whisper away. But you've got to spend time with Him if you're going to hear Him say, *"This is the way, walk in it"*

Commitment is key. Addiction is obsessive. So commit to habitually and obsessively seek His face - then stand back and watch Him open the eyes of your understanding and part the Red Sea of your circumstances as you become who you were created to be right before your very eyes!



STEP 2: COMMIT TO SEEK HIS FACE

Psalm 32:8 *“The Lord says, ‘I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.’”*

Isaiah 48:17 *“This is what the LORD says--your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: ‘I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.’”*

Develop a passionate and consistent time with the Savior. You can't hear from God unless you spend time *with* Him. So establish a time, a place & a plan.

WHEN (Time): _____

WHERE (Place): _____

WHAT (Bible reading plan): _____

WRITE (Journal your reading and prayer time with the Lord): _____

What is it you need to see the Lord do in your life right now to help you move forward in your journey? Write it out on the “Note” section in the back of this book and then begin to pray about it as you commit to seeking His face.

Adjusting Your Attitude



Proverbs 23:7 says,

"As a man thinks in his heart, so is he."

When I was a little girl I remember getting so upset one day when the coach benched me and put another girl on 2nd base.

I folded my arms, tucked myself in the corner of the dugout and let the pouting begin.

When he called me back on the field, I refused to play. I wanted to show him I didn't appreciate being pulled. I slowly made my way back on the field, but in the midst of my aggravation, I lost my game. I was back on the field, all right, but I had copped such an attitude that I couldn't play well anymore.

Later on I found out that he pulled me because he wanted to boost the other girl's confidence and give her an opportunity to improve. Getting some game time helped her see her own abilities and made her a better player.

Imagine that! It wasn't all about me after all!

I not only lost my game that day, but I also lost my reputation. The rest of the season I was rightfully dubbed *The Whiner!* That undesired title helped me adjust my attitude that year and I learned to appreciate my coach's encouraging heart.

We all have to work on keeping our attitudes in check or they have the propensity to run a muck in a multitude of ways. Beyond the *"I didn't get my way - she hurt my feelings - so call the whambulance"* wounds, our hearts can become fertile soil for unhealthy attitudes.

Attitudes are important. They become the lens through which we see ourselves, our circumstances and others.

Attitudes determine perspective and perspective determines the way we approach everything!

If we see ourselves as wounded, *we'll never take our place on the front lines.*

If we see ourselves as failures, *we'll give up or never even try in the first place.*

If we're afraid of our own shadows, *we will never attempt to do anything.*

If we don't see ourselves as victorious in Christ, *we won't be able to walk in the fullness of what He has for us.*

If we feel unforgiven, unloved or unloveable, *we won't be able to have an effective and vibrant testimony.*

If we hold on to our painful past, *we'll never learn to walk in freedom and forgiveness.*

If we're frustrated, impatient, critical or bitter, *we'll be incapable of seeing clearly enough to take the next step or experience the joy of the journey.*

While too many people miss the silver lining because they're too busy expecting a gold one, it's also true that too many people never become who they were created to be because they're too focused on who they're not or what they're going through.

Winston Churchill said, *"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference."*

*So if you want to make a big difference,
perhaps a little attitude adjustment will help!*

- *How would you describe your attitude?*
- *Do you see the glass half empty or half full?*

- *Do see yourself as a daughter of the Most High God or as unloveable and unforgivable?*
- *Do you struggle with easily copping an attitude? Would others say you need an attitude adjustment?*



STEP 3: ADJUST YOUR ATTITUDE

Ephesians 4:23 *“And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude]”*

Psalms 94:19 *“When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul.”*

Examine your weaknesses and strengths. Explain how the right attitude can help you become what you were created to be?

What thoughts, attitudes and struggles do you face that might prevent you from fulfilling your call; that might hinder your journey to becoming who you were created to be? *Not sure?* Ask your spouse or a good friend to answer it. :-)

**“ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD;
EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD”**

Williams Carey

Living Intentionally

Have you ever looked back and thought about all the coulda, woulda, shoulda's in your life? You know, those things you *could have* done differently if you had known what the result *would have* been and all you can think is, "I *should have...*"

When I was growing up, my daddy used to say, "*Hind sight is twenty-twenty.*" I had absolutely no idea what that meant! But I'm pushing 50 now and I totally get it!

He was looking back at all of his own coulda, woulda, shoulda's and trying to instill intentional living in my heart so I wouldn't have so many of my own.

The coulda, woulda, shoulda's are much like the "What ifs?" of life.

What if Alexander Fleming would have never wanted to work long nights and countless hours trying to discover a cure for deadly infections? We wouldn't have penicillin today.

What if Alexander Graham Bell decided to quit midstream in his quest to develop a viable means of long distance communication? He would have never invented the telephone.

What if Jesus would have decided to return to heaven and abandon His mission to go to the cross and die for the sins of mankind? You and I would be forever lost and undone.

Yet, each of them give us an example of what it means to intentionally fulfill our calling - to live life *on* purpose and do what God placed us on this planet to do.

“There are those who make things happen - those who watch things happen - and then there are those who wonder what just happened.”

Which one are you?

When we don't live intentionally, we'll end up looking back with a lifetime and a heart full of regrets.



STEP 4: CHOOSE TO LIVE INTENTIONALLY

Ephesians 2:10 *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”*

Determine Your Calling and begin pursuing it. If you aren't sure what to do next, just do the next thing. I often pray that I don't miss any of the good works my precious Savior has prepared for me. Let's not miss a one, sweet friend!

If you feel like you're in limbo, remember - what you see as God's waiting room, God sees as part of your journey. It's the place of preparation, so don't waste your 'waiting room' experience. Get busy preparing for what your heart longs to do for Christ.

List the ways you are intentionally pursuing them now.

The Battle of the Mind

It has been reported that 12 children died in land mine explosions in 2010 in Yemen alone. Land mines are often the weapon of choice for those who are too cowardly to fight their own battles. They place them inconspicuously on pathways and playgrounds where innocent men, women and children live.

Hidden underground, they go unnoticed until an unsuspecting victim detonates the device and is maimed or murdered as a result.

There is a war that rages on around us. We can't see it, but the enemy of our souls has placed land mines in our pathway - obstacles in our journey to becoming who we were created to be.

**He knows if we're wounded,
we won't take our place on the front lines.**

The Bible tells us the enemy is out to kill, steal and destroy - and while he can't snatch us out of our Heavenly Father's hand - he is on the prowl to *kill* our dreams, *steal* our faith and *destroy* our God-given destinies. Fiery darts in the form of wayward thoughts seem to fly past our faith and shatter our hopes and dreams.

That's part of the enemy's plan. To render us ineffective soldiers. But we serve the Most High God. The victory has already been won and for those of us who have been born again, we ARE more than conquerors!

The question is, do our lives match our position? Or are we tripping over the land mines the enemy has carefully placed in the pathway of becoming who we were created to be?

Today, it's time to identify and remove the obstacles that keep blowing up in your face and preventing you from moving forward. The Bible says our faith *is* the victory (1 John 5:4) - ***And remember, every time you overcome your obstacles, you move one step closer to the front lines of your destiny!***



STEP 5: THE BATTLE BEGINS AND ENDS IN THE MIND

2 Cor 10:3-6 *“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ”*

Remove the Obstacles. Obstacles prevent us from moving forward in our journey to victory. (Like land mines, they must be removed if we are going to become who we were created to be) -

OBSTACLES	EFFECT
<i>PAINFUL PAST EXPERIENCES</i>	<i>HOLDS US CAPTIVE</i>
<i>BELIEVING LIES</i>	<i>DISTORTS OUR PERSPECTIVE</i>
<i>DAILY DISTRACTIONS</i>	<i>DIVERT OUR FOCUS</i>
<i>COMPARING OURSELVES</i>	<i>MAKES US FEEL LESS THAN</i>
<i>SIN</i>	<i>HINDERS OUR PROGRESS</i>
<i>PRIDE & SELFISHNESS</i>	<i>FUELS FAILURE & MINIMIZES EFFECTIVENESS</i>
<i>FEAR</i>	<i>FEEDS DOUBT & DECREASES FAITH</i>

Step 5 Continued

Recognize your stumbling blocks. Lately I've been thinking about how important it is to know your weaknesses. It's really an essential ingredient in the recipe for becoming you. Know them. Deal with them. And surround yourself with those who are strong where you are weak.

On page 12, I charted out an 'Obstacle List' to help you see and identify some possible obstacles that may be lingering in your own life.

It's your turn to write out a detailed list of the obstacles you face in your quest to become who you were created to be. Then evaluate what effect they have been having on your life. (For instance, if fear has been an obstacle the enemy has been throwing in your path that has kept your from making forward progress - write "Fear" down and list what it has prevented you from doing.)

OBSTACLE	EFFECT
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."
~ Henry Ford**

Developing a Plan

Have you ever heard of a military commander winning a battle without a plan in hand and a cost analysis? Me neither.

What about a builder? Have you ever heard of a construction team building a skyscraper without first drawing up some plans and estimating the cost? Me neither!



People would think they were crazy!

So why do we frequently find ourselves smack dab in the middle of a war we haven't even started to plan for. Why don't we count the cost? Why do we fight like sissies instead of who we are - warrior princesses! That's right, we're warrior princesses, girlfriend!

In Luke 14: 28 & 31 we are reminded that wise leaders don't go to war without first counting the cost and conceiving a plan; wise builders don't begin constructing a building without first counting the cost and conceiving a plan.

If we're going to win the war that has been waged against us, then we need to devise a plan of protection as well as a plan of attack

If we're going to build our lives to fulfill those God-given dreams that burn in our hearts, then we need to construct a plan and a lay good foundation.

*In Ephesians 6:10-18, God lists only one offensive weapon (the Sword of the Spirit) and then He tells us to stand...**to stand dressed to the hilt with the whole armor of God.***

Swords need sharpening - and since the Sword of the Word is our only God-assigned offensive weapon, we'd be wise to sharpen it before the battle begins. Memorizing Scripture is how we ready our sword to slice and dice every wayward thought that comes our way. Every verse we memorize is a stepping stone to the victory that's already ours.



STEP 6: DEVELOPING A PLAN

Ephesians 6:17 *“and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God...”*

1 John 2:14 *“I have written to you who are young in the faith because you are strong. God’s word lives in your hearts, and you have won your battle with the evil one.”*

If offensive weapons are going to be effective, they must be used skillfully and intentionally. If we are going to walk in victory on our way to becoming who we were created to be then **we need to become skillful wielders of the Word of God.**

Don’t let the enemy gain ground on your God-given dreams, sweet friend. Plant the Word of God deep within your heart and protect the battlefield of your mind. *So let’s get busy sharpening those swords! :-)*

Devise a Plan of Attack. Use your concordance or go to Biblegateway.com and research and memorize verses that deal with areas you need to grow in or areas you struggle with. (What verses should you know, claim and memorize in the pursuit of your purpose?) Verses like, Philippians 2:5-8 and Phil 3:14.

WEAKNESS

VERSE

Our 'Thought Filter'

One year, while at youth camp, we made an unplanned trip to a gem mine. I'd never been to one before, but it didn't take long to learn the goal was to filter out the junk and find the little nuggets left behind on the metal mesh net.

The Word of God is not only like the metal mesh net, it's also the nugget that's more valuable than any precious nugget on the planet.

In the sixth step we examined the need to memorize Scripture - to sharpen our Sword so we could use it as an offensive weapon against the fiery darts that try to defeat us.



But the Word of God is also the best and most effective **'thought filter'** available. **It's what we use to sift truth from error - the junk from the jewels.**

There's a *bunch of junk* out there vying for our attention, beckoning us from what we know is right and good, luring us by the lust of our own flesh. We're attacked through three very distinct domains - the enemy, the world and our flesh - and *every thought that stands in opposition to God's ways and God's Word will end up as dross if we'll learn to take our thoughts captive by using God's Word as our thought filter.*

So, other than the obvious sinful behavior, what is it that we should be filtering through the Word of God?

Lies like, "You're not good enough, pretty enough, smart enough or anything else enough to make a difference for God." Lies that tell you, "Be afraid, be silent, be complacent, be anxious, be defeated or be like the rest of the world." Lies that say, "God doesn't care, God isn't there, God has left you, God has forgotten you, God won't use you or God won't forgive you." THEY'RE ALL LIES!

You filter every one of those thoughts through the Word, girlfriend! Don't you believe the lies the enemy, the world or even your flesh flings your way.

The Bible says He loves us with an everlasting love - He has inscribed us upon the palm of His hands - We are the apple of His eye and the object of His heart. He knows the number of hairs on our head and every thought of our heart. He is the Creator of our souls and the author and finisher of our faith. He is our Lord and our Master, yet He calls us His friends.

God's love for you doesn't change because your circumstances do. His plan for you is still good even though things seem really bad. *We don't filter the Word through our experience, we filter our experiences through the Word.*



STEP 7: THE WORD AS OUR 'THOUGHT FILTER'

Hebrews 4:12 *“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”*

**What we think about God, ourselves, our circumstances and others should
BE FILTERED THROUGH GOD'S WORD.**

Use God's Word as your 'THOUGHT FILTER' *This is different from having a plan of attack. This is defensive, not offensive. Once the thoughts come your way, what do you do? Do your thoughts line up with the Word of God? What does God's Word say about you, God's love for you and His plan for your life? Write out those nuggets of Scripture and solidify your faith and strengthen your resolve. (Example: Psalm 139, Jeremiah 29:11)*

Write Romans 8:37-39 here and begin putting it in your arsenal of thought filters: _____

Whatever!

A Domestic Diva, I'm not, but when I'm cooking for my man, I try to prepare healthy meals. I've learned to replace the good stuff that makes my mouth water with the better stuff that's almost as good, yet oodles more healthy for us.

I've also learned (the *hard* way 😊) if you don't substitute one ingredient for another, your meal will be just as big a flop as my attempt at a homemade key lime pie.

The same is true in our thought life. If we are going to take every thought captive and filter it through the mesh net of God's Word - if we are going to memorize Scripture so that we can slice and dice every wayward thought, then *we need to intentionally replace those thoughts with irreplaceable truths.*

If we don't intentionally choose what we think about then our minds become like a pinball machine stuck on tilt with thoughts pinging back and forth - randomly bouncing all over the place.

Our thought life must be a place where wisdom commands intentional contemplation, concentration, consideration and judgment.

If our thought life is intentional then the pursuit of our lives will also be intentional.

If our thought life is erratic then the pursuit of our lives will be erratic, as well.

Building bridges to becoming who you were created to be begins by winning the battle of the mind - and each time you replace wayward thoughts with intentional truths you're one step closer to becoming you!

That's where the "Whatever List" comes in!





STEP 8: MAKE A 'WHATEVER' LIST

Philippians 4:8-9 *“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable —if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”*

Make your own personal “Whatever List” This is your chance to dream, sweet friend! Think about those things that make your heart smile - those things that fall into the Philippians 4:8-9 criteria of *whatever* topics (the things that you should be thinking about when your faith is weak, when your fear is strong and when you forget your way).

True: _____

Noble: _____

Right: _____

Pure: _____

Lovely: _____

Admirable: _____

Excellent: _____

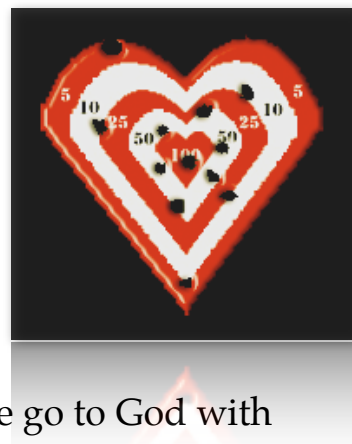
Praiseworthy: _____

I hope you enjoyed thinking about what makes your heart smile!

*That’s what you have to **choose** to think on. It’s an intentional thing - but it works!*

Target Your Prayers

I've only played darts a handful of times, but there's a reason for that. I'm T-E-R-R-I-B-L-E at it! Somehow my dart pierces the wall, the door, the ceiling or anything within 100 feet of the intended target. Anything *except* the target!



Sometimes our prayers are like that - all over the place - everywhere except for where they should be. And so we go to God with rambling hearts and wandering minds and then wonder why our prayers seem so ineffective.

In our quest to become who we were created to be we face temptations, trials and opposition practically every step of the way. And while memorizing God's Word helps us slice and dice every wayward thought - and filtering our thoughts through God's Word helps us sift through the junk and experience the nuggets of truth that make us strong - and replacing each wayward thought with our *Whatever List* helps us build bridges to our destiny, we still find ourselves struggling in the battle of our minds. There's more to the process.

Overcoming fiery darts, fleshly desires and worldly wandering becomes possible when we choose to begin our fight on our knees. I'm not talking about the posture of our bodies, I'm talking about the posture of our hearts.

When the battle of the mind rages and the enemy is waging war with our hearts, our first line of defense is to strategically and intentionally pray like crazy - to assign prayer targets that will send the enemy fleeing.

You see, when you pray for the salvation of a lost loved one, the restoration of a relationship, the healing of a hurting heart, the redemption of a nation, the repentance of the prideful, the deliverance of the captive and the glory of God - the enemy is bound to flee.

The goal is not only to pray on a consistent basis, but to assign specific people, places or things as prayer targets every time your heart and mind are bombarded with wayward thoughts.

If you want to win the battle of the mind, overcome temptation, oppression and depression then devise a list of prayer targets to pray every time an assault of the mind occurs.

Evoking your faith and refocusing your mind gives no ground for the enemy to work. The last thing he wants you doing is seeking the face of God for the affairs of men - especially someone's salvation.

Perhaps they are prayers you would pray anyway, but pray like crazy when the war begins and begin claiming the victory that is already yours - one targeted prayer at a time.



STEP 9: A MATTER OF PRAYER

Psalm 55:15-16 *“As for me, I will call upon God, And the LORD shall save me. Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.”*

Establish Prayer Targets - Make a “Prayer Target” list and when the enemy shoots fiery darts in the form of wayward thoughts, begin to pray for family and friends, neighbors and nations.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Put That Crown On Girlfriend!

I remember watching the Princess Diaries (*one of my favs!*) and thinking, "She was a princess and she never even realized it."

You see, Mia had been born into a royal family and by nature of that birth, she was a princess. The only problem is, **she never walked in who she was until she came to grips with her position, her calling and her responsibilities.**



Even after she was made aware of her rightful role, she didn't *own* her identity *until she was willing* to become who she was created to be.

Realizing she was a princess didn't automatically mean she knew what that was supposed to look like or that she wanted to take on such a prominent position. It didn't mean she'd just step into her role and fulfill her destiny.

The thoughts that swirled in her head almost destroyed her destiny.

- What about her past?
 - What about her future?
 - What about her inabilities?
 - What about her fear of failure?
 - What about the ceaseless responsibilities?

What about *your* past, *your* future, *your* inabilities, *your* fear of failure, the ceaseless responsibilities that await *your* "YES"?

When you became a Christian, you became a princess! Did you know that?

You didn't just become a daughter of a king - you became a daughter of *THE KING!*

God has a wonderful plan for your life...He always has! (Jer 29:11) He formed you in your mothers womb and placed you on this planet for a purpose.

So put your crown on girlfriend and get busy becoming who you were created to be!

Take the next step and do whatever it is that beckons you to a place of passionate pursuit for God's glory! Begin developing the skills that will make you better at what you know God has called you to do.

The nine steps above will help you in your journey, but if you don't decide to just do it, you'll be in the same place next year as you are today.



STEP 10: BE LIKE NIKE AND JUST DO IT

Romans 8:37 *"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us"*

Did you know the Greek for, *"more than conquerors"* is *"hyper nike"*? *How cool is that!* The context of Romans 8:37 makes this rich text even more exciting since it reminds us that nothing that comes our way can affect God's love for us or our victory *in Him!*

So, be a hyper-nike and *just do it!* Intentionally pursue you purpose. Today!

As your final step, begin a journal of your journey to becoming you. Take note of what God is doing in your life along the way and when you aren't sure what to do next, just do the next thing. **It won't be long before you see how God connects the dots of your intentional life to bring you to the place He has placed in your heart.**

I can't wait to hear about what Jesus does! So put that crown on, girlfriend - walk through the 10 steps and email me and let me know what God is doing in your life! stephanieshott@me.com.

A Big Thank You to YOU!

I can't tell you how much it rocks my Bible study world to know that you have taken this journey with me! We may not be who we were created to be yet, but I think we've learned how to get there *AND* we're 10 steps closer than we were before we started. Keep yourself armed and ready and start kicking up some dust and taking some ground!

*We've got a world to reach and a destiny to fulfill -
and we've only got a lifetime to do it!*

Serving the Lord is a grand adventure, so buckle up and become you!



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