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# **“Contending For Our Destiny”**

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

Destiny: God's pre-ordained  
purpose for our life.

The disappointment in the heart of  
God is that there are so many  
who will never fulfill their destiny.

*Why???*

We have an adversary on the road to destiny that will manipulate, coerce, dominate, and intimidate us into all kinds of paths that are not productive for our destiny.

5 Elements in contending for our  
destiny: *We must....*

1) embrace our God-crafted **design**.

*...we are His workmanship... Eph. 2:10a*

Workmanship = Artwork

gk. poiema – poetry, poem

*We must....*

2) embrace our biggest dream.

My #1 Goal: To build and pastor one of the largest churches in Upstate NY, reproducing Kingdom values in such a way that we influence and impact the nations, beginning with South Butler.

*Actualization is when you are doing what you are ultimately gifted and anointed to do with the people you are called to do it with in the timing God wanted you to do it.*

*We must....*

3) be ignited by God-given desires.

*...which God prepared... Eph. 2:10c*

*- desire means "of the Father"*

Desire is pure potentiality  
seeking manifestation.

*We must....*

4) believe, as we make a clear **declaration** of God's promises.

Prophecy is one of the most powerful tools for identifying our purpose.

There is a big difference between prophetic thinking and fantasy thinking.

*We must....*

5) be diligent as we demonstrate destiny's fulfillment.

We will take time to:

- evaluate ourselves
- educate ourselves
- embrace the excellent Spirit
- embrace the supernatural

Contending for our destiny is about a stretching process that brings us to the place where we are utilizing 100% of the potential God has given us.

It is my desire that this church be stretched to handle the weight of glory that is about to come down.

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*Remember – destiny is not something God puts on us. In fact, our fulfillment in life is in direct relationship with our actualizing the purpose that God put into us for the glory of God.*