

Footprints

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Take note of what has gone by in the past.

The only person that can make 2018 your year is you!

Footprints are something you leave behind – an imprint; impact.

Types of footprints:

- *Destructive footprints (for example: elephants walking through the jungle):*
 - How you leave destructive footprints:
 - By not keeping promises; agreements or commitments.
 - Serving yourself first and only others when it's convenient
 - Not being consistent between what you say and what you do.
 - Choosing to lie.
 - By judging and criticizing.
 - Betraying confidence by gossiping.
 - Not supporting others in development.
 - Secretly engaging in back talk negotiations.
 - Downfall of destructive footprint:
 - Sewing destruction makes you reap destruction.
- *Insignificant footprints (for example: walking on the beach - your footprint won't be there tomorrow):*
 - How you leave insignificant footprints:
 - Living a life of no meaning and therefore having no impact.
 - If you're feeling meaningless, the cause is always the same - you're not living the life you're intended to.
 - Downfall of insignificant footprint:
 - Leads to depression because you're not fulfilling your God given purpose (fulfilling your God given purpose comes with joy).
- **Constructive footprint (Making every step count):**

Matthew 9:35

Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

The footprint Jesus left behind is our blueprint:

- He was a humble Man.
- He was a dependant Man.
 - **John 5:19-30**

Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes. For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the

Father who sent Him. "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment. "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

- He was a proven Man escaping temptation.
- He was a focused Man.
- He was a patient Man.
- He was an obedient Man.
- He was a faithful Man.

*What is going to be in **your footprints** is not your works but your character.*

How to create this footprint:

- You need to know your purpose
 - If you don't know your purpose, pray.
 - Great minds have purpose, others have wishes.
 - God wants you to know your purpose, for His name will be exalted through it
 - **Exodus 9:16**
But, indeed, for this reason I have allowed you to remain, in order to show you My power and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth.
 - Everyone has a plan and a purpose
 - **Jeremiah 29:11**
For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.

I know my purpose and I plan to make a difference - Only by dedicating your life to your purpose will you have true joy.

- Know your principles.
 - *What lies behind you and what lies ahead of you is not as important as what (and even more importantly Whom) lies within you (Jesus).*
 - *Convictions are what you believe in, principles are what you will die for.*
 - When principles break down, so do our lives and our society.
 - Your principles will help you make a difference.
 - Your principles will guide you when nothing else is left.
 - *Your principles must be based on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ.*
- Know your Power and what empowers that power.
 - God's Spirit empowers my life.
 - *God has given you the gifts to accomplish His purpose within you even when you feel your gift is unimportant or being squandered*

- Know your plan.
 - A plan is a thought out personal way to fulfil what God is doing.
 - *A plan requires change and change requires a choice.*
 - God has a plan to fulfil your God given purpose
 - **Luke 4:18**
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed,
- Know your place.
 - *Your place is where you put your purpose, principles, power and plan into service.*
 - **Matthew 9:35**
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 - Jesus knew His place.

Conclusion

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”