

GOD'S DIVINE APPOINTMENTS

“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.” Colossians 4:5

What is a “Divine Appointment?” Someone that God brings across your path on purpose either for you to spiritually encourage or for you to be encouraged.

1. I MUST BELIEVE THAT GOD IS INTENTIONAL

- A. He has the ability.
- B. He has the desire.

2. QUESTIONS FOR DIVINE APPOINTMENTS

- A. God always places someone next to me on an airplane that has something in his or her life that I could pray about. Is there something in your life that I could be praying for you?
- B. We always look for something in our waitress' life that we could pray about over the next month. Could you give it some thought and let us know before we leave and we would be happy to pray?
- C. God did this on purpose. What can I be praying for you?

3. CATEGORIES OF DIVINE APPOINTMENTS

- A. no outward interest.....less than 1%
- B. can't think of a specific prayer request.....10%
- C. struggles but does give a prayer request.....20%
- D. has an immediate prayer request.....40%
- E. God's perfect timing is obvious.....30%

4. THINGS TO REMEMBER

- A. We see the outside. God sees the heart. I Samuel 16:7
- B. God definitely wants us to pray for people. Matthew 5:44, Ephesians 6:18
- C. Many people have deep hurts but do not have someone that cares enough to pray.
- D. People often need about 7 encounters with Jesus before they are ready to receive Him.
- E. Be respectful and tactful I Peter 2:12, Colossians 4:6
- F. Look for opportunities and ask the right questions. Ephesians 5:15-16
- G. Expect God to do the unexpected. Ephesians 3:20-21
- H. Expect Satan to resist by tempting us with fear and non-love I Peter 5:8

5. FOLLOW-THROUGH

- A. Divine Appointment Journal
- B. Intercessory Prayer
- C. Contact