

God's First Command to You: Most Christians Miss This!

What is God's purpose for your life? According to Rabbi Schneider, the answer is found at the very beginning of Scripture.

In Genesis 1:28, God blesses humanity and gives a foundational command: "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

This passage, Rabbi Schneider explains, reveals two primary aspects of God's will for His people: to increase and to rule. These aren't mere suggestions—they are the Creator's original instructions to humanity, and they still apply today. "God's plan for you is to increase," he says, highlighting that this increase includes, but goes far beyond, physical reproduction.

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God's desire is for His people to grow—not only in number, but in character, influence, and spiritual capacity. Life with God is meant to be dynamic, not static. Rabbi Schneider emphasizes that every day, month and year of a believer's life is an opportunity for increase. Growth is not just possible; it is the divine expectation.

The call to rule, he explains, does not mean domination in the worldly sense. Rather, it reflects a spiritual authority rooted in God's presence. Humanity was created to act as God's

ambassadors on the earth—stewards of His creation and representatives of His kingdom. To rule means to bring order, life and godly influence into the world around us.

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This calling to multiply and rule carries through the entire narrative of Scripture. In the New Testament, Jesus echoes the same commission in spiritual terms: “Go into all the world and preach this gospel to all creation, to every nation, making disciples of all nations.” The mission remains the same—reproduce and bring God’s rule to the earth.

Rabbi Schneider also touches on the traditional Jewish understanding of this command. Among Orthodox Jews, having children is seen as one of the greatest mitzvot—a fulfillment of God’s first command. For some, this even takes on redemptive meaning as they see each new child as a way of repopulating the Jewish people after the horrors of the Holocaust.

But physical fruitfulness is only part of the story. Spiritual fruitfulness—reproducing the nature and character of God in ourselves and others—is central to this mandate. As believers grow in the Spirit, denying the flesh and choosing God’s ways, they are transformed. “Our spirit in us is expanding,” Rabbi Schneider says. “We’re continually being transformed from glory to glory and from strength to strength.”

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Even in old age, this fruitfulness doesn’t stop. Though the outer man may decay, the inner person can still be renewed daily. In this way, believers continue to bear fruit and walk in spiritual dominion. They carry God’s light into dark places, shifting atmospheres and planting seeds of the kingdom

wherever they go.

By embracing the call to increase and rule, believers step into the fullness of their God-given identity and purpose—fulfilling the very first command ever spoken by the Creator.

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Death Contracts, Slander and Spiritual Warfare: What Every Believer Must Prepare for in May 2025

After receiving permission from the manager to sing a blessing over the store, the team began to play worship music for all to hear. The atmosphere shifted as one member boldly preached the message of Jesus' death and Resurrection, inviting anyone who wanted to know Christ to respond.

As they shared the Gospel, the Lord highlighted three young men to Storm.

"I heard the Lord clearly say, 'Pray that they would feel My tangible presence.'" One by one, the young men felt God's presence—and were shocked, especially the one who was Muslim.

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"Despite whatever you believe in, whatever you were raised in,

Jesus wants you to know Him," Storm says in the video. Right after this, all three gave their lives to Christ.



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Three young women nearby, stirred by what they had witnessed, asked for prayer, too. As the team prayed, words of knowledge and encouragement flowed. The presence of God overwhelmed them, bringing them to tears. What followed was even more remarkable—they asked to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. As the team prayed, the power of God fell and the girls began speaking in tongues right in the middle of the McDonald's.

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The scene left customers and staff in awe. Though asked to leave once they finished, it was clear something supernatural had taken place.

"This is happening dead center in a McDonald's," Storm said. "It's not about the building. It's about us being the temple."

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This moment at McDonald's wasn't just a spontaneous outreach—it was a glimpse of what it looks like when ordinary believers live with extraordinary boldness. It proves that the power of God isn't confined to sanctuaries or stages. When the Holy Spirit is carried into everyday places, heaven touches earth in the most unexpected ways.

Revival isn't waiting for a platform—it's waiting for people willing to say yes, right where they are.

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Christians Are Using New Age Language—And Most Don't Even Realize It

The timeframe between Passover and Pentecost just may be even more significant this year than it ever has been.

“It has an agricultural cycle and then the spiritual journey,” Amanda Grace explains. “Between Passover and Shavuot or Passover and Pentecost, [it marks] a period that has quite a bit of anticipation and spiritual preparation.”

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This year, that anticipation has intensified as global and spiritual events unfold within the same window. “Shavuot this year... begins June first and ends June third. Now Pentecost this year is June eighth,” says Grace.

Significantly, Pope Francis died on Passover [and] Easter Monday—an event believed to be far from coincidence. “So we have within this window... the pope’s death... Trump meets with Zelensky at the Vatican... a new pope will be chosen... [and] an enormous explosion at a major Iranian port,” she says.

Grace believes that the prophetic symbolism of a major shift happening within the Vatican could potentially even relate back to a dream she had in 2018.

"The Lord had given me a dream—He took me under the Vatican. There was a bunch of catacombs and underground tunnels, and there were witches, warlocks, court jesters, and every unclean thing in this dream. And actually one of the witches was disappearing and reappearing—could make themselves invisible—and tried to grab me. And a force that had to have been almighty God threw them literally off of me when they tried to grab my foot... when I was being navigated through this area," she recalls.

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Adding to the spiritual intrigue is the release of the film *Conclave* in October 2024, just before the U.S. elections. The movie, written by Peter Straughan, explores a secretive papal election following the sudden death of a pope, involving "political maneuvering, personal secrets, emerging scandals." The film's fictional pope, Innocent XVI, is revealed to be intersex—a fact accepted by the late pope and kept secret.

"This is what they want to do... brings the LGBTQ+ transgender agenda in... combines it with the Catholic church," she says, suggesting the film is a strategic cultural message. "The enemy will always try and label something the opposite of what it is... make you believe this is innocent."

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As Amanda Grace lays out the prophetic significance of the events unfolding between Passover and Pentecost, the convergence of timelines—both biblical and global—suggests

that we are on the brink of seismic spiritual shifts.

With the death of Pope Francis, the rise of a new pontiff and deeply symbolic dates like the Second Passover and Pentecost aligning within a rare 50-day window, the stage appears set for massive changes—not only within the Catholic Church, but potentially across the global body of Christ. As she connects dreams, scripture and current events, Grace's insights compel believers to watch, pray and discern the times—because what happens in this prophetic window may ripple through the church in ways we've never seen before.

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Are You Secretly Prophetic? 4 Signs You Might Have a Hidden Gift!

Recent headlines have brought attention to a shocking incident on an American Airlines flight, where a passenger reportedly exhibited signs of demon possession. This unsettling event has sparked a larger conversation about the reality of spiritual warfare and deliverance ministry. While some might be quick to dismiss such occurrences as mere theatrics or mental illness, the truth is that demonic oppression is a very real issue that believers are called to confront.

As Alan DiDio and Isaiah Saldivar discussed in a recent interview on Encounter Today, demon possession and spiritual oppression are not foreign concepts in the Bible. From the Gospels to the book of Acts, we see Jesus and His disciples

confronting demonic forces head-on. These occurrences weren't isolated, sensationalized events, but demonstrations of God's power and love, aimed at setting the oppressed free. Understanding these events in a biblical context helps us recognize the need for deliverance in our modern world.

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Deliverance: A Biblical and Accessible Ministry

Something Saldivar points out is that deliverance is a ministry that every believer is called to engage in. It is not reserved for special leaders or experts but is part of the mission that Jesus handed down to His followers. Throughout His ministry, Jesus repeatedly cast out demons, healing individuals from spiritual oppression. This wasn't just about the spectacle; it was a demonstration of God's power to liberate His people from the enemy's grip.

The practice of deliverance might seem intimidating to some, but it is something that every Christian can be involved in. It begins with understanding that believers have been given the authority in Jesus' name to break the chains of spiritual oppression. Just as we are called to pray for the sick and witness to the lost, we are also called to help those who are bound by spiritual forces. Deliverance is part of the Kingdom of God's work on earth and is available to all who believe.

The Reality of Demonization

Demonization, often misunderstood or dismissed, is a more common occurrence than many realize. Demons don't always show themselves in dramatic or obvious ways, which is why many people remain unaware that they are under spiritual

oppression.

It is essential for believers to understand that demonization doesn't always involve visible or violent manifestations. In fact, many individuals unknowingly live under the influence of demonic spirits for years. This influence can range from subtle emotional and mental struggles to overt manifestations. Recognizing the need for deliverance is the first step in bringing freedom to those suffering under demonic oppression, whether or not it's visibly obvious to others.

Understanding the Difference: Possession vs. Demonization

A critical distinction in deliverance ministry is understanding the difference between possession and demonization. While possession implies a complete takeover of a person's body and spirit, demonization refers to various levels of spiritual oppression. Someone who is demonized may experience influence over their thoughts, emotions or behaviors, but they are not owned by the demonic.

It's essential not to get caught up in terminology but to focus on the fact that demonic influence, whether mild or severe, can be addressed through the power of prayer, deliverance and the authority believers have in Christ. The goal is freedom, regardless of the level of oppression.

How Demons Gain Access

As Saldivar and DiDio explain, demons gain access to individuals through what is often referred to as "open doors"—situations or circumstances that provide an entry point for spiritual forces to take hold. One of the most common open doors is trauma, particularly childhood abuse or deeply painful experiences. These types of wounds can create spiritual vulnerabilities that demons use to gain a foothold in a person's life, making it harder for them to experience true healing.

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In addition to trauma, other open doors include involvement in the occult, unforgiveness or persistent sin. These behaviors or experiences invite spiritual forces into a person's life, often without them realizing it. It's crucial for believers to recognize these open doors and close them through repentance, prayer and spiritual warfare. When we understand how demons gain access, we can be proactive in protecting ourselves and others from spiritual attack.

The Role of Discernment in Deliverance

Discernment plays a crucial role in identifying whether someone's struggles are rooted in spiritual oppression or if they stem from a physical or mental health issue. In today's world, with increasing diagnoses of mental illness and the widespread use of medication, it can be difficult to distinguish between a spiritual issue and a medical one. However, the Bible teaches that spiritual forces are at work behind many of the struggles people face.

While medical professionals focus on the physical and mental aspects of health, deliverance ministry addresses the spiritual root. Deliverance does not replace medical care but works in tandem with it, targeting the unseen spiritual influences that may be affecting a person's well-being. This discernment helps believers address the true source of a person's struggles, whether they are mental, emotional or spiritual in nature.

Closing the Doors to Demonic Influence

The good news is that demons can be expelled and their access to a person's life can be closed. Believers have the authority in Christ to close the doors to demonic influence, reclaiming the spiritual ground that has been taken. This begins with

repentance, forgiveness and renouncing any known sin or negative influences in one's life. Through prayer, fasting and the power of the Holy Spirit, spiritual freedom can be obtained.

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Once the doors are closed, it's essential to walk in continued victory. This means staying alert and maintaining a close relationship with God, through regular prayer, Bible study and fellowship. Deliverance is just the beginning of a new journey in Christ. Remember, the power of Jesus is greater than any force the enemy can bring against us.

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Jonathan Cahn Reveals the Nehemiah Strategy: Confidence, Calling and Combat

Could there be prophetic signs even with the Kentucky Derby about the times we're living in?

A recent prophetic message highlights what some believe are spiritual signs embedded within one of America's biggest sporting events—the Kentucky Derby. According Amanda Grace, events in the natural world, including horse races, can reflect deeper movements in the spiritual realm.

This year, the Derby is unfolding alongside another major event: the election of the 267th pope. "I don't think that's an accident," says Amanda Grace. "It's the race for the 267th pope and if you add that up you get the number 15." The number 15 recurs prophetically, with another appearance in Canada's recent liberal party victory—"the liberal party won 168 seats, if you add that together you also get 15."

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Two horses in this prophetic race stand out: American Promise and Render Judgment. "In the number five position is a horse by the name of American Promise. His sire is Justify, who won the Triple Crown in 2018—"seven years ago Donald Trump was president... seven years later, here is Donald Trump as president again with Justify's offspring."

According to Grace, the pairing of names is telling: "The Lord justified the promise to America," she says, connecting Trump's election with biblical implications.

However, there is another horse in the running owned by country music artist, Toby Keith, named Render Judgment.

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"Render Judgment is also in the Kentucky Derby this year," Grace says. His sire is named Blame: "When blame is cast, judgment is rendered."

So, what could this all mean from a prophetic standpoint?

“This is a theme right of judgment being rendered with the Vatican, with what’s coming in Canada,” Grace says.

Regarding Canada’s new leader she says: “Mark Carney gets put into term... his name means dedicated to Mars as a champion.” Mars, the Roman god of war, draws a direct connection to the Vatican—“Roman, Roman. Remember this. Where is the Vatican? Rome.”

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These prophetic connections surrounding the Kentucky Derby, the Vatican and international political shifts suggest that we are witnessing a convergence of spiritual and natural events. From horses like American Promise and Render Judgment to the elevation of new leaders whose names carry symbolic weight, each element appears to carry a message—pointing toward covenant, justice and the clash between kingdoms.

With divine patterns surfacing across politics, religion and culture, believers are being called to discern the times and understand the deeper battle unfolding. As the race unfolds, it may be more than just a contest of speed—it may be a sign of what’s to come.

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Jenny Weaver Warns of the Slippery Slope of Horoscopes

One of the most popular things we see in today just may be one of the easiest ways to find yourself on the path of darkness:

horoscopes.

Jenny Weaver recently gave a warning about the “slippery slope of horoscopes” and how coming into alignment with zodiacs and these word curses actually can bring great damage and harm to yourself.

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“When someone says, ‘I have a bad temper, I’m just an Aries, or I can’t help being impulsive; this is who I am, or I’m born to be a fighter, or I don’t follow rules; that’s the Aries in me...’ You are saying that there’s something in you that’s not in the Bible,” Weaver explains.