

Everyone is on a journey, and prophecy should tell you who you are going to be in the next season of your life and what it is that God wants to be for you.

“There are no wrong turnings. Only paths we had not known we were meant to walk.”
Guy Gavriel Kay – Canadian Fiction Writer.

Intentional: deliberate, on purpose, meant, by design, chosen, thought out in advance, planned, conscious, considered, done with care.

An intentional person is someone who lives deliberately; someone who builds up their own world view and then tries to live by it. To live intentionally is to march to the beat of a different drummer. “If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer.” Henry David Thoreau (1817 -62)

Intentional in the way I live and use the resources of the earth, guided by morality. Intentional acts are done deliberately. Intentional living is about the choices I make and the ethical code I live by. But this can have a positive impact on others if I share it: Think about the choices made, the decisions chosen or taken so that they have a positive impact on self and those around as well as the Earth’s resources: Living intentionally means making good choices and repeating them so that you and the world around you gets better day by day.

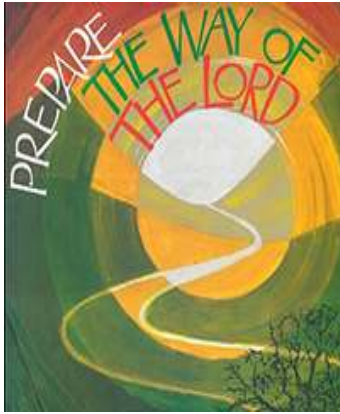
Being intentional in the way of advancing and building a better quality of life; and which is prophetic in the way it offers a “Christ Centered Vision of Education” and of our lives rooted in the Gospel. Activity can easily become the distraction of being busy. Using wisdom and discernment, we can live our lives more intentionally – getting the balance right; living in the present moment rather than in the unchangeable past or an unknown future.

Prophetic in the Christian Tradition has a special meaning: thinking about making better choices, speaking the truth (even when people don’t want to hear it), standing up for what is right (even if it makes you unpopular), living by actions not words.

Prophetic in the example I set to others. A sense of belonging in the Church and in the World. Encourage people to come to Church and support them to help in their faith journey to help them grow stronger.

Living intentionally is to be prophetic – announcing the new perspective of the Gospel on what it means to be human. Being prophetic is about being seen to do good and about speaking out for what is right. Good News is only good news if it is announced. Being prophetic isn’t just about telling the future, it is about living out God’s future for me today.

Jesus is an example of someone who lived His life *intentionally* and *prophetically*.



Prepare the Way of the Lord Isaiah 40:3-5, 21-22, 28-29, 30 (NRSV)

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in.

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The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the Earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Man Who Built a Tower Luke 14:25, 28-30 (GNB)



Once when large crowds of people were going along with Jesus, he turned and said to them, "If one of you is planning to build a tower, you sit down first and figure out what it will cost, to see if you have enough money to finish the job. If you don't, you will not be able to finish the tower after laying the foundation; and all who see what happened will make fun of you. 'You began to build but can't finish the job!' they will say."

Light on the Lampstand Matthew 5:1-2, 14a-16 (GNB)



Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them: "You are like light for the whole world. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead it is put on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven."

Do not wait;
the time will never be 'just right.'
Start where you stand,
and work with whatever tools
you may have at your command,
and better tools
will be found as you go along.

George Herbert (1593 - 1633: Welsh Poet and Priest)

I choose...
to live by choice, not by chance;
to be motivated, not manipulated;
to be useful, not used;
to make changes, not excuses;
to excel, not compete;
I choose self-esteem, not self-pity;
I choose to listen to my inner voice, not the opinion of others.

Anonymous

