

The Masterpiece Mindset

Part One: Who Am I?

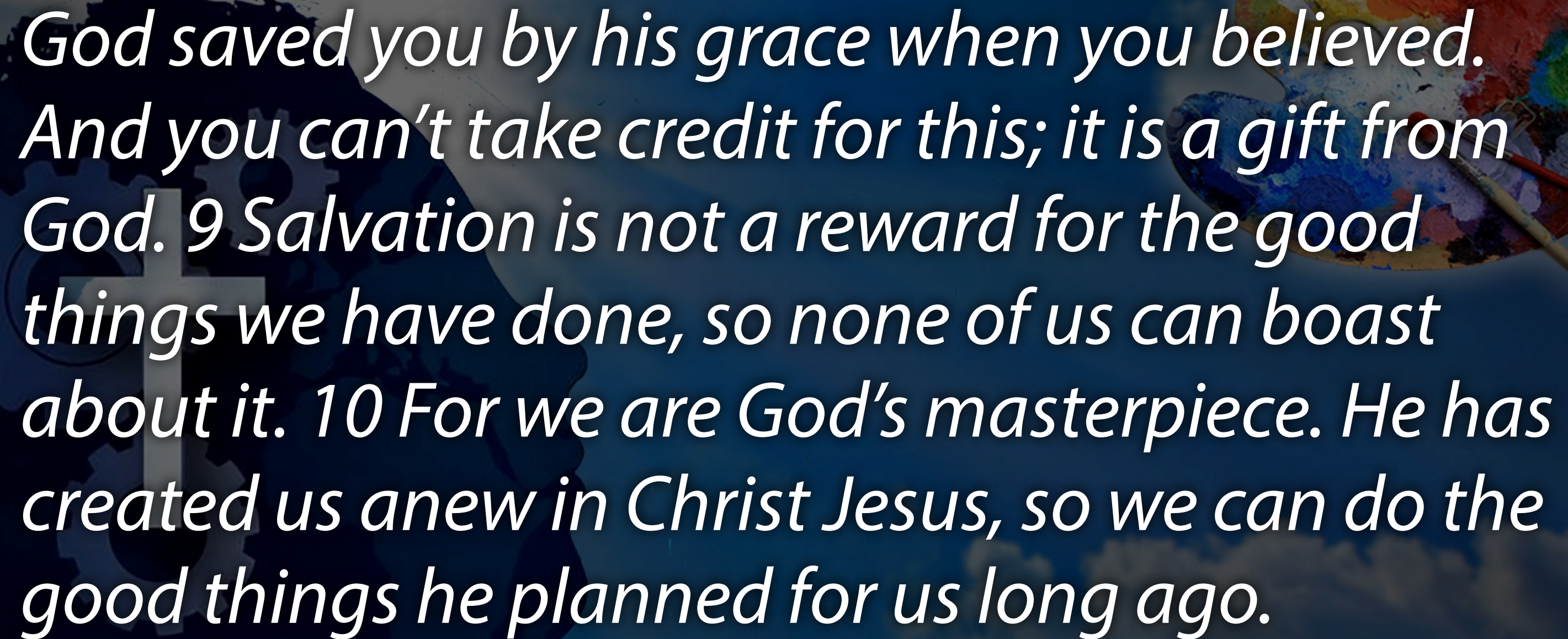
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Ephesians 2:8

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.



Who Am I?

Having God's perspective on your life is most important.

Society and popular culture what to fashion you into its image.

God says, "I created you in My image [Imago Dei] and likeness." (Gen. 1:27)



Who Are You?

You Are God's Masterpiece!

A masterpiece is anyone's best work.

A masterpiece does not happen by accident.
It is not the result of something random. A
masterpiece is the result of an inspired plan.



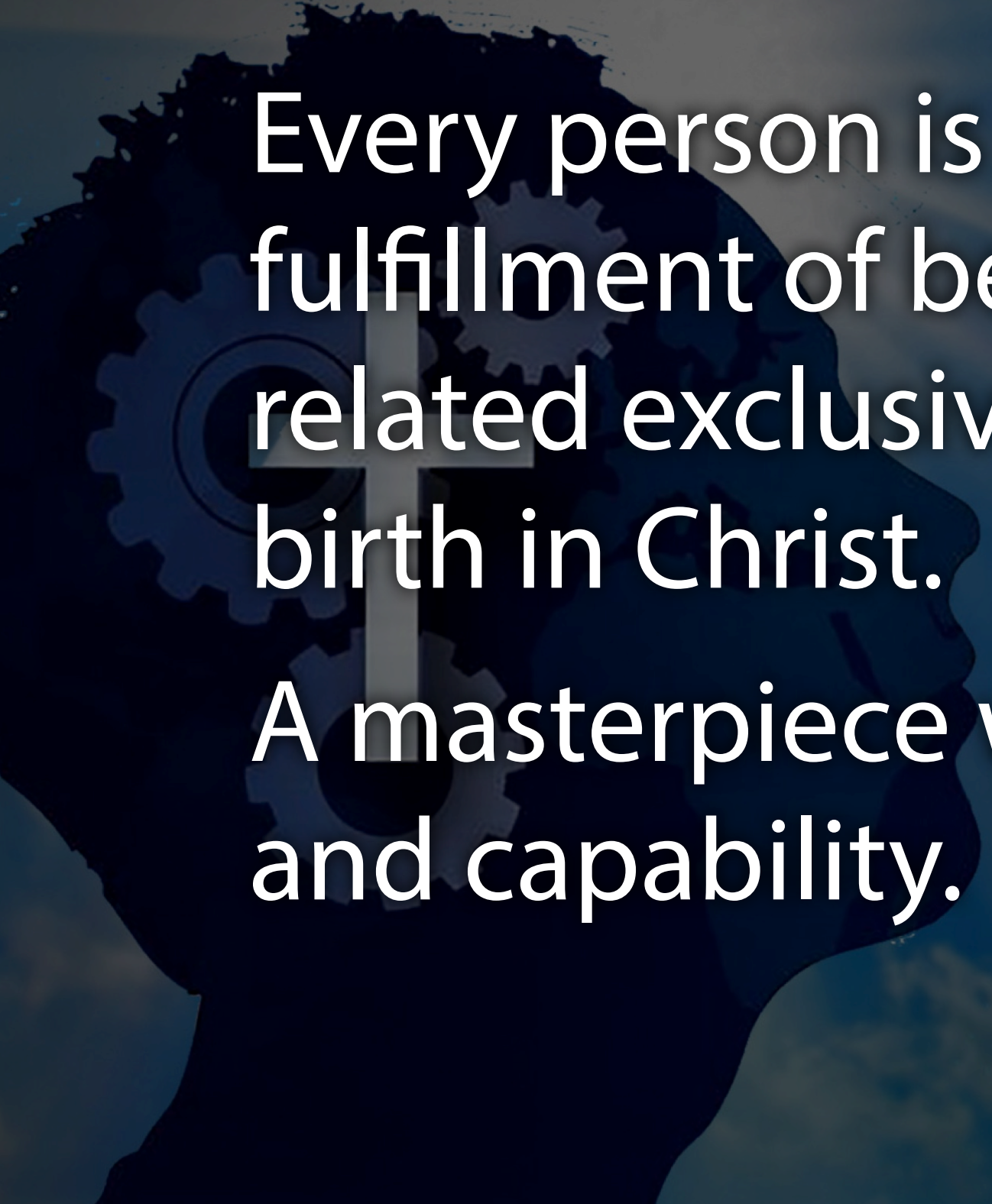
You Are God's Best Work!

Your birth was the first miracle

Your re-birth is the greatest miracle

*"....He has **created us anew** in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." (Eph. 2:10 NLT)*



A dark silhouette of a human head in profile, facing right. Inside the head, there are several interlocking gears of different sizes. A large, light-colored cross is superimposed over the gears, centered within the head's outline.

Every person is Imago Dei, but the fulfillment of being God's "masterpiece" is related exclusively to our re-creation or re-birth in Christ.

An oval-shaped artist's palette with various colors of paint (red, yellow, blue, green, white) smeared on it. Two paintbrushes are resting on the palette. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sky with light clouds.

A masterpiece work requires the best tools and capability.



**Sistine Chapel Fresco Art
Flying Machines
Leonardo da Vinci
[1452-1519]**



**'The Banjo Lesson' (1893)
by Henry Ossawa Tanner.**

Developing a Masterpiece Mindset

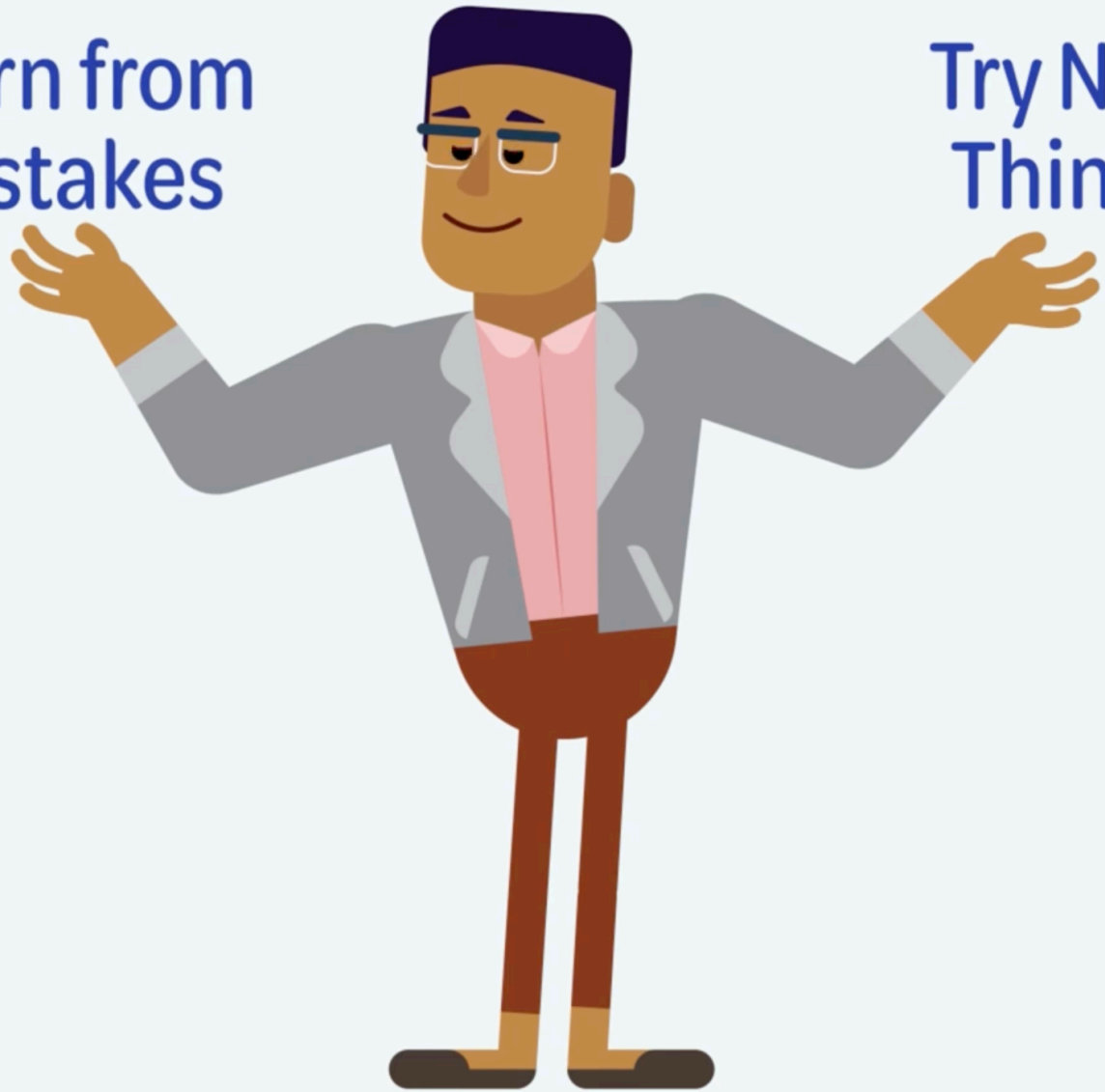
*“Be renewed in the spirit of your mind.”
(Ephesians 4:23)*

The “spirit” of your mind relates to ones attitude, disposition, or spiritual perspective.



Growth Mindset

Learn from
Mistakes



Try New
Things



**Have a
“Growth” Mindset**

Pay Attention to Important Things

Don't be like King Saul

The Bible shows us what to do, and what not to do.



Saul's Instructions

1 Samuel 10:1, *Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him and said: "Is it not because the Lord has anointed you commander over His inheritance? 2 When you have departed from me today, you will find two men by Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say to you, 'The donkeys which you went to look for have been found. And now your father has ceased caring about the donkeys and is worrying about you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?"'*

1 Samuel 10:5

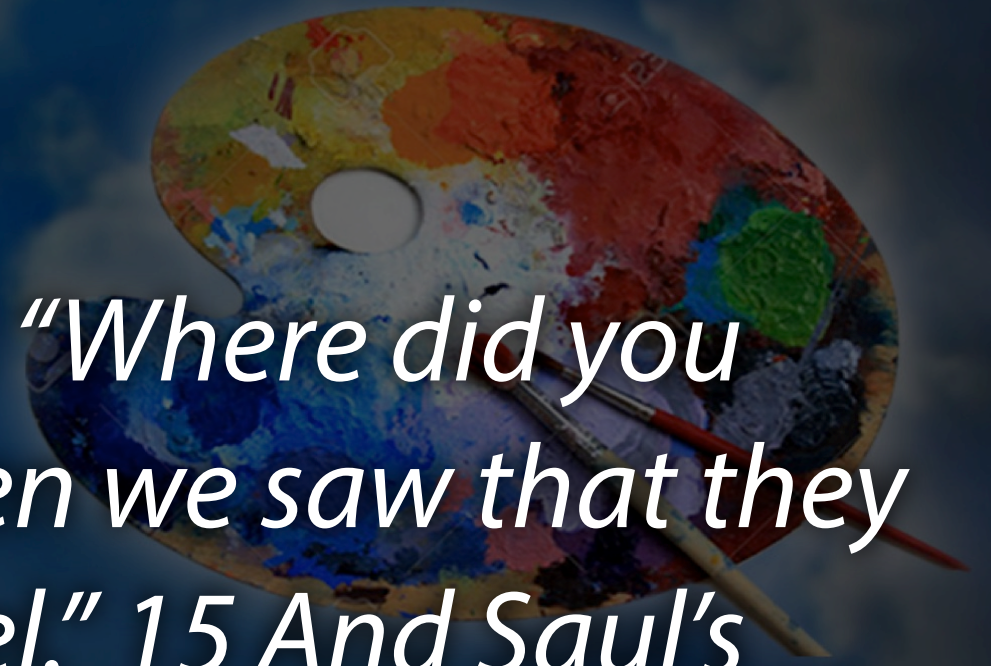
*After that you shall come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is. And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying. 6 **Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.** 7 And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you.*

Saul's Response

1 Samuel 10:14

*Then Saul's uncle said to him and his servant, "Where did you go?" So he said, "To look for the donkeys. When we saw that they were nowhere to be found, we went to Samuel." 15 And Saul's uncle said, "Tell me, please, what Samuel said to you." 16 So Saul said to his uncle, "He told us plainly that **the donkeys had been found.**"*

But about the matter of the kingdom, he did not tell him what Samuel had said.



Saul could not focus on what was important.

He did not have a Masterpiece Mindset.

He became king because of his looks, not because of his character

*1 Samuel 8:4-5 All the elders of Israel gathered together and they came to Samuel at Ramah.” They said to him, “You are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now, **install for us a king to govern us like all the other nations.***



Always Be True to God and to Yourself

Your mind is like a canvas. You are like a painter who has the ability to shape your reality and lifestyle through decisions and actions.

Christ has provided all the “colors” and “brushes” (grace) needed to paint a beautiful portrait of a purposeful life.