



examples youth ministries

TEEN

DEVOTIONS

**I'm About to Graduate! What's Next???**  
***A Devotion for Graduating High School Seniors***

Up until now, your life has kind of been dictated to you. In other words, you did things because you were required or told to do them. For instance, it was required that you spend six to eight hours of your day at school. However, the very next second after you receive your diploma, you will basically be free to choose what you spend the remaining days of your life doing. You may choose to spend the next few years in college to become a physician. Or, you may decide to pursue a singing or acting career. Others may choose to start working immediately. Some of you may be leaving home for the first time to live apart from your parents and family.

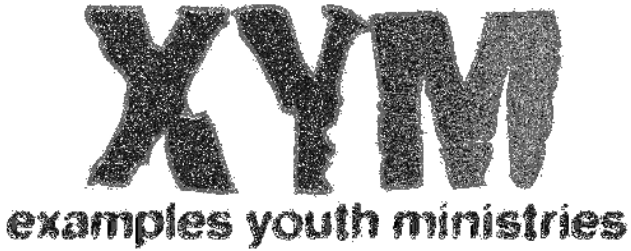
What are some "firsts" or new things that that will happen for you after graduating (example: first time working, first time making decisions apart from your parents, etc.)?

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So now you've graduated. What's next? This may not be an easy question to answer, but the choice ultimately is yours. To come to the best answer when making your decision, however, you must consider this one simple truth: **God has a plan for you.**

In Jeremiah 1:5, God explains to Jeremiah that before he came out of his mother's womb, he was called and ordained by God to be a prophet to the nations. The same is true for us. Even though we may not be called and ordained to be a prophet or a preacher as Jeremiah was, each of us is called by God to do "something." Something that will further His plan and expand His kingdom, and something that we would find fulfilling and enjoyable. This "something" was determined way before we were born.

Ephesians 2:10 in the amplified Bible states that we were born again to do good works which God planned beforehand and to take paths which He prepared ahead of time. The truth of the matter is you were put on this earth to do something and since you are born again, you were put here to do something for God.



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Is there anything that you can see yourself doing for the rest of your life? What?

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Is there something that many people have told you that you were exceptionally good at? What?

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Say this statement out loud, **“God has a plan for me.”** For you to live a happy and fulfilled life, the realization of this one statement has to become more real to you than the air you breath. Repeat it out loud again, “God has a plan for me.”

This one simple truth should influence the decisions you make concerning your life after graduation. When making your decisions, you must ask yourself, “Did God put me on earth to be a singer? A doctor? A scientist? A truck driver? A preacher? Am I supposed to travel to other countries to help others? Am I supposed to start a business? Am I supposed to work with children? Something else?” As you acknowledge God in discovering your path, He will be faithful to reveal to you what He has called and equipped you to be.

**NOTE:** There is no rush in finding this out. Each day that you live, believe God to bring you closer to your destiny in Him. If you have no clue what direction to go in, then just get busy doing *something*. As you get busy, trust that God will start showing you more and more about where you are gifted, what things bring you joy, and what is producing fruitfulness in your life. Don't worry, God is faithful to show you in time. He will direct your path.

What activity(ies) can you get busy doing right now?

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Do you know of a way to get involved in the above? If so, how? If not, who can you ask for help?

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