

Discipleship Pathways

GIVE: LIVING YOUR LIFE BY DESIGN

SCRIPTURES:

"Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." - Genesis 2:7

"But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." Isaiah 64:8

"And then the Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed." - Genesis 2:8

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it."

Genesis 1:15



Read Genesis 2:7

The Hebrew word for "formed" is "Yatsar" which means fashioned, through the squeezing into shape.

The Hebrew word for "ground" is "Adamah" which means earth, soil, land.

What was man formed out of?

How was man formed?



Read Isaiah 64:8

How does Genesis 2:7 relate to Isaiah 64:8?

What else did God do to man according to Genesis 2:7

What did man become at that point? (HINT: Look up the Greek definition for "being.")



Read Genesis 2:8 and Genesis 2:15

Where did God place man?

What did God put man in the garden to do? (HINT: Look up Greek definition to "cultivate")



REFLECT:

God breathes into the nostrils and the man became a living being. He became a person with desires, passion, appetite, emotion.

This is where Isaiah gets his analogy of a potter molding the clay. God is taking from the ground and fashioning it into something beautiful. God was actively involved in forming every aspect of your life (spiritual, physical, emotional).

The intent from the very beginning was that we would take all the resources He created and bestowed upon us to make much of Him, to mold the earth into something beautiful and to create a society who would glorify Him.

"When we abide in God, put Him first and seek His wisdom, His word promises that our lives will bear abundant fruit - and we're not talking about apples here! We're talking about transformed lives, beauty, technology, cities, industry - about all the things that God is using to build His kingdom and to bring Him glory." - "God's Design For Your Work" by Work Matters



APPLICATION:

What does this mean to you and your life?

What does God want you to do?