

The Lost II

Have you ever been lost because of your environment? Have you ever been lost because of repetitious information? Have you ever been lost because of life experience? Have you ever been lost because of credible people?

We win with people and we lose with people.

People are our greatest asset and people are our greatest liability.

People are valuable to God.

- People can direct you to your assignment.
- People can distract you from your assignment.

The enemy uses people to distract you, demoralize you and destroy you.

Satan uses four kinds of people to cause us to be lost.

I

People are lost when people didn't accept their assignment.

People give their opinion who did not pray for you privately.

People give their opinion on your assignment who have not walked with you.

NKJ Luke 4:22 So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.' " ²⁴ Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, **no prophet is accepted in his own country.**

- Lack of acceptance can cause people to be demoralized and lost.

II

People are lost when people don't respect their assignment.

People can love you and not respect your assignment.

The lack of respect can cause you to be discouraged.

NKJ Genesis 37:18 Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him. ¹⁹ Then they said to one another, "Look, **this dreamer is coming!**

People will never protect what they don't respect.

- Lack of respect can cause you to be detoured and lost.

III

People are lost when people don't protect their assignment.

People who refuse to guard others can cause you to be lost.

People guard what they value.

NLT Matthew 26:49 So Judas came straight to Jesus. "Greetings, Rabbi!" he exclaimed and gave him the kiss. ⁵⁰ Jesus said, "My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for." **Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him.**

- Betrayal and not being protected can cause you to be lost.

IV

People are lost when people don't expect you to achieve your assignment.

People who have no confidence in you can cause you to be lost.

NLT 1 Samuel 17:28 But when David's oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. "What are you doing around here anyway?" he demanded. "What about those few sheep you're supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. **You just want to see the battle!**"

Some people will constantly remind you of your birth order.

- People will remind you, "you will fail and you will be lost."

NLT Galatians 6:9 So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

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