

Living with a Purpose

Colossians

1:16 "For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him."

Life without purpose is like a boat drifting in the ocean; it goes wherever the waves take it. **It is not too young to discover your purpose.** However, you must know where to go to discover your purpose.

Many people when thinking about their purpose look within themselves.

They ask questions like: "what do I want to do with my life?" However, when we look at ourselves to find life meaning and purpose we will surely fail. The creation does not dream up the reason for its existence. To know this, we must go to the One who created us: **GOD.**

In the book "Purpose Driven Life" the author makes this statement "You were made by God and for God-and until you understand that, life will never make sense."

Today's thought: What does it mean for your life? Thank God for being your Creator and Father today. Give yourself to Him afresh since you were made for Him.

Ephesians

2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them"

God's purpose for our lives can only be realized when we give our lives to Jesus. It is in Jesus that we discover what God intends for our life. This means that until someone has received Jesus, he or she can never discover his or her God intended purpose.

Today's thought: Have you accepted Christ as Savior? Then you are ready to discover God's purpose for your life. Do you have relatives and friends who are not saved? Why not take some time right now to pray for them and purpose to speak to at least one person this week concerning his/her salvation. Proverbs 11:30 says- The fruit of the righteous (those who are saved) is a tree of life and he that winneth souls is wise. So be wise.

Ephesians

1:11 "It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got out hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the over all purpose he is working out in everything and everyone."

The wonderful thing about going to God to know our purpose in life is that He has already revealed His purpose for us. It is found in His word. Therefore, to know His purpose, we must go to the Word of God. The verse we read above tells us three important things about our purpose: **1.** You can only discover your identity and purpose through a relationship with Jesus Christ. **2.** God's purpose for your life was determined before you were even born. **3.** The purpose for your life is linked to God's plan for all eternity plan for all eternity

Today's thought: Since you can only find your purpose in God's word are you spending sufficient time in His word daily? If not, what are you doing about it?

Jeremiah 1:5

"Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee and ordained you a prophet."

Here, God is telling the prophet Jeremiah that He knew Him even before he entered the womb of His mother and that He, God had already decided what Jeremiah would do.

U R not an accident. God had you in His mind before you were even conceived in your mother's womb. Everything about you was decided by God beforehand. This includes your family, your race, nation, looks etc.

Today's thought: Take some time and read the entire Psalm 139 in a simple version. Meditate on what it means. Is there anything about yourself that you find it difficult to accept? Why not thank God for that thing today. Learn to appreciate yourself, your family, looks and everything about you.

U R God's creation!

1. Zechariah 12:10 "...I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplications..." Pray that::

- ⇒ During this 40 days campaign, God pour out His spirit of grace and supplication...enabling us
- ⇒ There be a fountain opened to us for sin and cleanness.
- ⇒ Idolatry is cut off from our lives
- ⇒ The unclean spirit (spirit of disobedience and rebellion leave Joseph Generation people

3. Isaiah 32:15-20 "Pray that the spirit be poured upon us from on high and the wilderness (dry places in our lives or trial and testing periods) be a fruitful field, and the fruitful be counted for a forest..." Pray that::

- ⇒ Judgement or righteousness dwell in the wilderness
- ⇒ Righteousness shall remain in the fruitful field
- ⇒ The work of righteousness be peace
- ⇒ The effect of righteousness be quietness and assurance forever

⇒ Pray for God's refreshing in Joseph generation. Let's ask that the waters of His refreshing come into our dry ground Isaiah 43:19

⇒ Ask that Joseph Generation will return to her first love Revelation 2:4,5

2. Zechariah 10:1 "...Ask ye the Lord rain in time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to everyone grass in the field." Pray:

- ⇒ That as many young people as possible experience the rain of God, a refreshing from the Lord during the Purpose Driven Life "Prayer" Campaign.
- ⇒ For God's work to reach young people (as cell groups are planted in the schools and communities)
- ⇒ For "bright clouds", lightening and thundering" or

power rain. Let the miraculous be experienced by this generation.
⇒ For productivity in one's christian life and at school "To everyone grass in the field"

Proverbs

29:18 "If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves. But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed."

The life of everyone on the earth is controlled and directed by something. Some people are controlled by materialism (the love of things), others by a need to receive approval from others (many teenagers are controlled by this need to receive approval from their friends), others are motivated only by what brings them pleasure or the desire to have fun and enjoy life.

God's desire for His children however, is that our lives be directed by His purpose for us. Can you see what God is doing in your life? Why is it important to see what God is doing in your life? Because what you see is what will control you. If all you see is having a good time then your life will be controlled by the pursuit of pleasure and fun. As the verse says, you will stumble and fall if you do not see what God is doing and make this your passion.

Today's thought: Ask yourself this question: What is the most important thing in my life? Is it what my friends think about me? Or is it the plan of God for me. If God's purpose for you is not what is most important to you, repent today and start changing. Write down some changes that you have decided to make and begin to do them.

Romans 14:10b,12

Throughout this week we have been reflecting on God's purpose for our lives. Today we want to look at why is it important that we discover God's purpose for our lives.

One reason why it is important to discover and follow God's plan is because it is only God's plan that will last throughout eternity. Think of eternity as a rope that is stretching from D.C. all the way to California. Even if you live for a hundred years on earth, your life will consist only of the first one inch of the rope. Eternity is forever. Life on earth is therefore just to prepare you for eternity. Therefore how you live on earth will determine what life in eternity will be for you. Those who refuse to accept Jesus as Lord will have all eternity to live in eternal regret.

Today's thought: What am I doing to prepare for eternity?