

FOUR SOBERING QUESTIONS CONCERNING YOUR PURPOSE

1. Am I Willing To Discover, Embrace And Cooperate With God's Purpose For My Life?

Ephesians 2:10, NIV – *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

2. Am I Willing To Reject God's Purpose, And Miss Out On My Destiny?

Luke 7:30, NIV - *But the Pharisees and experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, ...*

3. Am I Prepared To Come To The End Of My Life And Stand Before God With The Tragic Confession

Isaiah 49:4, NIV - *"... I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. ..."*

4. Do I Desire To Come To The End Of My Life, And Have God Make A Good Declaration Over Me?

Acts 13:36, NIV - *For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep ...*

- Eg. My dad
- Let's discover God's purpose for our lives, so that the declaration over our life, can be the same as that for King David.

DIAGNOSTIC INDICATORS TO YOUR PURPOSE

- P - Passions
- U - Underlying Values
- R - Repeated Experiences
- P - Personality
- O - Overriding Motivation
- S - Spiritual Gifts
- E - Extra Resources

ENTERING INTO DESTINY

Part 2 – You Were Created For A Purpose

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REVIEW

1. The Wonderful News About Your Destiny

- a. God Works For You To Fulfill Your Destiny - Romans 8:28
- b. God Works In You To Fulfill Your Destiny - Philippians 2:13
- c. God Works Ahead Of You To Fulfill Your Destiny – Eph. 2:10
- d. God Works Behind You To Fulfill Your Destiny - Jeremiah 15:11
- e. God Works Through You To Fulfill Your Destiny - 2 Thess. 1:11

2. Clarifying Your Destiny

Your destiny is not a point or a fixed position where you will one day arrive. Your destiny is your daily journey with God, where, as you live each day for Him, He will lead you to accomplish certain things that are all part of His plan and purpose for you.

3. Important Choices On The Journey To Destiny

- a. Choose To Enjoy Each Step On Your Journey
- b. Choose To Know The Father On Your Journey
- c. Choose To Obey The Father On Your Journey
- d. Choose To Focus On Your Journey, Not Someone Else's Journey
- e. Choose To Live For God's Approval, Not Someone Else's Approval
- f. Choose To Accept Opposition As A Confirmation Of The Father's Will
- g. Choose To Persevere Through The Opposition
- h. Choose To Remember Where Your Source Of Victory Is

YOU ARE CREATED FOR A UNIQUE PURPOSE

1. Each Of Us Was Created For A Unique Purpose

2 Corinthians 5:5, NIV – *Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*

- ❑ When we give our life to Him, He activates the fullness of that plan in us through the Holy Spirit, but even before our salvation, God was stirred that purpose within our hearts.

2. God Is Empowering Us And Working With Us To Fulfill Our Purpose

Jeremiah 29:11, NIV – “*For I know the plans I have for you,*” declares the LORD, “*plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*”

- ❑ Every time we work in harmony with His plans for us, He adds His blessing to our activities.

Philippians 2:13, NIV – *For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.*

- ❑ God moves us by His Spirit to do His purpose, and then He blesses us when we do His purpose!

Romans 8:28, NIV – *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

- ❑ Once we start to live out His good purpose in our lives, God brings “all things” -- all of the resources of heaven -- to bear on our lives, to make sure that we succeed.

Ephesians 1:11, NIV – *In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.*

- ❑ When we walk according to God's purpose for our lives, God will all bring all sorts of circumstances and external situations to bear on our lives, to help us fulfill His purpose for our lives.

THROUGHOUT THE AGES, GREAT MEN AND WOMEN HAVE FULFILLED GOD'S PURPOSE FOR THEIR LIVES

1. The Reign Of Pharaoh

Exodus 9:16, NIV - *But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.*

2. Children Of Reuben, Gad & Manasseh

Joshua 22:3, NIV - *For a long time now -- to this very day -- you have not deserted your brothers but have carried out the mission the LORD your God gave you.*

3. David

Psalms 57:2, NIV - *I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me.*

4. Jesus

Isaiah 48:15, NIV - *I, even I, have spoken; yes, I have called him. I will bring him, and he will succeed in his mission.*

Acts 2:23 NIV - *This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.*

5. Barnabas & Saul (Paul)

Acts 12:25, NIV - *When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission, they returned from Jerusalem, taking with them John, also called Mark.*