

THE BENEFITS OF BEING PART OF GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

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KNOWING GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE BRINGS MEANING

Act 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Act 9:16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

What's your Purpose?...is probably the most important and empowering question you could ask yourself in this lifetime. The answer reveals a deep truth within yourself. You find courage and capabilities you never knew existed before. Only Jesus can bring fulfillment to divine purpose for your life.

Joh 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.**

Joh 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Joh 1:47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

Joh 1:48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

Joh 1:49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

Joh 1:50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

Joh 1:51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

1. When life has meaning you can bear almost anything; without it, nothing is bearable.

Heb 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

Heb 6:19 Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

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Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul - Hope accomplishes for the soul the same thing which an anchor does for a ship. It makes it fast and secure. An anchor preserves a ship when the waves beat and the wind blows, and as long as the anchor holds, so long the ship is safe, and the mariner apprehends no danger. So with the soul of the Christian. In the tempests and trials of life, his mind is calm as long as his hope of heaven is firm

2. **Quote for a young man in his twenties:** “I feel like a failure, because I’m struggling to become something, and I don’t even know what it is. All I know how to do is to get by, someday, if I discover my purpose, I’ll feel I’m beginning to live.”

3. Without God, life has not purpose and without purpose, life has not meaning.

Eph 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

4. **In the Bible many people expressed their hopelessness:**

Isa 49:4 Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: *yet* surely my judgment *is* with the LORD, and my work with my God.

Job 7:16 I loathe *it*; I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days *are* vanity. (Trans.) My life drags by – day after day hopeless day.

Job 7:6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope. (Trans) “I give up; I am tired of living. Leave me alone. My life makes no sense.

5. **Dr. Bernie Siegel found he could predict which of his cancer patients would go into remission by asking,** “Do you want to live to be one hundred?” The ones that answered yes were the ones most likely to survive. (Hope comes from having purpose

6. **If you have felt hopeless, HOLD ON!**

Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Jer 29:12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

Jer 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Jer 29:14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity...”

7. **When you have purpose it puts new life in your soul.**

2Co 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

2Co 4:8 *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair;

2Co 4:9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

2Co 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

2Co 4:11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

2Co 4:12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

Luk 1:79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

KNOWING YOUR PURPOSE SIMPLIFIES LIFE

1. **It defines what you do and what you don't do.** It sets your priorities and becomes the standard is use to evaluate which activities are essential and which are not. You ask yourself, does this activity help me fulfill God's design for my life.

Psa 27:4 One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

Php 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

Php 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

2. **Without a clear-cut purpose in your life:** There is not foundation on which you base decisions, allocate your time, and use your resources. You tend to make choices based on circumstance, pressure, and your mood at that moment. Which causes uncertainty, stress, and conflict.
3. **A life fulfilling God's purpose becomes more simplified and fulfilling because you realize that God not things make you happy.**

Psa 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

Pro 10:16 The labour of the righteous *tendeth* to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.

Pro 10:17 He *is in* the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth.

KNOWING GOD'S DESIGN FOR YOUR LIFE FOCUSES **YOUR LIFE**

1. It concentrates your effort and energy on what's important. You become effective by being selective.
2. One man said that a person without purpose is like a gyroscope, spinning around as a frantic pace but never going anywhere.
3. Without a clear-cut purpose in your life, you will be always changing direction, jobs, relationships, churches, or other externals, hoping each change will settle the confusion or fill the emptiness in your heart and life.

Psa 57:7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

Psa 112:7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

Pro 11:30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise.

Eph 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Eph 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind is stayed on *thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

Isa 26:4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

4. **Be a tree, and not a tumbleweed:**

Jer 17:8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Isa 37:31 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:

5. **Get some stability in your life:**

Jas 1:8 A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

Jas 1:8 A double minded man,.... A man of two souls, or of a double heart, that speaks and asks with an heart, and an heart, as in Psa 12:2 who halts between two opinions, and is at an uncertainty what to do or say, and is undetermined what to ask for; or who is not sincere and upright in his requests, who asks for one thing, and means another, and asks amiss, and with an ill design;

Eph 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

6. **Knowing your purpose motivates your life:** Purpose always produces passion. Nothing energizes like a clear-cut purpose. On the other hand, passion dissipates getting when you lack a purpose. Just getting out of bed becomes a chore.

(You were not put on earth to be remembered. You were put here on to prepare for eternity.)

**KNOWING YOUR PURPOSE IS PREPARING YOU FOR
ETERNITY**

1. **Many people spend their entire life trying to create a lasting legacy on this earth.** Yet, what really matters most of all is not what others say about your life but what God will say about you.
2. **Every achievement is eventually surpassed:** records are broken, tributes are forgotten. Story of a man in college, his goal was to become the school's tennis champion. He felt proud when his trophy prominently placed in the school's trophy cabinet. Years later, someone mailed him that trophy. They had found it in a trashcan when the school was being remodeled. Given enough time, all trophies will be trashed by someone else.

Mat 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

Mat 6:20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

Mat 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

1Pe 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1Pe 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

1Pe 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1Pe 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

1Pe 1:9 **Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.**