

## The Purpose We Are Here

The main purpose we are here is to glorify God - 1 Cor 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or **whatever you do, DO IT ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.**

The book of Ecclesiastes clearly sums up everyone's life purpose - Eccl 12:13-14 - 13 Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, FOR THIS IS THE WHOLE [DUTY] OF MAN. 14 For God will bring **every deed into judgment**, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

All of us are meticulously made by God with a planned life purpose - Ps 139:14-16 - 14 I praise you because **I am fearfully and wonderfully made**; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, 16 your eyes saw my unformed body. **ALL THE DAYS ORDAINED FOR ME WERE WRITTEN IN YOUR BOOK BEFORE ONE OF THEM CAME TO BE.**

Are we measuring life through us or through God - Gen 3:6 When **THE WOMAN SAW** that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Looking through us, we see life logically, not Spiritually - Eccl 9:11-12 - 11 I have seen something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but **TIME AND CHANCE HAPPEN TO THEM ALL.** 12 Moreover, no man knows when his hour will come: As fish are caught in a cruel net, or birds are taken in a snare, so men are trapped by evil times that fall unexpectedly upon them.

The problem is, instead of living a "God purposed" life, we tend to live, using God, to serve our gods. (One or a combination of the following are those gods)

- \*Career/money \*Marriage/Relationship \*Family/Children \*Self

God makes clear that none of these are to be "the purpose" - Matt 10:37-39 - 37 "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

If we achieve serving these other gods, what have we really gained? - Mark 8:36-38 - 36 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? 37 Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, THE SON OF MAN WILL BE ASHAMED OF HIM WHEN HE COMES IN HIS FATHER'S GLORY WITH THE HOLY ANGELS."

We are not to live for self-gain, we are to live for Christ

We must not love based on us, but love through God - Luke 14:25-26 - 25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters — yes, even his own life — HE CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE.

We must give up ALL THINGS that are "self-purposed" - Luke 14:33 In the same way, any of you who does not give up EVERYTHING he has cannot be my disciple.

Simply put, we MUST deny self to truly serve Christ - Mark 8:34-35 - 34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, **HE MUST DENY HIMSELF** and **TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW ME.**

It doesn't matter what we are born in, it matters that we obey God no matter what we are born in - 1 Cor 7:17-19 - 17 Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. 18 Was a man already circumcised when he was called? He should not become uncircumcised. Was a man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not be circumcised. 19 Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDS IS WHAT COUNTS.

**\*\*We are not to be influenced by our situations; we are to represent God no matter the situation** - 1 Cor 7:20-24 - 20 Each one should remain in the situation which he was in when God called him. 21 Were you a slave when you were called? DON'T LET IT TROUBLE YOU — although if you can gain your freedom, do so. 22 For he who was a slave when he was called by the Lord is the LORD'S FREEDMAN; similarly, he who was a free man when he was called is CHRIST'S SLAVE. 23 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. 24 Brothers, **each man, AS RESPONSIBLE TO GOD, should remain in the situation God called him to.**

Christians MUST live focused on heavenly purpose following heavenly paths - Col 3:1-4 - **Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, SET YOUR HEARTS ON THINGS ABOVE,** where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 **SET YOUR MINDS ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON EARTHLY THINGS.** 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When CHRIST, WHO IS YOUR LIFE, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**We must STOP measuring our lives with others** - John 21:21-22 - 21 When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?"  
22 Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? YOU MUST FOLLOW ME."

**We must NOT be distracted by the world's version of what is important, instead, we must stay focused on God** - 1 Cor 7:29-31 - 29 What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; 30 those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; 31 those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. **FOR THIS WORLD IN ITS PRESENT FORM IS PASSING AWAY.**

**We are not to live for what life has to offer us; we must establish our purpose in life for God** - Gal 6:7-8 - 7 **Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked**. A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature WILL REAP destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit WILL REAP eternal life.

**It comes down to us consciously living for God, doing it God's way. We are to consciously stop doing things the world's way and allow God to transform us by learning and living His way** - Rom 12:1-2 - Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 **Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world**, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.