

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.**

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 life 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 life 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.

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.

Lazarus and the rich man provide some hints of life

The rich man was defined by his riches and so was his lifestyle. Lazarus just struggled to live - Luke 16:19-21 - 19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

Lazarus went to Heaven and the rich man to Hell - Luke 16:22-23 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 **In hell, where he was in torment**, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.

The rich man lived for his earthly good while Lazarus received bad - Luke 16:24-25 So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' 25 "But Abraham replied, '**SON, REMEMBER THAT IN YOUR LIFETIME YOU RECEIVED YOUR GOOD THINGS**, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.

If we are not saved by the Bible, then nothing can save us - Luke 16:30-31 "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' 31 "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, THEY WILL NOT BE CONVINCED even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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 and 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.**