



path to purpose

Sermon series

Sundays 8:45 & 10:30

Planted To Bloom



John 15 New Living Translation

⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are My true disciples. This brings great glory to My Father...

¹¹ I have told you these things so that you will be filled with My joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

If you want the right fruit, you've got to get in the right environment.



Sometimes the miracle isn't new seed...it's a new environment

Psalm 92 New Living Translation

- 12 But the Godly will flourish like palm trees
and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon.**
- 13 For they are transplanted to the Lord's own house.
They flourish in the courts of our God.**
- 14 Even in old age they will still produce fruit;
they will remain vital and green.**
- 15 They will declare, "The Lord is just!
He is my rock!
There is no evil in him!"**

• *Be in church.* • *Be all in.* • *Be ready for God.*

***Church attendance alone doesn't transform people.
Intentional engagement does.***

- ***Be Planted (Psalm 92; John 15)***
- ***Find Purpose (Proverbs 29; Ephesians 1; Psalm 16)***
- ***Produce Fruit (Ephesians 5; Romans 12; James 4)***

We are not defined by our circumstances.

We are not transformed by our intentions.

We become the product of the decisions we consistently make.

Proverbs 29:18 English Standard Version

¹⁸ Where there is no prophetic vision (purpose) the people cast off restraint, (para'-become discouraged) but blessed is he who keeps the law.

(chazown-dream or purpose.)

A clear God-given vision:

gives focus to today.

gives endurance through difficulty.

gives fulfillment at the finish.

How do I find my purpose in life?

Psalm 16 New International Version

**⁵ Lord, You alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.**

**⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.**

**⁷ I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.**

**⁸ I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

Psalms 16 New International Version

**⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,**

**¹⁰ because You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will You let Your faithful one see decay.**

**¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
You will fill me with joy in Your presence,
with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.**

Ephesians 5 New Living Translation

⁸ For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! ⁹ For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.

¹⁰ Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. ¹³ But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, ¹⁴ for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said,

Ephesians 5 New Living Translation

**“Awake, O sleeper,
rise up from the dead,
and Christ will give you light.”**

¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. ¹⁸ Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Romans 12:2 New Living Translation

² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

What am I doing that I should not be doing?

(sin of commission)

James 4:17 New Living Translation

¹⁷ Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

What am I not doing that I should be doing?

(sin of omission)

One Year Challenge

- **Invite Jesus to be the Lord of your life.**
- **Be water baptized.**
- **Spend time with God in worship, the Word, and prayer at least four times each week.**
- **Attend church every week you're in town.**
- **Give faithfully.**
- **Complete the three-week Growth Track.**
- **Join the Dream Team.**
- **Join or lead a Small Group (complete a Freedom Group at least once).**
- **Participate in 21 Days of Prayer in August and January.**
- **Invite your family and friends to join you on this journey at Restoration Church.**

***Right beneath the
surface of our lives are
seeds waiting to bloom.***

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord will flourish.

