

WHAT GOD INTENDS ME TO BE DETERMINES WHAT HE WANTS ME TO DO!

Acts 17:26; Proverbs 19:21; Ecclesiastes 7:2: 9:2-3; Psalms 31:15; Job 8:13; Philipians 3:18-19; Ephesians 1:4-5,11

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE CONCERNING PURPOSE

- ☛ God has a PURPOSE for **everyone**. Exodus 9:16
- ☛ God's PURPOSE cannot be **undone**. Job 42:2
- ☛ God's PURPOSE is the one that **lasts**. Proverbs 19:21
- ☛ Every person is **born** with PURPOSE. Proverbs 20:5
- ☛ God fulfills His PURPOSE for **believers**. Philipians 2:12-13
- ☛ God works through all situations to **fulfill** His PURPOSE. Romans 8:28
- ☛ God has a greater PURPOSE in **saving** us. 2 Timothy 1:8b-9a

A. PURPOSE—

1. Of life, which is...
 - Service to God
 - Seeking God's kingdom
 - Doing & completing
 - Attaining Christlikeness
2. Of God's Word, where it...
 - Authenticates divinity of Christ
 - Gives hope to men
 - Relates human experience
 - Gives knowledge of eternal life

B. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT SERVITUDE?

1. Targeted in 3 directions: to the Lord, Believers, & Non-believers Hebrews 6:10
2. Reaches 3 areas of people's needs: physical, emotional, & spiritual
Matthew 25:35-36, 40; 10 42; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 2 Corinthians 5:18; Colossians 1:28-29
3. Validating reasons for knowing God's PURPOSE. You are...

✓ <u>Created</u> Eph 2:10	✓ <u>Saved</u> 2 Tim 1:9
✓ <u>Called</u> Gal 1:15; Eph 4:1; 1 Pe 2:9-10	✓ <u>Gifted</u> 1 Pe 4:10
✓ <u>Authorized</u> Matt 28:18-19; 2 Cor 5:20	✓ <u>Commanded</u> Matt 20:28; Col 4:17
✓ <u>Accountable</u> Rom 14:12; Col 3:23-24; Matt 25:23	✓ <u>Equipped</u> Eph 4:11-12

...for God's service.

C. HOW DO I DISCOVER MY UNIQUE PURPOSE?

ROMANS 12:1-8

- Dedicate yourself to God
- Evaluate your strengths
- Eliminate competing distractions
- Activate gifts God has given you

D. PERSONAL FACTORS THAT DEFINE THE WHOLE MAN

1. What am I gifted to do? 1 Cor 7:7b
2. What do I love to do? Rev 17:7; Phil 2:13
3. What natural talents and skills do I have? 1 Cor 12:6; Ex 31:3; 2 Cor 3:5b
4. Where can my personality be most effective? 1 Cor 2:11
5. What spiritual, painful, educational, and ministry experiences have I had?
Heb 5:12-13; Prov 20:30; 2 Cor 1:4; Prov 4:13; 2 Cor 9:13

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

You will be most effective in fulfilling your **PURPOSE** when you are using your **GIFTS** and **ABILITIES** in the area of your **HEART'S DESIRE (PASSION)** in a way that best expresses your **PERSONALITY** and **EXPERIENCE!**

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION OF MY PURPOSE IS DOING WHAT GOD MADE ME TO DO!