

Just something about your vantage point - it is probably something you have thought about before, but maybe not from this perspective. And I'm not selling anything - just sharing my perspective. It's Christian in nature.

Most of you were probably born in the us. The majority of you had parents that loved you and supported you. Some of you have probably not had a really negative life altering experience in your life. You have lived in a country that believes in freedom of expression and speech.

Because we have those freedoms, there are a lot of different view points. These are formed from a lifetime of experiences. Some good and some bad. You have made good choices and probably some bad ones. You have probably hurt some folks and been hurt by some folks.

A lot of this is true for individuals throughout the world. Whether it's the middle east, asia, or europe, people share a commonality. What is that commonality? We were created and made in the image of God. With that comes a lot of responsibility. It's our mission you might say to search for the true meaning in our lives. Not fill it with trips, cruises, disney world, things etc. to find meaning. Or put off thinking about deeper things. Not to say these things are evil, but they don't have anything to do with our true meaning. Our true meaning or calling if you will is to please God. That's what we are truly wired to do.

How do we please God? Jihadists think by destroying the west. Other's think by keeping a neat house. Still others think by following a set of rules. Some think by rallying around a flag or a nation.

When it comes right down to it, we can not please God without someone else in our lives. And who is that someone? Yes, Jesus Christ. He died for those who believe in Him and every knee will bow to Him when He returns.

Is a Christian life an easy one? No. We live in a fallen world and we all sin whether we know it or not. Sin displeases God and Christ and the Spirit and we are disciplined. God wants us to be more like Jesus. More Christ like if you will. One of the ways He does this is through discipline. He doesn't do this out of anger, but out of love. The same as when your child does something that he or she should not do.

Just remember that God loves you and Jesus will return, in God's time, to gather His Kingdom. It is not too late to search your soul, if you are not a believer, and ask God the questions you have. He will answer you. Maybe not in the time you want Him to, but He will answer. And the questions asked and how they are answered will lead to a loving and intimate relationship with Jesus.

The Bible and prayer are good places to start.