

Pursuing the Purpose of God
What is Purpose?
Romans 8.28/Eccles. 3.1

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In my power lunch teaching this week entitled What is my Purpose? People were able to ask me some powerful questions. Here are a few of them:

1. Is purpose what I do or who I am?
2. Does everyone have a purpose?
3. Can person miss their purpose?
4. How do I prepare for my purpose?

Our hearts are filled with questions about God's purpose for our lives and His word is filled with answers. We need the forum to ask and allow Him to answer the questions. When we look at the lives of great men and women like Esther we discover that most people either had no clue of what purpose was and even if they did, they're not sure of what it all entails. David knew but he didn't know the details. Esther didn't know. But they share in common... willingness to try.

We will spend as much time encouraging you to try as we do defining, explaining and gleaning truth from the Word. This month you will not only understand purpose but you will be energized to keep pressing ahead. Encouraged to stay in the fight to fulfill purpose.

1. Does everyone have a purpose? *Eccles. 3.1*
 - Everyone has a purpose because everything has a purpose!
 - Everyone has purpose because God is a God of purpose. *Ge.1.26* He specifically spoke of the goodness of all that He created and in doing so set the precedent of the purpose and goodness of all.
 - When there is no purpose, abuse is natural!

“When you don't understand the purpose of a thing you will always abuse it”

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2. Why do people end up not walking in their purpose?
 - Purpose begins to unfold the moment we invite Christ into our lives. **Ro.10.13**
 - Everyone needs a Guide to get it into their purpose. **Jn.16.13**
 - Purpose is only fully understood when you understand God's truth! **Jn 8.31,32**
3. Can I know exactly what my purpose in life really is?

2 Tim 3:10-11

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions,

- Everyone has the same basic purpose - to love God and be a fruitful citizen of His kingdom. **Eph. 3.10,11** "Eternal purpose"

He created us to love and serve Him. All the other things we do in life are just a part of that primary purpose. For some they will love God by being great doctors and others by being great missionaries.

- Your purpose is not divided up between vocation and ministry- its all one purpose.

1 Thess 2.9 For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

- The key to knowing is being faithful to what has already been placed in your hands! **Mt.25.21**