

Living Life on Purpose for God

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Foundation Scripture

Colossians 1:16 (MSG) “For everything, absolutely everything above and below, visible and invisible, everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him.”

Rick Warren Quotes

“True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.”

“We are products of our past, but we don't have to be prisoners of it.”

1. Worship – We were formed for God's Pleasure

Isaiah 61:3 (LB) “For God has planted them like strong and graceful oaks for His own glory.”

2. Fellowship – We were formed for God's Family

Hebrews 10:24-25 (KJV) “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

3. Discipleship – We were created to become like Christ

Romans 8:29 (MSG) “God knew what He was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love Him along the same lines as the life of His Son..... We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in Him.”

Colossians 1:15 (MSG) “We look at the Son and see God's original purpose in everything created.”

4. Ministry – We were shaped for serving God

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) “For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

5. Evangelism – We were made for a Mission

This is our life's mission to share the message of Jesus with others and fulfill our unique role in bringing people to God.

Proverbs 11:30 (NKJV) “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.”

After a person gives their life to Jesus – they should get involved in all of the 5 purposes over time – as they grow in their relationship with God.

Moving from a life of self-centredness to one of Christ-centred.

The Christian life can and probably should be one of inconveniences.

Paul the Apostle is a great example of someone who was inconvenienced – he went through troubles, hardships and distresses; beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger.”

Fellowship – We were formed for God's Family

Humans are not designed to live alone; this purpose focuses on loving other believers and cultivating community through a Church family.

Romans 12:5 (GWT) “Christ makes us one body.... connected to each other.”

Two wings / sides to Fellowship

- (i) Larger Church gatherings such as Sunday morning services
- (ii) Smaller home / connection groups meetings during the week

And if you only have one wing – you could get out of balance – with only one wing you might end up going around in circles. And God wants us to be in balance with two wings!

Matthew 18:20 (MSG) “When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there.”

This emphasises the value of small group gatherings.

1 John 1:7 (NIV) “But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

God does not want any lone rangers in the body of Christ. It’s all about one another. I believe this phrase “one another” appears at least 100 times in the New Testament alone.

Galatians 6:2 (NIV) “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

So being able to share burdens is key – and in small group we do this

Acts 2:42, 2:46-47 (NIV) “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.....
⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

In James we are called to be doers of the Word and not hearers only – so how can we apply fellowship in our lives – in a greater way?

1. For starters, if you are not already – connect into Church on a regular basis.
2. Join a weekly small Group

Remember we need two wings – to stay in balance

Evangelism – We were made for a Mission

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Mark 16:15 (NIV) He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

I don’t think it gets any clearer than that.

Prayer / Care / Share Card

Prayer

1 Timothy 2:1 (NLT) “I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.”

Care

Colossians 4:5 (NLT) “Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.”

Matthew 5:16 (NIV) “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Share

Romans 10:17 (NCV) “So faith comes from hearing the Good News, and people hear the Good News when someone tells them about Christ.”

Sharing your testimony – is a great place to start

Before / what happen when you become a Christian / After

Romans 1:16 (NASB) “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes....”

“Leaders are not born, they are made.”

“They are made by hard effort which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile.”

Matthew 9:37-38 (NIV) “Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

What can you do to develop the purpose of Evangelism in your life?

- Continue to lift your friends and family up in prayer
- Have your eyes open and be ready to help those that are struggling – WWJD
- Practice your testimony and have it ready to share
- Learn how to share the Gospel. And start sharing the Gospel.