

Study Guide
Finding and Fulfilling My Purpose (Part 2)
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Key Verse:

The way of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, which shines ever brighter until the full light of day. But the way of the wicked is like total darkness. They have no idea what they are stumbling over.

Prov.4:18-19 (NLT)

Regardless of our age or history – God has a plan and a purpose for each of us. And God wants us to find his purpose and fulfill His plan for our life!

Have you ever questioned whether God has a plan for your life?

Why is it so important that we know and understand our God-given purpose in life?

Three Reasons Purpose is Important:

1. Purpose helps us make life decisions (Life is full of choices every single day. We make quality choices when we understand our purpose).
2. Purpose helps us set healthy goals.
3. Purpose influences behavior and creates meaning to life (There are ways our flesh wants to respond at times and things we selfishly want to do, but we work to keep our flesh under control, because fleshly, carnal behavior will lead us away from our purpose).

Read Proverbs 29:18 in the NIV.

Read Proverbs 29:18 in the NLT.

What happens when people have no revelation or do not accept divine guidance?

Have you seen this happen in your own life? What about in the lives of others?

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Three Things That Happen When We Know Our Purpose:

1. We are able to see clearly and make excellent life decisions.
2. We will keep our behavior in check because our purpose is leading us, not carnal, fleshly desires.
3. Our purpose will point us toward a valuable future instead of the shifting tide of culture.

Four Principles of Purpose:

1. God has a specific plan and purpose for our lives.
 - a. **Read Jeremiah 29:11.**
 - b. **Read Psalm 139:16.**
 - c. **Has it ever felt like God does not see/notice you?**
 - d. **What do these two verses say about God's plan for your life?**
 - e. **How can you encourage someone with this truth this week?**

2. God desires to partner with us to help us find and fulfill His plan and purpose for our lives.
 - a. **Read Psalm 32:8.**
 - b. **Read Psalm 48:14.**
 - c. **What does true success in life look like?**
 - d. **How can you find true success in life?**

3. We find our purpose by looking in the right places.
 - a. **Read Philippians 2:13.**
 - b. **Read Isaiah 43:17.**
 - c. **Read Ecclesiastes 12:13.**
 - d. **Where should you look if you want to discover God's purpose for your life?**
 - e. **What are some places we look for purpose instead of God?**

One Key to Remember:

Understand that our recreated born-again spirit will never lead us into a calling or purpose that goes contrary to the word of God.

Read Romans 8:14 (NLT).

Read Romans 8:16 (NIV).

Read Isaiah 43:7(NLT).

Sometimes it can feel as if our purpose in life should come to us like an "Aha!" moment or an epiphany, but this is the *exception* and not the *rule*.

Read Acts 9:1-9.

What did the voice that Paul heard from heaven tell him?

What did the voice that Paul heard from heaven NOT tell him?

Finding and fulfilling our purpose is not *ONE* moment *IN* time; it is *ONE THOUSAND* moments *OVER* time, which help us refine a vision and purpose for our lives.