

Leadership 301

Lesson One

**Discovering
Your
Purpose**

This lesson belongs to: _____

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Key Verse: *“Who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.”* 2 Timothy 1:9 (NKJV)

Purpose: The purpose of this lesson is to help the disciple learn how to discover and fulfill God’s purpose for his life.

1. God always operates on the principle of _____.
 - a. God _____ everything according to His purpose.
 - b. God works all things together for good to those who _____ and are the _____ according to His purpose.
 - c. God’s _____ should also operate on the principle of purpose.
2. God has a purpose for our lives.
 - a. We are _____ by God before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 1:4)
 - b. We have a _____ in Christ Jesus.
 - 1) *“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined.”* (Romans 8:29)
 - c. We have been _____ to fulfill our destiny in Christ.
 - 1) *“Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called.”* (Romans 8:30)
 - d. We have been _____ by God to fulfill His purpose.
 - 1) *“Whom He called, these He also justified.”* (Romans 8:30)
 - e. God wants to _____ Himself through our lives.
 - 1) *“Whom He justified, these He also glorified.”* (Romans 8:30)
3. Before a person can discover God’s purpose for their life, they must yield their _____ to Him.
 - a. Matthew 16:25 (NKJV) *“For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.”*
4. Purpose is always based on the _____.
 - a. Jesus leaves us on this earth because He has a _____ for us to do.
 - b. According to Matthew 28:18-20, our ultimate job description is to be His _____ and to make _____.
5. Our purpose is _____ with God’s purpose for His church.
 - a. Jesus said He would build His _____.
 - b. We will find our purpose when we discover our _____ and _____ in the body of Christ.

- c. Our purpose remains meaningful only if we stay _____ and _____ to other members in the body of Christ.
6. God's purpose will determine our _____.
- a. Calling should always be _____ and _____ by leaders in the church. (Acts 13)
7. Along with purpose we need _____.
- a. Proverbs 29:18 (KJV) states, "*Where there is no vision the people perish.*" It is equally true that where there is no _____ the vision will perish.
- b. Vision is the ability to _____ clearly where God is leading.
- c. Purpose will _____ and _____ vision.
- 1) Vision is the ability to see and focus on a finish line.
 - 2) Purpose directs vision toward the right race and finish line.
- d. Purpose answers the question _____? and _____? while vision answers the question _____?
- e. Without purpose we can become _____ and develop "visions" of our own.
- 1) Jeremiah 23:16 (NKJV) "*Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord.*" ("worthless" means "useless, without value", i.e., "robbed of true purpose")
- f. Purpose gives _____ to our vision.
- g. Without purpose our vision can _____.
- h. A church connected to purpose will stay unified. Without purpose we become _____ - _____ and develop _____ - _____. More than one vision in the house can lead to _____ - _____. A house divided against itself will not stand. (Matthew 12:25)
- i. Our vision must be submitted to the purpose of _____.
- 1) Acts 21:10-14 Agabus saw a vision of bonds awaiting Paul at Jerusalem. Paul saw the purpose of God and went anyway.
- j. Purpose will determine the _____ of God for bringing our vision to pass.
- 1) Abraham and the birth of his son, Isaac.
 - 2) Joseph and the fulfillment of his dream.
- k. Purpose is the _____ in which vision is conceived.
- l. Questions we must ask ourselves:
- 1) What is my purpose?
 - 2) What is my vision?
 - 3) Am I convinced that my vision for ministry is birthed out of God's purpose? Am I convinced that I will be able to stand before God on judgment day and say, "I have fulfilled Your purpose for my life?"
8. Purpose + Vision = _____.
- a. "Mission" answers the question _____? and _____?

- b. "Mission" is the _____ of God to fulfill our purpose and vision.
- c. In John 4, Jesus stopped in Samaria to minister to a woman and then a to a city. As far as the disciples understood, they were there to pick up lunch and then move on. Jesus was on a mission with a purpose. Purpose makes the difference between being a _____ or a _____.

9. We will never be _____ until we fulfill our purpose.

10. Ways to Live by Purpose

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| a. Live for God on purpose. | s. Lead on purpose. |
| b. Prioritize on purpose. | t. Mentor leaders on purpose. |
| c. Calendar on purpose. | u. Raise children on purpose. |
| d. Study the Bible on purpose. | v. Develop a career on purpose. |
| e. Pray on purpose. | w. Build relationships on purpose. |
| f. Go to church on purpose. | x. Start small groups on purpose. |
| g. Seek vision on purpose. | y. Program on purpose. |
| h. Set goals on purpose. | z. Build on purpose. |
| i. Launch mission on purpose. | aa. Add staff on purpose. |
| j. Witness on purpose. | bb. Hold meetings on purpose. |
| k. Preach on purpose. | cc. Structure on purpose. |
| l. Minister on purpose. | dd. Evaluate on purpose. |
| m. Make disciples on purpose. | ee. Budget on purpose. |
| n. Teach on purpose. | ff. Give on purpose. |
| o. Train on purpose. | gg. Start on purpose. |
| p. Serve others on purpose. | hh. Finish on purpose. |
| q. Submit on purpose. | ii. Live on purpose. |
| r. Love on purpose. | jj. Die on purpose. |