

Finding Your Purpose – What makes for a worthy life or a wasted one?

Romans 15:8-33

Romans 15:8-13 - ⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰ And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹² And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Paul's Personal Mission

Romans 15:14–22

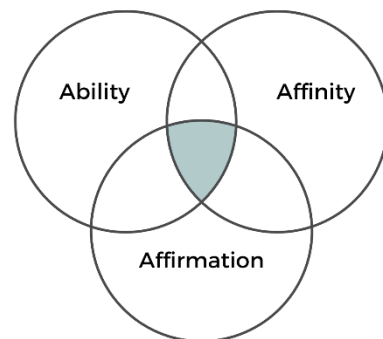
- Vs. 15, Grace given to **me** by God for ministry
- Vs. 16, **My** offering
- Vs. 17, **My** work for God
- Vs. 20, My **aim**

²⁰ *My aim is to preach the gospel where Christ has not been named, so that I will not build on someone else's foundation, ²¹but, as it is written, "Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand." (Isaiah 52:15)*

How did Paul find an understanding of his purpose?

1. Understanding the purposes of God in the world first.
 - Romans 15:20-21 – *My aim is to preach the gospel where Christ has not been named...*
 - Isaiah 52:15 - *Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand.*
 - 2 Peter 3:9 - *not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance*
2. Sensing the gifting of the Spirit.

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Spiritual Gifts; Heart, Ability, Personality, Experiences



Closing Points

- A. What has God called me to?
- B. Practice the gifts you have.
- C. Respond to the ministry dreams God has put in your heart.