

## His Divine Purpose Part 2

### Matthew 7

**15** “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. **16** By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? **17** Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. **18** A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. **19** Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. **20** Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

**21** “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. **22** Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ **23** Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

- Jesus’ words here are words of warning towards what is false... False Prophets and False Believers...
- Truth is; My desires is that every person that I meet that calls themselves a Christian is real, but they are not always...
- When I hear of a minister encroached in scandal, it breaks my heart...
- There have been times in ministry when I wanted to have a relationship and even tried to, but the Holy Spirit kept bearing witness with my spirit that something wasn’t right... Later I found out why...

## **Matthew 7**

**15** “Watch out for false prophets.

I want to focus on the first part; Watch out for false...

We are living in a day where we have to, Watch out for false...

**Story:** When I was in Pensacola at the Brownsville Revival. Pastor Kilpatrick would tell stories of how ministries would want to come to the church, before revival broke out. There was one he allowed and they ended up being a strange group. He took the microphone out of the ministers hand while he was speaking and told him he was done... Pastor Kilpatrick had no tolerance for phonies... He had a deep, guarded desire for the authentic...

Jesus said,

**Vs. 16** “By their fruit you will recognize them.”

Not by their Carisma  
Not by their Wit  
Not by their Talent  
By their Fruit

Then he says,

**Vs. 21-23**

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**This still baffles me:**

**Vs. 22** “Many will say... did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?”

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**This is the part that baffles me:**

**And Honestly Scares me:**

Jesus will say, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!"

- It's hard to believe someone could prophecy and cast out demons and not know the Lord...
- it's hard to believe someone could do miracles and not know the Lord...
- Jesus warns us that these things don't prove anything about someone's relationship with Him...
- I desire all of these things, but out of relationship with Jesus...

**The Gospel can be summed up in 3 Parts:**

**To be a Tree that bears good fruit.**

1. Love God...
2. Love One Another...
3. Be Separate...

**Love God**

**1 Corinthians 8:3**

But whoever loves God is known by God.

**Revelation 2**

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. **2** I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles

but are not, and have found them false. **3** You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

**4** Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. **5** Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.

- **It's possible to do good and work hard for the Lord...**
- **Endure hardship for Jesus...**
- **Guard good doctrine and stand for the truth...**
- **And miss the mark because of failed love for Jesus...**

**An expert in the law once asked Jesus**

**Matthew 22**

**36** “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

**37** Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ **38** This is the first and greatest commandment. **39** And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

**Why Loving Jesus is so important**

- It keeps us from becoming Religious and Self Righteous...
- It keeps Him first and everything else second...
- It keeps us ready... to hear his voice... to see His face...

**Love One Another**

**1 Thessalonians 4**

**9** Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other.

## Colossians 1

**3** We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, **4** because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people.

Love for all God's people is becoming of those who are in Christ...

1st they Love God

2nd they Love one another

If I see people in the church who are mean spirited towards other Christians, as a Pastor my antenna goes up.

## 1 John 1

**5** This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. **7** 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.

- The Bible guarantees that if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another...
- The relationship among believers is uniquely tied to the relationship we have with God...
- It is natural and instinctive for believers to be drawn together...
- It is also revealing when that fellowship becomes estranged; The relationship among believers is tied to their relationship with God. If the relationship begins to change it can be a sign of where peoples hearts are with God...
- the unique relationship that believers have with one another is a result of walking in the light, as he is in the light.

## Again the words of the Apostle Paul

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### 3. Be Separate...

### 1 Thessalonians 4

3 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, 5 not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; 6 and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. 7 For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. 8 Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

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3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. 5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. 6 But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

*According to the writings of the Early Church leaders, Nicolas taught a doctrine of compromise, implying that total separation between Christianity and the practice of occult paganism was not essential.*

*It seems that the “doctrine” of the Nicolaitans was that it was all right to have one foot in both worlds and that one didn’t need to be so strict about separation from the world in order to be a Christian. This, in fact, was the “doctrine” of the Nicolaitans that Jesus “hated.” It led to a weak version of Christianity that was without power and without conviction — a defeated, worldly type of Christianity.*

*Nicolas’ deep roots in paganism may have produced in him a tolerance for occultism and paganism. Growing up in this perverted spiritual environment may have caused him to view these belief systems as not so damaging or dangerous. This wrong perception would have resulted in a very liberal viewpoint that encouraged people to stay connected to the world.*

*Rick Renner*

“Be careful what you allow.

What you allow, you will come to agree with.

What you agree with, you open yourself up to.”

## **2 Corinthians 6**

**14** Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? **15** What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? **16** What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

“I will live with them

and walk among them,

and I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.”

**17** Therefore,

“Come out from them  
and be separate,  
says the Lord.

**Closing:**

**Water Baptism**