

Turn Around God - Discover Purpose
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Proverbs 19:21 [NIV]

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Our alignment to God's purpose determines what we are called to do. We should align ourselves to God to determine what we are called to do and recognize that we are called individually to follow God's plan. We have to be willing to be set apart, so we can live out God's plan for your life.

King Nebuchadnezzar was a harsh ruler and built a statue from gold and ordered everyone to worship it. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did not listen to the King's order and was sentenced to death for disobeying his orders.

Daniel 3:16-18 [NIV]

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Yes, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were in a hard situation, but they prevailed because they realized their calling and followed God's plan.

Daniel 3: 28-30 [NIV]

²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. ²⁹ Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way."

³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

There will be times we have to set our lives apart and be willing to let go of everything in order to setup our lives for God's purpose.

How we can discover our purpose:

1. Be **willing**

- a. We have to be willing to lose everything, in order to gain everything.
- b. We have to be willing to let go of everything that we think is best for our lives in order for God to truly show up and show off in order for the Holy Spirit to begin to tweak some things to give us knowledge and understanding

Why? Because God's purpose is bigger than ours. When God is before and behind us there is no door that can shut or open without His purpose.

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2. Be **available**

- a. Make yourself available to God so he can work through our lives.
- b. So He can stir the purpose in our lives.

3. Know our purpose and calling is **unique**

- a. We should know we are all unique
- b. We should not try to mimic others
- c. We should allow God to work through us, so we can be who God has created us to be.

Deuteronomy 14:2 [NLT]

² You have been set apart as holy to the Lord your God, and he has chosen you from all the nations of the earth to be his own special treasure.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What plans do we have in our hearts?
- 2. How would these plans affect the Lord's plans?
- 3. Are you willing to be set apart for the Lord's plan?