



Series: Made on Purpose	Date: Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup> 2017
Topic: All These Things – This is the Season of Resolutions	Speaker: Pastor Dale Edwardson

## WELCOME

This week Pastor Dale shares with us the importance of setting our priorities and spending our time for the Kingdom.

For the ice breaker this week, share your answers to the following question: What was your favorite moment in your life in 2016?

## WORSHIP

Start the worship time by encouraging people to share praises for what God has done in their life this past week. Sing worship songs from the Sunday services or select your own.

## WORD

**I. Spiritual Objective.** At the end of the discussion, members will:

- A. Discuss the importance of having our priorities in order and where God fits in our schedule.
- B. Talk about how we can reorder our lives and spend our time in ways that seeks the Kingdom of God first.

**II. The Sermon Synopsis:**

A new year often arrives together with new resolutions for life. Whether it is to exercise more, work less, spend more time with family, this time of the year is when we take stock of our lives and look to improve ourselves. Pastor Dale reminded us that we must remember the most important question: What is God's plan for my life in 2017?

Each of us were made on purpose and with purpose and Christians are called to put first the Kingdom of God. Pastor Dale reminded us that every fear we have can be replaced by one of God's promises from His Word. It is also important that we set our priorities and make good use of our time. We must set God first on our priority list, draw closer to him, and surrender to Him daily.

## The Text:

<sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

(Matthew 6:33 NIV)

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

(Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV)

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

(James 4:7-8 NIV)

## Discussion Questions

**III.** Pastor Dale reminded us that we were made on purpose and with purpose. During this time of year, we often look ahead at 2017 and make resolutions for the year. *In 2017 what do you feel is God's plan for your life? What are some areas of your faith you'd like to grow in? What are some things you would like to do for God in 2017?*

**IV.** Jesus reminds us that instead of worrying about things in life, we should trust God that He will take care of us. As Pastor Dale said, every fear can be replaced by one of God's promises. *What are some things you are worried about this year? How should we respond when we are worried? How can we learn to trust God instead of worrying?*

**V.** As Christians we are called to seek first the Kingdom of God. However, the Kingdom seems to not always fit in with our priorities and plans in life. But as Pastor Dale mentioned, how we use our time matters to God. *What are the top 4 activities in your life that take up your time? Do you feel there is anywhere in your life where time is wasted?*



**VI.** One of the biggest road blocks to trusting and depending on God is our capabilities. The more capable and skilled we are, the easier it is to rely on ourselves and not God. *What are some skills or capabilities that you have? In what way can they make it harder to depend on God? In what ways can you use those skills or capabilities for God?*

**VII.** In order to set our priorities straight, we must put God first. We must draw close to God, spend time with Him more, walk in surrender and have Him guide your life. *How do we practically make God our first priority? (Be Specific). What specific things can be done this year to set our priorities straight?*

## WORK

- **Pray** and ask God to reveal to you how you are spending your time and whether your priorities are in the right order. Thank Him that we can have the confidence to trust Him and that His promises can speak to the fears and worries we have.
- **Service Opportunity:** If your HOME group is interested in serving the community in anyway this Thanksgiving and Christmas season and would like ideas or opportunities. Please contact Jon Ayin at the Church.
- **Pray for Our Building Expansion Project (BEP).**
  - ❖ We submitted an application to the Bldg. Dept. for a modification to our approved Conditional Use Permit with a lower parking stall requirement. Please continue to pray that they will accept this new application without further complications.
  - ❖ Continue praying that our architect will complete the detailed construction drawings this week so we can apply for our building construction permit by January 31.
  - ❖ Pray that our contractor will be able to provide a cost estimate that is within our original budget and still meets our needs. We should have the estimate by next week.

- ❖ The grading permit application has been moving through the approval process—please continuing praying that it will be approved by the end of Feb.

## Announcements:

1. **Youth Alpha Series.** The Youth Alpha Series continues this Friday for the next 8 Friday Nights (**1/13 - 3/10**). They are still in need of generous Home Groups that are willing to help provide a meal. Also, we are asking parents to commit to driving their child/friends to Alpha.
2. **HOME Group Leaders Meeting.** This Sun, **1/22** at 12:00pm. We will be discussing planning for the New Year, planning for the next two weeks, discussing a week of prayer in all of our home groups, discussing an open house week for all home groups!!!
3. **Seniors Meeting.** “Fall Prevention” on Wed, **1/18** at 9:00 am. “Before you start be safety smart. Fall prevention deserves your attention.” Potluck refreshments to follow.
4. **PUSH Night of Prayer.** Friday, **1/27** at 7:00pm. Come join us for an evening of prayer as we pray for various activities coming up as well as our building expansion project.
5. **Child Dedication Service.** Also on Sun, **1/29**, we are having a child dedication service that day and will be dedicating our younger children to the Lord.
6. **Baptism Service.** Sun, **1/29**, at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. We will also be baptizing a number of individuals that same day. Come and support those who will stepping out in faith to be baptized.

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# All These Things

Pastor Dale

## This is the Season of Resolutions

When we are making resolutions, we need to reflect on some critical questions:

- What are my core values?
- What are my Priorities?
- What is my Plan?

**One Key ingredient for success is Intentionality!**

**Do you Focus on your Objectives  
or Float through Life?**

**Reflecting on 2017, we're Missing the Most  
Important Question!**

- What is God's Plan for my Life in 2017?

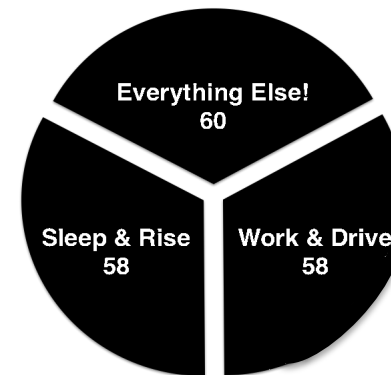
**You were Made on Purpose and With Purpose!**

**But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness,  
and all these things will be given to you.  
Matthew 6:33**

## Jesus on Principles to Live By

- Store up Treasures in heaven!
- Stop worrying about all the Things in life.
- Trust God that He will take care of you.
- Proverbs 3:5-6; James 4:7-8

**How does All of this Relate to Priorities and Plans?**



### DEEP THOUGHTS

- 1) How we use our time matters to God.
- 2) We have more to do than time to do it.
- 3) The more capable and skilled we are, the harder it is to depend on God.

**How Do we Get It Right with All These Things?**

- Learn to actually put God first. Set priorities listening.
- Draw Close to God and He will draw close to you!
- Surrender- more and more. Everything will change.
- Ask Him to Fill you and then Guide you- Every day!

**An Honest Look Inside:** Lord, I truly want to learn to put you first as I begin this new year. Help me, Lord. Help me to identify the things in my life that have to go. Show me where I'm hanging on to my way and not surrendering. Give me the strength to say no to my self-dependence. I want to be more and more like You.