

7 Steps to Living Your Purpose

1. **DISCOVER YOUR HEARTBEAT: WHAT BURDENS MY HEART?** NEHEMIAH 1:3-4
 - Action: Identify and explore what deeply concerns you, as this can guide your life's purpose. Nehemiah was burdened by the lack of restoration and revitalization. What burdens you?
 - Phrase: Find your purpose in your passion.
 - Prayer: Lord, show me what moves my heart and align it with Your purpose.
2. **SEEK DIVINE INSIGHT: WHAT DOES GOD HAVE TO SAY?** NEHEMIAH 1:4-11
 - Action: Engage in prayer and reflection to understand how your concerns align with God's vision and wisdom. Nehemiah sought divine insight and guidance based on the promises of God.
 - Phrase: God's ways should guide our ways.
 - Prayer: Grant me insight into my concerns and guide me in Your ways.
3. **PRAY FOR SUCCESS: WHAT RESOURCES DO I NEED?** NEHEMIAH 2:4-8
 - Action: Assess the resources, divine guidance, and favor necessary for accomplishing your purpose. When King Artaxerxes asked Nehemiah what he needed, he asked God.
 - Phrase: Seek God's provision for your purposeful journey.
 - Prayer: Father, provide the resources I need for my purpose in Your service.
4. **KNOW YOUR ROLE: WHERE DO MY SKILLS MEET NEEDS?** NEHEMIAH 2:7-8
 - Action: Assess your skills and talents and understand how they can fulfill your purpose. Nehemiah leveraged the organizational skills he learned from being in service to the king to know what would be needed for the task.
 - Phrase: Your skills and abilities are tools for fulfilling your purpose.
 - Prayer: Lord, help me use my talents where they are needed most for Your glory.
5. **TIMING IS KEY: WHAT STEPS CAN I TAKE RIGHT NOW?** NEHEMIAH 2:11-12
 - Action: Recognize the right time to act and the importance of preparation and planning in executing your purpose. Nehemiah knew he needed to investigate before he communicated.
 - Phrase: Act with purpose on purpose at the right time.
 - Prayer: God, guide me to act at the right time according to Your plan.
6. **BUILD YOUR TRIBE: HOW CAN I SERVE/INSPIRE/INVOLVE OTHERS?** NEHEMIAH 2:17-18
 - Action: Encourage collaboration and community involvement, understanding that purpose often involves collective effort. Nehemiah knew that great work is seldom done alone, so he needed to inspire others to partner.
 - Phrase: Together, we accomplish more.
 - Prayer: Father, lead me to others with whom I can fulfill Your purpose together.
7. **FACE CHALLENGES WITH FAITH: AM I READY TO FACE CHALLENGES?** NEHEMIAH 2:19-20

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- Action: Expect challenges and resistance. Nehemiah chose not to be distracted by opposition but to remain focused on the revitalization efforts.
- Phrase: Overcome obstacles by faith and focus.
- Prayer: Lord, strengthen my faith to overcome obstacles.