Purpose

Exodus 27:20-28:5

"Call for your brother, Aaron, and his sons, Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. Set them apart from the rest of the people of Israel so they may minister to me and be my priests."

Exodus 28:1 NLT

"Command the people of Israel to bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to keep the lamps burning continually. The lampstand will stand in the Tabernacle, in front of the inner curtain that shields the Ark of the Covenant. Aaron and his sons must keep the lamps burning in the Lord's presence all night. This is a permanent law for the people of Israel, and it must be observed from generation to generation."

Exodus 27:20-21 NLT

PASTORS



What society thinks I do



What my parents think I do



What my friends think I do



What my church thinks I do



What I should do



What I actually do

Your purpose was ordained by God Himself.

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Exodus 28:1 NLT

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Look, I have specifically chosen Bezalel son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. He is a master craftsman, expert in working with gold, silver, and bronze. He is skilled in engraving and mounting gemstones and in carving wood. He is a master at every craft!

"And I have personally appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, to be his assistant. Moreover, I have given special skill to all the gifted craftsmen so they can make all the things I have commanded you to make:

Exodus 31:1-6 NLT

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do the good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.

Proverbs 16:9 NLT

Your purpose is for God's glory

"...to keep the lamps burning continually..."

You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.

John 15:16 NLT

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Colossians 3:23 NLT

Your purpose is meant for worship.

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

Romans 12:1 NLT

Recommended Reading:

- Ephesians 4:11-32
- Philippians 2:12-28
- Genesis 2:15
- Matthew 25:14-30
- Romans 12:6-7
- 1 Peter 4:10-11