

The Struggle for Purpose

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1. Introduction

As we come to the end of this series we come to that question! What is our purpose in life?
There are many different theories.

2. Jesus' purpose

John 14:6, John 6:35, Isaiah 9:6, Romans 5:6

3. The Shepherds purpose

Luke 2:8-20

Purpose of the Shepherds – To be _____

- They were _____ in their job
- They had a desire to be with Jesus – the Shepherds didn't have to be told to go
- They shared the good news of Jesus boldly
- They _____ God

4. The Wise Men's purpose

Matthew 2:1-12

Purpose of the Wise men – To _____ Christ

- Gold – recognises Christ as God and King, it is valuable, a worthy sacrifice.
- Frankincense – recognises the perfection and _____ of Christ.
- Myrrh – recognises the _____ of Christ.

5. Our purpose

- To spend time in His presence
- To glorify God
- To be witnesses
- To live a _____ life (recognise as King and God)
- To be a reflection of Christ to others (recognise the Holiness and sacrifice of Christ)
- To be His _____
- To be His _____

We do this

- As the bride and body of Christ

Ephesians 3:10-11 (NIVUK)

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- By completing the work that Christ has called us to

Ephesians 4:12 (NLT)

Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

- By being an example to others showing that Christ makes a difference in all areas of our life

Acts 20:35 (NLT)

And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to receive.

John 13:34-35 (NLT)

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

6. Conclusion

Whether you are a Shepherd or a Wise Man we are all called to be people of purpose.

1 Corinthians 9:26-27 (NLT)

So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.