

Missio Dei
Part Two
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Is 55:2 NKJV

² Why do you spend money for *what is* not bread,
And your wages for *what* does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and eat *what is* good,
And let your soul delight itself in abundance.

John 4:34,35 MSG

Jesus said, "The food that keeps me going is that I do the will of the One who sent me, finishing the work he started. ³⁵ As you look around right now, wouldn't you say that in about four months it will be time to harvest? Well, I'm telling you to open your eyes and take a good look at what's right in front of you. These Samaritan fields are ripe. It's harvest time!

Matt. 4:4 NKJV

But He answered and said, "It is written, '*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*'"

Eph 5:15-17 NLT

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

Q. Where Do I Find My Purpose in Life?

Eph 1:11 MSG

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, ¹² part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

A. You Find it in Christ.

2 Tim 1:9 NKJV

who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

Matt. 7:21 NKJV

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

5 Levels People Live On:

1. Doing what you HATE.
2. Doing what you DO.
3. Doing what you LOVE.
4. Doing what GOD loves.
5. Doing what YOU and GOD love.

A Disciple Has:

1. **Focus.** Begin to narrow down what’s important and what’s not in life.
2. **Peace.** You’re no longer striving in life; you’re settled in your heart. Peace with God, peace with yourself.
3. **Potential.** You discover the gifts God has placed in you. It’s the purposes of God that releases the greatest potential.
4. **Endurance.** If you know where you are going you’re most likely to push through obstacles.
5. **Passion.** People with no passion have no mission in life. Show me an apathetic person, I will show you someone who doesn’t understand his purpose. Purpose fuels passion.

Questions I Must Answer to Living a Missional Life

1. **Calling Question:** Do I believe that God is calling me to accomplish something specific?

Rom. 8:28 NKJV

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

We can interpret this verse two ways. Firstly, ultimately whatever bad things happen God can use them to produce something good in me, and I will fulfill His purpose in me.

Rom. 8:28 NKJV

And we know that all things work together for THE BAD to those who DON'T love God, to those who are the called according to THEIR OWN purpose.

2. **Burden Question:** What do I feel needs to change that I am constantly carrying a burden for?
3. **Price Question:** Am I willing to pay the price to fulfil God's mission in my life?

Luke 14:25-33 NKJV

Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish *it*— ²⁹ lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see *it* begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹ Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. ³³ So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.