

## The Kingdom Perspective Discovering Our Purpose

Hello this is Pastor Don Willeman of Christ Redeemer Church. Welcome to The Kingdom Perspective.

Imagine walking into a room and finding a device you've never seen before. Though you've never come across anything like it, it's obvious it's made by someone for some specific purpose. But for what purpose? How are you to know what it is, and what it's for?

Well, the simplest and most straightforward way of knowing would be to find its inventor, the creator of this device. Or perhaps you could look to see if the inventor left any instructions, perhaps some manual or directions on how to use it.

Now, let me ask you: What's *your* purpose? What have *you* been made for? Any deep consideration of our humanity, both body and soul, will lead one to conclude we are quite amazing inventions. Whoever created us designed something incredibly unique, and incredibly impressive! Human beings are standout creatures! This thought made King David cry out: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).

But again, how I am I to know what I am created *for*? What's my *purpose*? Well, the best way to know is to hear from the One who made me; and the good news is He is not silent on this subject. He's given us His instruction manual, the Bible, and in its opening pages He tells us that we are made to display His glory in the world. We are created in His very image and likeness!

No purpose could be higher! And no calling more intense!

Something to think about from The Kingdom Perspective.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in his own image,

in the image of God he created him;

male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

~Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

\*Below, we are appending some basic catechism questions that go along with this Kingdom Perspective. A catechism is a classical Christian teaching device, helping both children and adults better understand the unique claims of the Bible. Below, you will find questions taken from both a children's catechism and a more advanced catechism. For the full catechisms, you may go to our website by clicking here.

## A Basic Catechism for Children

- 1. Who made you? God.
- **2.** What else did God make? God made all things.
- **3.** Why did God make all things? For His own pleasure and glory.

## **An Advanced Catechism**

1. What is the chief purpose of man?

Man's chief purpose is to glorify God (1 Cor. 10:31) and to enjoy him forever. (Ps. 73:25, 26)

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