

Human Purpose

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I. Asking “Why?”

II. Thinking About Purpose

Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

v. 9-11

The Teacher’s Purpose

v. 12-14

The Teacher’s Conclusion

III. A Life Of Purpose

Personal Reflection

Set aside fifteen minutes this week to pray & respond to the following:

Long ago, Solomon wrestled with the question, “Is life really worth living?” He wondered if there is any point to a lifetime of toil when in the end, all that a person achieves & acquires is left behind. These questions emerge from mankind’s longing for meaning & desire for purpose. They are evidence that God has created humanity with both the ability to think critically & the need to understand His reason for creating our race.

The Bible reveals that our purpose is to know & glorify God. It is not to accumulate power—unchecked power corrupts the heart. It is not to accumulate fame—adoration & accolade corrupt the ego. It is not to accumulate possessions—material things cannot satisfy the deepest longings of the soul. It is only in God that human beings can find fulfillment & peace.

You are a unique & desperately loved creation of the Almighty. His purpose for you is personal, knowable & attainable through a relationship with Jesus Christ. When you trust Him with your life & follow Him as Lord, you glorify God. He wants you to enjoy life’s blessings & to be ready for the eternity that follows. This is the privileged role God has given you to play in His plan. What purpose is presently giving order to your life? Are you pursuing influence, respect & resources to be used for God’s glory or for your own? Do your goals match your profession of faith & trust in the Lord?

Prayerfully commit to be diligent in your commitment to follow & obey God. Ask Him to guard your heart against self-indulgence & self-serving which divert your attention away from Him. Thank Him that your life has meaning & purpose because He created & loves you with an everlasting love.