The purpose and meaning for your life in 2026.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

What is the purpose and meaning of life? & What are you and I supposed to do with the life that we have to live?

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What is the <u>purpose</u> of your life? Where will you find meaning and significance? (What is the chief end of man?)

- 1. Everything in God's creation has a purpose
- 2. God's created everything to bring Him glory

You were made to glorify God. (This is what it means to be made in His image.)

God's purpose is what determines your purpose and gives meaning to your life.

The purpose of your life is to <u>love</u> God and <u>live</u> your life for Him.

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Solomon points out:

- 1. God's Word <u>provokes</u> us to action
- 2. God's Word is the truth we build our lives on
- 3. God's Word is given by one **Shepherd**

Jesus summarizes the purpose of your life in two <u>acts</u>: <u>Love</u> God with all that you are, and <u>love</u> your neighbor as yourself.

Loving God and loving others involves embracing what is good and resisting what is evil.

Loving God and loving others means we look at life through two categories of relationship: <u>God</u> and <u>others</u>.

There are many kinds of others, but there is only one God.

- 1. Others means our family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc
- 2. Others means not self.

To love God and love others we need to move our thinking from months and years down to <u>daily</u> and <u>weekly</u>.

- 1. Love God daily by embracing Him through the <u>Word</u> and <u>prayer</u> while resisting <u>sin</u> and <u>temptation</u>.
- 2. Love others daily by spending <u>undistracted</u> time and <u>serving</u> them; while putting <u>yourself</u> and the world to the side.
- 3. Love God weekly on <u>Sunday</u> through worshipping with others and resisting the opportunities to do something else instead.
- 4. Love others weekly by <u>gathering</u> to talk about the gospel, getting in the Word, praying together, and encouraging one another in the faith.

The purpose of your life is to <u>love</u> God and <u>love</u> others as you live for Him.

