

ALL IN

“DISCOVER PURPOSE”

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I. INTRODUCTION: STEP 3 DISCOVER PURPOSE: (Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 10:27, Acts 2:42)



II. YOU HAVE A GOD GIVEN PURPOSE:

A. Theme Verses for Discovering Purpose: A person asks two brick layers, “what are you doing.”

1. **Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
2. **Jeremiah 1:5** "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
3. **Psalms 139:16** “all the days ordained for me were written in your book...”
4. **Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
5. **Romans 8:28** “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.” God’s not responsible but he responds to life.
6. **Isaiah 46:10** “...My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.”
7. **Isaiah 14:24** The LORD of hosts has sworn: “As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand,
8. **Proverbs 19:21** Many are the plans of a man’s heart, but it’s the LORD’s purpose that prevails.
9. **2 Timothy 1:9** “...who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.”
10. **Acts 13:37** “Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.

III. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT GIFTS WHAT YOU NEED IS THE RIGHT PURPOSE.

A. **Purpose** In English is defined as “the reason why something exists.”

1. The Hebrew word for purpose נִצָּח “eye-eats-ah” A series of steps leading to the inevitable outcome of a long-term goal.
2. **Pulitzer Prize Photographer Kevin Carter.**
3. **Know God find freedom, discover purpose and make a difference**
4. Don’t live a life that says, “**Know me, discover fame, find a platform, make a dollar or a name.**”
5. “You need a sense of **purpose BIGGER** than just more money, a nicer house, or the recognition of others.¹

IV. YOU DISCOVER PURPOSE BY EXPLORING HOW GOD HAS SHAPED YOU.

A. You’re not one in a billion, you’re one of a kind.²

B. **S.H.A.P.E.** (**Purpose** is found in how God has shaped you)

1. **S**piritual Gifts (What has God given you)
2. **H**ear (What moves you)

¹ Chris Hodges. *What’s Next*. Thomas Nelson Publishing. Nashville, TN. 2019, Pg. 120.

² Doug Fields, *Getting Into Shape Series*. Purpose Driven Youth Ministry 1998.

3. **A**bilities (What comes natural to you)
4. **P**ersonality (Introvert/Extrovert)
5. **E**xperiences (What have you gone through)

C. Tests That Help You **Discover Purpose** <https://ne-cc.org/discover-purpose>

Types of Tests:

Strengths Finder 2.0

Myers-Briggs

Spiritual Gifts Test

Enneagram

Spiritual Pathways

Pastor Paul's Profile

Strategic, Activator, Context, Communication, Woo, Maximizer, Significance, Self-Assurance, Futuristic, Analytical, Focus.

E.N.T.J. "The Commander"

Prophecy, Teaching, Shepherding, Administration

#8 Challenger / #3 Achiever

Naturalist (I connect best with God in Nature)

1. The distracted little girl, Gillian Lynn.

V. YOU DISCOVER **PURPOSE** IN GOD'S WORD, PRESENCE, & PRAYER WITH GODS PEOPLE (AFFIRMATION).

A. Ezra and Samuel

1. **Ezra 7:10** For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.
 - a. Ezra is a great example of **S.H.A.P.E.**: Someone following their passion and passed it to others.
 - b. He was a person of God's word who read it, studied it and shared it. We all grow.
- B. **1 Samuel 3:1-4:1** "And the Lord appeared again at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord. And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.
 - a. Samuel was given to God by his mom to Shiloh, had an encounter with God at the tabernacle of Shiloh, and found clarity from the high priest Eli on how to respond to God.
 - b. God revealed himself to Samuel through his word and Samuel's **purpose**, God's word went out to all Israel. **Samuel discovered God's purpose for his life because of God's people.**
- C. **Paul and Barnabas in Acts** A perfect example of New Testament Clarity through Community.
 - a. **Acts 13:2** While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
 - b. **Acts 15:23** Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.
 - c. **Acts 15:28** For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements:
 - i. It says the "**Holy Spirit**" set them apart, in a community gathering of fasting & prayer.
 - ii. Another time "It seemed good to the Apostles, Elders and Congregation and the Sprit.
 - d. God's presence, Scripture, prophetic gift and leaders and church people are on the same page.
 - e. God's presence, God's people and God's leaders are there to affirm and confirm Gods **purpose**.

VI. YOU DISCOVER **PURPOSE** IN THE SETTING OF YOUR DAILY LIFE

A. German Phrase: **SETZ IM LEBEN** "Set in life" meaning something that happens as we go about our lives.

A. Your life is the piece to the puzzle. A custom fit for the place where God has purpose for you.

1. Life can push you into purpose: **Three men, the pond & the princess.**
2. Life pushes & pull purpose: **Inner City Ministries: Riccardo Aponte & Hartford Park P.H.A.**
3. **Acts 17:26^{NRSV}** [God] determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation that they would seek God. God chose the place on earth and the space in time you would live.
4. **1 Sam. 7:29** "Is there not a cause?"
5. **Neh. 1:3-4** "The walls of Jerusalem are broken down."
6. **Esther 4:14** For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

VII. CONCLUSION **Deutsche emailwarenfabrik. Translation: "German Enamelware Factory"**