

**I. Review**

**A. Session 1 – Wired for Purpose**

- 1. When God created us, he created us/wired us for purpose.**
- 2. Purpose Defined**
  - a. The reason for which something exists.
  - b. The reason we do the things we do.
- 3. The Significance of Purpose**
  - a. **Aim – Purpose gives us something to aim for.**
  - b. Guides my life in a particular direction.
  - c. The opposite of aim is aimless.
  - d. God never intended for our lives to be aimless – to aimlessly wander through life.
  - e. There are many studies that prove health benefits for those who live life on purpose.

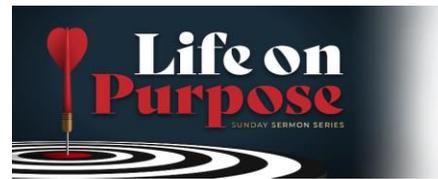
**II. How to discover your purpose/purposes throughout life.**

**A. Discovering purpose in your life is very important.**

- 1. Where are you going?**

Alice in Wonder Land  
*Cat – Where are you going?*  
*Alice – Which way should I go?*  
*Cat – That depends on where you are going.*  
*Alice – I don't know.*  
*Cat – Then it doesn't matter which way you go.*
- 2. If you don't know where you are going, you don't know which way to go.**

*This is why so many people seem to wander through life.*  
*No real direction!*  
*One day they are moving north – next day...south – next day another*



*direction.*

*Always on the move with no destination.*

PURPOSE – SETS DIRECTION – toward a desire DESTINATION!

GPS – *Where would you like to go?*

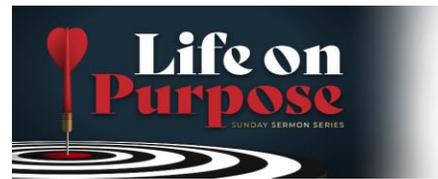
**B. While it is important that we have specific goals in mind – a specific destination point – we need to be mindful that *Purpose is a journey.***

1. Purpose will evolve from season to season in your life.
2. Purpose changes with age.
3. Many things relating to my purposes for life in my youth have evolved to a different level today.
  - a. **Teens** – are in a discovery time about themselves – *Who am I? What is important to me? Educational goals – career paths*
  - b. **Young (20-30s) Adults** – Purpose evolves to building a career and family.
  - c. **Mid Life** – Purpose evolves to include – retirement saving, healthy living – financial security – raising kids.
  - d. **Seniors** – Purpose continues its evolving course – having strong bodies – staying active – grandkids – leaving a legacy.
4. **Because purpose is evolving – we should not live under the pressure and frustration of trying to discover that “One Perfect Reason/Purpose for our existence.”**  
*Many people fall under great pressure from trying to discover “Why they are here – and what they are called to do”.*

**III. How do I discover purpose for my life?**

**A. Two ways purpose may be revealed in our life.**

1. **God Initiated Purposes**
  - a. **We often refer to these as callings.**



- b. **These callings from the Lord are simply when God calls on you for a specific purpose.**
- c. **The reason I knew at age 4 that I would be in the ministry was because I experienced His calling for my life.**  
*This made it easier for me to discover my calling.*  
*I did not experience a supernatural voice.*  
*I simply experienced a deep desire and passion for ministry.*
- d. **There are times that God calls on people to do specific things.**
  - Moses – at the burning
  - Paul – on the road to Damascus
  - Jesus – called upon specific men to be disciples
  - God called Saul to be the first King of Israel
  - God called David to be the second King of Israel
- e. **Not all purposes are revealed so easily.**  
*What do you do if you do not feel you have received a specific calling from the Lord?*

## 2. Discover Purpose Within

- a. **When God created you – He put specific things in you – passions – gifts – values.**
- b. **When God gave Moses’ instructions to build the tabernacle in the wilderness, it could have been overwhelming to Moses.**
  - *The Ark of the Covenant – overlayed with pure gold.*
  - *Rings of Gold and poles of acacia wood -overlayed gold.*
  - *The Tabernacle had fine linen – blue and purple – and scarlet thread.*
  - *Five curtains to specific size- from goat hair.*
  - *Fifty clasps of gold.*
  - *A lampstand of pure gold – with six branches.*
  - *Its four bowls shall be made like almond blossoms.*
  - *Garments for the priests – fine woven linen – with onyx stones – and engrave on them – the names of the sons of Israel.*
  - *Two chains of pure gold – like braided cords*
- c. **Exodus 31:1-6 (NLT) – <sup>1</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Look, I have specifically chosen Bezalel son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. <sup>3</sup>I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great**

*wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. <sup>4</sup>He is a master craftsman, expert in working with gold, silver, and bronze. <sup>5</sup>He is skilled in engraving and mounting gemstones and in carving wood. He is a master at every craft! <sup>6</sup>“And I have personally appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, to be his assistant. Moreover, I have given special skill to all the gifted craftsmen so they can make all the things I have commanded you to make.*

- d. God says, don’t worry – I have wired within specific people the talents and skills to do everything that I have asked you to do.
- e. God deposits talents and skills in us when He creates us.
- f. Everyone doesn’t possess the same talent/skill.

**3. When you are uncertain of your purpose, look to see what God wired within you.**

**B. Passions, Gifts, and Values**

**1. Passions** – What am I enthusiastic about? What do I highly esteem? What do I give high regard to? *What matters most to me? What do I really enjoy? (Personal – I enjoy ministry)*

**a. When you are passionate about something:**

*You will wake up in the middle of the night with that on your mind.*

*You want to know more about the subject.*

*You find time for the things you are passionate about.*

*Nobody has to force you – You are self-motivated toward it.*

**b. God placed specific passions in each of us.**

*We are not all passionate about the same thing.*

**c. When discovering purpose – you need to look within and see what you are passionate about.**

*Passion is important because passion fuels motivation.*

*If you attempt to find purpose in something that you are not passionate about – you will find yourself lacking in motivation – NO MOTIVATION – NO ACTION – NO ACTION = NO FULLFILLMENT.*

**d. God called people – connected to specific passions.**

**e. Moses was passionate about helping/delivering his people from slavery** – God called Moses – but God had already put the

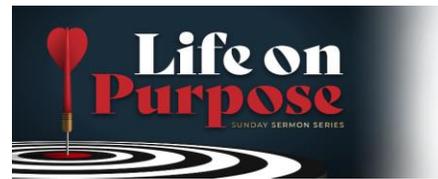
necessary passion in Moses.

Moses would need PASSION to motivate him through all off the hardships associated with his purpose.

- f. **Paul** – Paul’s zeal for God was misdirected – but he did have a zeal for God – *He was already passionate for the things of God before his experience on the road to Damascus.*
- g. **What are you passionate about?**

## 2. Gifts and Talents

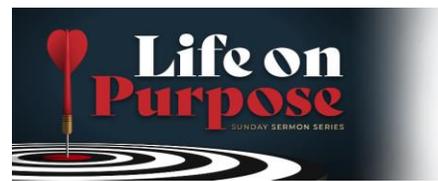
- a. Gifts and talents are abilities that come natural to you.
- b. God bestows certain giftings and abilities upon us at our creation.
- c. Our purposes throughout life will always be connected to what we are able to do.
- d. God never calls anyone to do anything that He doesn’t equip them for.
- e. We may discover much about our purposes by looking at the skills and talents that God has deposited within us.
- f. While it is possible for everyone to learn specific skills, everyone isn’t gifted for those skills.
  - I can build some things – I am not a gifted builder.
  - I can paint some things – I am not a gifted painter.
  - I can draw some pictures – I am not a gifted artist.
  - Just because I can doesn’t mean that’s my gift.
  - Pinterest – *may be deceiving = anyone can do this? NO*
- g. **1 Chronicles 25:6-7 (HCSB)** – <sup>6</sup>*All these men were under their own fathers’ authority for the music in the LORD’s temple, with cymbals, harps, and lyres for the service of God’s temple. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the king’s authority. <sup>7</sup>They numbered 288 together with their relatives who were all trained and skillful in music for the LORD*  
**1 Chronicles 25:7 (AMPC)** – *So the number of them [who led the remainder of the 4,000], with their kinsmen who were specially trained in songs for the Lord, all who were talented singers, was 288.*



3. **Values** – What I hold in high regard.  
*Refers to the importance of something.*  
*The worth of something.*  
*My principles – behaviors and standards for living.*
  
4. **What do I value? What do I hold in high regard?**
  - a. When I look within at the things I value – it may lead me to my purpose for life.
  - b. **Moses** – valued the deliverance of His people.  
*He held freedom in high regard.*  
*He valued freedom so much – he killed an Egyptian.*
  - c. **The Apostles** in the N.T. valued the message of Jesus so much –  
*They suffered for it.*  
*They sacrificed for it.*  
*They fought for it.*  
*They died for it.*
  - d. You know you have high regard for something when you are willing to sacrifice for it – and especially if you are willing to die for it.
  - e. When you can couple passion, talent, and values together you can really enjoy fulfillment.

#### IV. Closing Thoughts

- A. If you are a young adult just getting started in life, you have wide open opportunity to set your career path in alignment with purpose.  
*Purpose based on – passions, gifts, and values.*
  
- B. If you are already involved in specific duties in life, look to see if you find purpose there.
  1. **How can you create some passion in what you are already doing?**  
*Change the way your perspective on what you are doing – in order to find and develop passion.*
  
  2. **What is the “Greater Purpose” that may be hiding in the shadows?**  
*Like my mother’s passion for feeding people.*



**3. Refuse to feel that the things you do are meaningless.**

*You can find meaning in anything if you look deep enough.*

- a. What can you do to make someone's day better?
- b. How can you be an encouragement to others?
- c. What can you do that will cause people to remember you?  
(Legacy)
- d. What can you do to lighten people's load?
- e. What can you do to instill hope?
- f. What can you do to lead people to an experience with God?