



## I Resolve to Live on Purpose

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### You Were Created on Purpose, For God's Purpose

– 2 Kings 18:2-7 – Isaiah 38:1-5 – Eph. 5:15-17 – 2 Tim. 2:21

#### Five Biblical Purposes For Your Life<sup>1</sup>

##### 1. Worship: You Were PLANNED for God's Pleasure.

- Purpose starts before activity – with ADORATION. (Genesis 2:7)
- Worship is not an event; it's a life centered on God. (Ephesians 2:10a)
- *Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.* (Westminster Short Catechism)

**Worship is Best Demonstrated Through Surrender and Trust.**

##### 2. Fellowship: You Were FORMED for God's Family.

- Purpose is shaped in Christ and among His people. (Acts 2:41-42, 46)
- You cannot become like Christ in isolation. (James 3:18 MSG)
- Discipleship is not information—it is transformation in community. (Matthew 22:37-40)

**God Forms Us Privately – But Matures Us Relationally.**

##### 3. Discipleship: You Were CREATED to Become Like Christ.

- Choose to let go of our old ways of acting. (Ephesians 4:22 MSG)
- Change the way we think. (Ephesians 4:23 CEV)
- Put on the character of Christ by developing godly habits. (Ephesians 4:24 NIV)

**The Process of Becoming Like Christ — Always Begins With a Decision.**

##### 4. Ministry: You Were SHAPED for Serving God.

- You were placed on this earth for a SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT. (Jeremiah 1:5)
- You're not saved by service, but you are saved for service. (2 Timothy 1:9)
- You are commanded to Serve and to Give. (Matthew 20:28)

**Through Ministry, We Discover the Meaning of Our Lives.**

##### 5. Evangelism: You Were MADE for Mission.

- Your mission is a continuation of Jesus' mission on earth. ((Matthew 28:19)
- You are the only Christ Follower some people will ever know. (2 Corinthians 5:20 MSG)
- Your mission has eternal significance. (Romans 10:14-15)

**"You don't have to find your mission—you already have one."**

**ADMIT**

**BELIEVE**

**CHOOSE**

### Reflection Questions

1. What currently occupies the “center” of my life—my thoughts, energy, and emotional weight?
2. How intentionally do I engage in worship beyond weekend services?
3. Where am I on the biblical pathway: belief → baptism → church family → worship → fellowship?
4. How do my relationships within the church reflect encouragement, accountability, and shared life?
5. How would I honestly describe my spiritual maturity right now?
6. In what ways am I being equipped to teach, disciple, or encourage others?
7. What abilities, experiences, or resources has God entrusted to me?
8. Where might God be inviting me to serve more faithfully or sacrificially?
9. How do I view myself—as an ambassador for Christ or a silent believer?
10. What is one intentional step I can take this week to share Christ—through words, actions, or invitation?

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