

FORWARD THINKING

Being Purposeful
October 30, 2016

2 Timothy 2:20-26

²⁰In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. ²¹Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

Grasping Your Honorable Purpose

1. **I Am Instrumental in God's Plans**
Psalm 139:16, Romans 8:28
2. **I Am Being Set Apart For God's Purpose**
2 Timothy 1:9
3. **I Am Useful in God's Work**
Ephesians 2:10
4. **I Am to be Prepared for God's Service**
Philippians 2:12-13

Home/Group Study

"If not to God, you will surrender to the opinions or expectations of others, to money, to resentment, to fear, or to your own pride, lusts, or ego. You were designed to worship God and if you fail to worship Him, you will create other things (idols) to give your life to. You are free to choose, what you surrender to but you are not free from the consequence of that choice."

— Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For?*

1. How would you answer someone who asked, "What is your purpose in life?"
2. What kinds of experiences make you a more useful instrument of God's grace?
3. Do you see yourself more as the good china or the port-a-potty? How does God see you?
4. What does it mean that God declares you to be necessary and needed for his work in the world?
5. What role do you play in preparing yourself to be available for God's service?