

THE ULTIMATE LIFESTYLE

God's Purpose for my Life

Romans 8:28-31

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One of the basic truths that every believer needs to understand is what God's purpose is for His children. Once you understand **what** God is doing in your life, you'll understand **why** He allows difficult circumstances in your life.

I. God's promise:

Romans 8:28 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

*What it _____ say: It does not say all things are good. It does not say all things work out the way I want them. It does not say all things have a happy ending here on earth.

*What _____ say: "And **we know** that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Why do they work together?

Romans 8:27 - And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in **accordance with God's will**.

Matthew 1:3 - ...whose mother was Tamar...

Genesis 50:20 - You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

II. God's purpose:

Romans 8:29 - For those God foreknew he also predestined **to be conformed to the likeness of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Genesis 1:26 - Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness..."

1 Corinthians 15:49- And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

*God wants me to be like _____.

Two ways God does this:

A. _____

John 17:17- Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

2 Corinthians 3:18- And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

B. _____

James 1:2-4- Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴ Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

1 Peter 1:6-7- In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17- Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

Hebrews 2:10- In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation **perfect** through suffering.

1 Thessalonians 5:18- give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

III. Our response

Knowing these things, we ought to demonstrate six positive attitudes toward the circumstances we encounter in life:

Romans 8:31 - What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

A. _____

Isaiah 43:1-2 - But now, this is what the LORD says – he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.”

B. _____

Luke 22:42 – “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”

C. _____

1 Timothy 6:6-8 - But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

Philippians 4:11 - I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. . .

D. _____

1 Thessalonians 5:18 - give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6 - Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

E. _____

Philippians 4:4 - Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice.

F. _____

Instead of saying, “Lord, why?” ask “Lord, what do you want to teach me?”