

# Our Life has Purpose!

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**1** Every life has *purpose*—and that *purpose* is to glorify God—whether we are working, waiting, preparing meals, playing sports, making music, or committing to an activity—

**2** Our thoughts should please God by asking for His help. NIV Proverbs 16:3 “*Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.*”

**3** Life with a *purpose* is life with a *goal*—and that goal is always with eternity in mind; being prepared to meet Jesus—knowing we will eventually see him and all those who have gone before us trusting God to the end.

**4** Life is not just be *going through the motions* with no purpose or goal in mind. We have been given the gift of life and that life should *glorify* God in all we do and decide—it is to *trust* Him every day and being ready to learn spiritual lessons God may give us.

**5** When we are aware of our *purpose* in life, we arise each day with a desire to fulfill *that purpose*—and our *primary* purpose is to glorify God that day.

**6** We can honor Him by the *things* we do; the *books* we read; the *music* we choose; the *games* we play; and the *attitudes* we show.

**7** Focusing our thoughts on *trusting* God for that day means *asking* Him what *He* has in mind for *us* to do that day.

**8** NIV 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.*”

**9** Each day begins by *serving* the Lord in some way and being *committed* to do His will in whatever we are involved with—that gives us real *purpose* as the day proceeds.

**10** NIV 1 Peter 4:11 “*If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*”

**11** When we do things with God’s love in our heart, we *show* His love to others. It helps us draw *closer* to God and we begin to understand our *purpose* in life.

**12** NKJV 1 John 4:7 “*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.*”

**13** Knowing God and knowing what He *promises* to do for us is important—since AV John 17:3 “*This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*”

**14** When our life has *purpose*, we are a *blessing* to others—our actions will bless those around us—in the home, at work, during games, and anywhere we happen to be.

**15** Following the example of Jesus is what blesses others—the example of divine love, acts of kindness, and always considering what they may be going through.

**16** Our *purpose* in life is to *serve* others as Jesus did—keeping a Christlike attitude—because a godly *example* can have a godly *influence* on anyone around us.

**17** The more we understand God’s *plan* and *purpose*, the more we understand the *price* He paid to save our soul.

**18** The sacrifice He made for us erases the sins in our past—they are expunged from the record

of our life. Our mistakes are forgotten when we repent and ask God for His forgiveness.

**19** We pray with a *clean* heart when our *faith* is in the atoning *Blood* of Jesus.

**20** A right start to anything begins with a sincere *repentance* and a *commitment* to accept the gift of His Spirit. It is an important *choice*—but a most *profound* choice—one we will *never regret*!

**21** The apostle’s *purpose* in life was to serve others as he faithfully followed his Lord and Master.

**22** He *encouraged* people and showed by example how to serve Jesus. AV Colossians 1:3 “*We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,*

**23** 4 *Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints.*”

**24** The apostle’s *purpose* in life was praying for others, and we should follow his example by doing the same.

**25** The apostle had heard of their *trust* in Jesus and of the *love* they showed others NKJV Colossians 1:5 “*Because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel.*”

**26** Our life has purpose as we look forward to the *hope* Heaven—being with God for an eternity; being with our Savior forever; and seeing again all those who have gone before trusting God—knowing that *their* purpose on earth was to also glorify God.

**27** NLT Colossians 1:6 “*This same Good News [Gospel AV] that came to you is going out all over the world [and bringeth forth fruit AV].*

**28** *It is changing lives everywhere, just as it changed yours that very first day you heard and understood the truth about God’s great kindness to sinners.*”

**29** The Good News of God's grace is part of every service message that is sent to many parts of the world through our printed Gospel program; our Internet Web page; and accessible in Drop Box that is available globally—24/7.

**30** The primary *purpose* of our church since it began in 1925 is to speak God's Truth in services and to send the same in printed form.

**31** NLT Colossians 1:7 "*Epaphras, our much loved co-worker, was the one who brought you the Good News. He is Christ's faithful servant, and he is helping us in your place.*"

**32** 8 *He is the one who told us about the great love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you.*"

**33** Our *purpose* in life is to be a faithful servant of Jesus and to help anyone else know God's Truth through our printed materials that explain of God's saving grace through the atoning sacrifice of Christ. Only God, through faith in Jesus, can enable anyone to receive eternal life.

**34** Our printed Brochures explain that everyone must *accept* the true Gospel; *repent* of sin; and then asking God in prayer to help us to walk in faithful obedience to His Word.

**35** These Gospel tracts tell of the need to have divine love toward others and asking for the Holy Spirit to give us a right attitude toward everyone.

**36** AV Colossians 1:9 "*For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;*"

**37** 10 *That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and **increasing** in the knowledge of God.*"

**38** Daily prayers for believers and for all people is the right thing to do—asking that God give them spiritual enlightenment so they can fulfill *their purpose* in life—which is also to

encourage; to pray for; and to help others by being a godly influence.

**39** Every life has a *purpose*, and God will enable us to *fulfill* that *purpose* as we give our life fully to Him.

**40** AV Romans 12:1 "*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*"

**41** *God is love* 1 John 4:8, 16 and we are to *emulate* that love toward everyone—that is our *purpose* in life.

**42** We are not on earth to be *remembered* for anything, but to be *prepared* for something—eternal life. And God will do the *preparation* work as we *follow* His directions.

**43** The only thing that really *matters* is what we did with the Gospel Truth God gave us.

**44** What is our *response* to the Good News of Jesus going to the Cross in *our* place and sacrificing His life for *us*?

**45** How do we show our appreciation for the *debt* He paid to redeem us back from the world?

**46** He paid a debt ***He did not owe***; to pay a debt ***we could not pay!***

**47** We make *many* choices in life, but choosing to be prepared for God's Kingdom is by far the most important one.

**48** Life actually presents us with *two* major choices—to *believe* Jesus and be ***commended*** or to *reject* Him and be ***condemned!***

**49** Two choices—two destinations! Live by faith in Him for an eternal Paradise or follow the world to *unquenchable fire* Matthew 3:12; Luke 3:17.

**50** When we live with eternity in mind, the things of earth *dim and lose their value*.

**51** The *end* of this life is just the *start* of the next—in God's kingdom! We *exit this* life and

*enter eternal* life. The return of Jesus will happen suddenly and with no further warning.

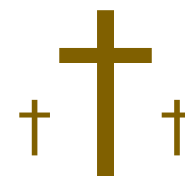
**52** We *must* be *awake and aware* of the *time* in which we are living! We have been told—AV Romans 13:11 "*Now it is high time to awake out of [spiritual] sleep,*" because His return is "*Nearer than when we believed.*"

**53** Following God's plan in faithful obedience gives our life real *purpose* and *meaning*! A life of *purpose* is a life that is all about *Him* and *not* about us.

**54** The Christian life begins with our making a commitment to "***the first and Great Commandment***" AV Matthew 22:37-38 To "***love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.***"

**55** Even though—AV 1 Peter 1:8 "*Having **not** seen, ye **love**; in whom, though now ye see him **not**, yet **believing**, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory—*"

**56** —because you are 9 "*Receiving the end of your **faith**, even the salvation of your souls.*"



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