

“What’s Holding You Back?”

“Purpose”

(Part 3)

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Heb. 12:1 “...let us strip off every weight that slows us down... And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.” (NLT)

I. Believe That God Has A _____ Designed For You

- You can’t experience something you refuse to believe in!

Eph. 2:10 “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” (NLT)

Heb. 12:1 “...the race God has set before us.” (NLT)

A. God created you for a predetermined purpose

B. God’s purpose is according to your _____ and results in your greatest fulfillment

John 10:10 “The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” (NLT)

II. Evaluate What _____ You Currently Live For

Prov. 14:15 “...The prudent carefully consider their steps.” (NLT) Let’s consider

Haggai 1:5-6 “Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.” (NIV)

A. Consider which kingdom you really live for

Matt. 6:33 “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” (NLT)

B. Commit to God’s Kingdom _____ for your life

John 5:40 “Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life.” (NLT)

III. Follow What God Has _____

Ps. 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path." (NLT) God's purpose is not a big mystery. He's given us His word to follow.

Deut 30:19-20 "Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life...You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life..." (NLT)

A. Seek to obey God's _____ priorities

Mark 12:29-31 "Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: ...you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these." (NLT)

B. Seek to obey God's _____ priorities

*I Cor. 12:7 "A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. " (NLT)
Eph. 4:16 "He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." (NLT)*

IV. Trust God As He Directs Your Life

Ps. 143:10 "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your gracious Spirit lead me forward on a firm footing." (NLT)

Prov. 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." (NLT)

A. Learn to be _____

B. Learn to be _____

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