

## 116 How Do I Find God's Purpose For Me?

**Q:** "I want God to use my life, but how do I find out what God's purpose is for me?"

*Psalm 37:3-5 "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."*

**A:** Finding God's purpose for your life starts by doing what He tells you in the little things, right where you are, and praising Him for what He is doing in your life right now! Feed on His word and observe His ways in those who are faithful to Him. As you delight yourself in loving and serving God, you will become more aware of His gifting already at work in you and find His purpose for creating your life.

*Ephesians 2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."*

**Q:** "I feel I have given my heart to Christ, so can I still have so many hang-ups?"

*Galatians 5:1 "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with a yoke of bondage."*

**A:** Hang-ups are messy things we keep in our hearts like the clutter we keep in the closet, that you're not quite ready to clean out, because there's important stuff you might still need in there! The hang-ups you can't let go of keep you tangled up in sin, and not be completely free, until you fully commit to let go and live your life for God.

*James 1:14-16 "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren."*

**A:** Whether it be desiring the old party life just a little, rehearsing memories of past offenses, or clinging to 'justified' anger like a security blanket, it is sin, because those thoughts keep you vulnerable to the traps of the prowling enemy who roars those thoughts into your heart, always waiting to tempt and lead you away from God's plan.

*John 8:34 "Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin."*

**A:** We become servants of sin by dwelling in past interests that are tied to a culture of sin, or by dwelling on thoughts of past unresolved hurts that are also tied to a culture of sin. The devil uses the ties you hold onto to bind you to sin, so you cannot live your life for God with a whole heart.

*1 Peter 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."*

**A:** If you would really be free to serve God, you must surrender your heart completely. Stop your mind from going back to old thought patterns, by replacing those thoughts with the living water of Jesus, who alone can cleanse you and make you free.

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**A:** Clinging to old thought patterns is as much a yoke of bondage as old rituals, you don't need them anymore so let them go!

**A:** If you want to be free and find God's purpose for you, you must love Him enough to make Jesus Lord and ruler of your life. Jesus will not invite every old thought and every past sin to torment you with fear!

*1 John 4:17-19 "Here is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgement: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us."*

**A:** Jesus loves you and wants you to take charge, to cast out the powerful stronghold those old thoughts have over you, so His perfect love can be perfected in you, and you can minister for Him in this world!

*2 Corinthians 10:3-5 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: <sup>4</sup>(for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) <sup>5</sup>casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."*

**Q:** "I know I need to stop letting old thoughts rule over me and look to Jesus as Lord, but how do I know that what I think God wants me to do is really what He wants me to do and not just my own thoughts?"

*Romans 4:20-24 "He (Abraham) staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; <sup>21</sup>and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. <sup>22</sup>And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. <sup>23</sup>Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; <sup>24</sup>but for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him...."*

**A:** When God spoke to Abraham in dreams or in his heart, Abraham could have questioned God but he did not. Abraham chose to believe and give glory to God. You must be fully convinced that God leads you just as He led Abraham, and trust Him, that His promise is for you too.

Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

**A:** If you will find His purpose, you must believe that He rewards you for seeking Him, and that He is able, and that He will perform in you what He promised to you.

**Q:** "What if I step out by faith but end up not having what it takes to succeed."

John 4:14 & 7:38 "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

**A:** Drink in what God gives to you until it becomes a fountain pouring out from you; God's well will never run dry!

**Q:** "I want to be what God has for me, but I know I'm far from what God wants me to be. In my heart I'm willing, but I don't know if I can, will God still use me?"

Romans 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

**A:** All God needs in you is a vessel willing to be continually washed by Him and willing to open your mouth, so that He can fill it.

Esther 4:14 "...and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

**A:** God created each one of us to fulfill a purpose for Him so of course God has a purpose for your life!

2 Timothy 2:20-21 "But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. <sup>21</sup> If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

**A:** Only you can decide if you are willing to purge yourself from your old life by renewing your mind in God's word and in fellowship with Him so you will become a vessel of honor He will use for His glory.

Philippians 1:6 "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

**A:** Don't underestimate the calling of God on your life. He created you for just such a time as this, are you ready?

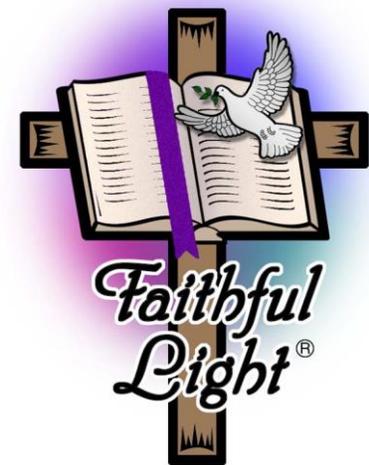
Prayer: *Dearest Father, Forgive me for doubting the plans you place in my heart; help me to believe and trust your voice in my heart. I surrender myself completely to You, Lord. Wash me and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. I pray that you will open my eyes to see your purpose and plan, and that you will strengthen me to walk in it, In Jesus name, Amen.*

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