

40 Weeks of Purpose

Week 4

Made to Last Forever

POINT TO PRAY ABOUT FROM LAST WEEK:

Live on Purpose.

Too often we either live our lives with no direction or purpose at all. We fill our life with appointments and responsibilities, but don't really have a Vision about where we are going.

We talked about the things that drive us. Do you remember any:

1 - Many people are driven by GUILT

- God specializes in giving people a fresh start

2 - Many people are driven by ANGER

- *It can't hurt you if you let it go...*

3 - Many people are driven by FEAR

- *Fear is a self-imposed prison that will keep you from becoming what God intends for you to be*

4 - Many people are driven by MATERIALISM

- Possessions only provide temporary happiness
- *Self worth and Net Worth are not the same*

5 - Many people are driven by the need for APPROVAL

- *These people allow the expectations of others to control their lives*
- Finding your purpose in God changes all this...
 - Frees you from this agony and upset
 - Changes your life from oppression and repression to expression

VERSE TO MEMORIZE FROM LAST WEEK:

“Let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us.” – Philipians 3:15 MSG

Remember Christ, **who for the Joy that was set before him**, endured the Cross, despising the shame...

QUESTION TO CONSIDER FROM LAST WEEK:

What would my Non-Christadelphian friends say is the driving force in my life?

It's amazing to me what others think about me. Unfortunately, depending on the environment that I associate with them, they might have a different opinion about what kind of person I really am.

• This Life is not all that there is!

- This life is just the Dress Rehearsal for the real show
- You will spend FAR more time in the Kingdom than you will as a Mortal
- This life is simply practice for the next
 - 1,000's of years from now you will look back on these 80 years and laugh at how small and insignificant they seem
- God intended from the very beginning for us to live forever...
- Ecclesiastes 3:11 NLT
 - 11) God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.
- You have an inborn instinct that longs for immortality
 - That explains why so many things in this world are not really satisfying
- The Bible uses the term “Tent” to describe this life, and “House” to describe the next
- 2nd Corinthians 5:1-5 NIV
 - 1) Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.
 - 2) Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling,
 - 3) because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

- 4) For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.
- 5) Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

- One big difference between this life and the next is the choices available to you
 - In this world there are literally millions of choices for what kind of life you want to live
 - In the next world, there is only two: Immortal or Dead
- You choose now
 - If you choose to have things your way, you will be on your own in the end
 - If you choose to say, “Thy will be done”, then you will share eternity with God
- ***God made you for this very purpose...***
- You aren't **INTENDED** to live 80 years of suffering, sin, shame and sadness...
 - God **INTENDS** you to be changed...
 - ***To become immortal saints***
- If you really understand, comprehend and **BELIEVE** that this is the case...
 - It affects your life...
- It affects the way you look at life
 - You start living in light of eternity
- Your values change
 - You use your time and your money differently
 - You place a higher premium on relationships instead of fame
 - You value character instead of wealth
- Things that you used to value become valueless
- Philippians 3:7-8 ESV

- 7) But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

- 8) Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ
- One of the biggest trap of this life is short-term thinking
 - What are some examples of short-term thinking?
 - To make the most of this life, you need to keep the vision of eternity continually in your mind, and the value of it deep in your heart
 - Don't live each day as if it is the first day of the rest of your life...
 - Live it as if it's the last day of your life

POINT TO PRAY ABOUT THIS WEEK:

There is more to life than this life.

VERSE TO MEMORIZE THIS WEEK:

“And this world is fading away, along with everything it craves. But if you do the will of God, you will live forever.” – 1st John 2:17 NLT

QUESTION TO CONSIDER THIS WEEK:

What is one thing that I am doing that is short-sighted and focuses solely on this life?