

40 Weeks of Purpose

Week 8

Planned for God's Pleasure

POINT TO MEDITATE ABOUT FROM LAST WEEK:

My ultimate goal is to bring Glory to God.

Keeping your eye on the goal helps you make decisions that are in keeping with that goal.

VERSE TO MEMORIZE FROM LAST WEEK:

"Everything comes from God, and everything is for His Glory." – Romans 11:36

A proper understanding of where everything comes from helps us to see things clearly. If we truly believe that everything we have comes from God, then we are more inclined to offer it back to him as an offering.

QUESTION TO CONSIDER FROM LAST WEEK:

Where in my daily routine can I become more aware of God's Glory?

Seeing God in our daily life is crucial to us developing an awareness of God

- God's plan has always been for us to be His Children and to bring Him pleasure
- Ephesians 1:5 NLT
 - 5) His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.
- God's purpose for us was to bring Him pleasure
 - How do we bring God pleasure?
- Psalm 147:11 CEV
 - 11) The LORD is pleased only with those who worship him and trust his love.
- God is pleased when we Worship Him

- What is Worship?

- Worship is a lifestyle

- Anything that you do that brings pleasure to God is an act of Worship

- 1st Corinthians 10:31 NIV

- 31) So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

- It is more than singing, praying and listening to an exhortation

- Worship isn't for you, it's for God

- If you feel like you didn't get anything out of the Worship Service, remember that

- We know one clear thing about how to worship God

- He wants it to be authentic, genuine and honest

- Isaiah 29:13 NIV

- 13) The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men.

- Stale prayers, insincere praise, empty words and man-made rituals don't please God

- God's heart is not touched by Tradition, but by Passion

- Worship is not a PART of your life, it IS your life!

- Look at the wording God uses to describe when we should Worship Him:

- Psalms 113:3 ESV

- 3) From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

- How can you do everything to the Praise of God

- By doing everything as if you were asked by Jesus to do it for him

- Colossians 3:23 NIV

- 23) Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men

- That is the kind of Worship that God wants from us
 - Our entire life!
- Romans 12:1 MSG
 - 1) So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life--your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life--and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.
- When you fall in love with someone you think of them all the time
 - No matter what you are doing you are thinking of them
- That is what God wants from us...

POINT TO MEDITATE ABOUT THIS WEEK:

I was planned for God's pleasure.

VERSE TO MEMORIZE THIS WEEK:

"The Lord takes pleasure in His people." – Psalm 149:4

QUESTION TO CONSIDER THIS WEEK:

What common task could I start doing as if I were doing it directly for Christ?