



A Journey with Purpose

Finding God's Plan For Your Life



It's NOT about YOU!

*“Men were not ushered into being for the purpose of being saved or lost! **God Manifestation NOT Human Salvation** was the great purpose of the Eternal Spirit. The salvation of a multitude is incidental to the manifestation, but was not the end proposed. The Eternal Spirit intended to enthrone Himself on the earth, and in so doing, to develop a Divine family from among men, every one of whom shall be Spirit, because born of the Spirit, and that this family shall be large enough to fill the earth, when perfected, to the entire exclusion of flesh and blood”.*

*- John Thomas, **Phanerosis***



It's **NOT** about **YOU!**

- It's **ALL** about **GOD!**
- You were born **BY** His Purpose, and **FOR** His Purpose
- You focus your life on **SERVICE TO GOD**, and He focuses His love on **BLESSING YOU**



Romans 8:5-8 (Message)

- 5) Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them - a living and breathing God!
- 6) Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life.
- 7) **Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God.** Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what he is doing.
- 8) And God isn't pleased with being ignored.



Matthew 16:24-25 (Message)

- 24) Then Jesus went to work on his disciples.
"Anyone who intends to come with me
has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I
am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it.
Follow me and I'll show you how.
- 25) **Self-help is no help at all.** Self-sacrifice is the
way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self.



Ephesians 1:8-12 (Message)

- 8) He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need,
- 9) letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ,
- 10) a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.
- 11) **It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for.** Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living,
- 12) **part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.**



Isaiah 44:1-2 (NIV)

- 1) "But now listen, O Jacob, my servant, Israel, **whom I have chosen.**
- 2) This is what the LORD says - he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you...



Psalm 139:13-16 (NIV)

- 13) **For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.**
- 14) **I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**
- 15) **My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,**
- 16) **your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**

What Drives People

1. People are driven by **GUILT**





Psalm 32:1-2 (Message)

- 1) How happy you must be that **your sins are forgiven** - you get a fresh start, your slate's wiped clean.
- 2) How happy you must be, **GOD holds nothing against you** and you're holding nothing back from him.



What Drives People

1. People are driven by **GUILT**
2. People are driven by **ANGER**



Job 5:2 (NIV)

- 2) **Resentment kills a fool, and envy slays the simple.**



What Drives People

1. People are driven by **GUILT**
2. People are driven by **ANGER**
3. People are driven by **FEAR**



1st John 4:18 (NIV)

- 18) There is no fear in love; but **perfect love drives out fear**: because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.



What Drives People

1. People are driven by **GUILT**
2. People are driven by **ANGER**
3. People are driven by **FEAR**
4. People are driven by **MATERIALISM**



Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

- 24) No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve both God and Money.**



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4. People are driven by **MATERIALISM**
5. People are driven by **APPROVAL**



1st John 2:15-17 (NIV)

- 15)** Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- 16)** For everything in the world - the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does - comes not from the Father but from the world.
- 17)** The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.



Knowing Your Purpose

1. Gives **MEANING** to your life
2. **SIMPLIFIES** your life
3. **FOCUSES** your life
4. **MOTIVATES** your life
5. **PREPARES** you for eternity



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.



God intends you to change!

- If you really understand, comprehend and **BELIEVE** this... It affects your life!
- Your values change!
- You start to see life from **God's Point of View**



God's Point of View

1. Life is a **TEST**



God constantly tests you!

- God tests your **LOVE** through **PEOPLE**
- God tests your **HOPE** through **POSSESIONS**
- God tests your **FAITH** through **PROBLEMS**



2nd Chronicles 32:31 (NIV)

- 31)** But when envoys were sent by the rulers of Babylon to ask him about the miraculous sign that had occurred in the land, **God left him to test him and to know everything that was in his heart.**



1st Corinthians 10:13 (Message)

- 13)** No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; **He'll never let you be pushed past your limit**; He'll always be there to help you come through it.



James 1:12 (NIV)

- 12) Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, **he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.**



God's Point of View

1. Life is a **TEST**
2. Life is a **TRUST**



Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

- 21) “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! **You have been faithful with a few things**; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”



Money

- Money falls into **BOTH CATEGORIES**
- God uses Money to teach us to **TRUST** Him
- Money is also one of our greatest **TESTS**



Luke 16:11 (NIV)

- 11) So if you have not been trustworthy in handling **worldly wealth**, who will trust you with **true riches**?



God's Point of View

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3. Life is **TEMPORARY**



Life Through God's Eyes

- Compared to Eternity... Life is **SHORT!**
- **THIS** World is **NOT** our **PERMANENT RESIDENCE**



Psalm 39:4-5 (NLT)

- 4) LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered, and that my **life is fleeing away**.
- 5) My life is no longer than the width of my hand. An entire lifetime is just a moment to you; **human existence is but a breath**.



2nd Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)

- 20) **We are therefore Christ's ambassadors**, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.



Life in a Foreign Country

- A person living in the land of the **Enemy** because his King has asked him to is called an **AMBASSADOR**
- A person living in the land of the **Enemy** because he's grown comfortable with the way of life offered in that country, and has come to prefer it to his own country, is called a **TRAITOR**



1st Peter 2:11 (Message)

- 11) Friends, **this world is not your home**, so don't make yourselves cozy in it. **Don't indulge your ego at the expense of your soul.**



1st Corinthians 7:31 (NLT)

- 31)** Those in frequent contact with the things of the world should **make good use of them without becoming attached to them**, for this world and all it contains will pass away.



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2nd Corinthians 14:18 (Message)

- 18) There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. **But the things we can't see now will last forever.**



God's Design for This World

- God has designed this world purposely so that you experience a certain amount of **DISCONTENT** and **DIS-SATISFACTION** with your life
- You are not **INTENDED** to live in **THIS WORLD**
- God has created you for a **BETTER PURPOSE**



1st Corinthians 2:9 (NIV)

- 9) However, as it is written: *“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him”*



Hebrews 11:13-16 (Message)

- 13) Each one of these people of faith died not yet having in hand what was promised, but still believing. How did they do it? They saw it way off in the distance, and accepted the fact that they were transients in this world.
- 14) People who live this way make it plain that **they are looking for their true home.**
- 15) If they were homesick for the old country, they could have gone back any time they wanted.
- 16) But **they were after a far better country** than that - a *heavenly* country. You can see why God is so proud of them, and has a City waiting for them.



Your Ultimate Goal

- It's **NOT** about **YOU!**
- It's **ALL** about **GOD!**
- The **ULTIMATE GOAL** of the entire universe is to give **GLORY** to God



Isaiah 43:7 (NLT)

- 7) All who claim me as their God will come, for **I have made them for my glory**. It was I who created them.



The Great Commandment

Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)

- 37) Jesus replied: “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**’
- 38) This is the first and greatest commandment.
- 39) And the second is like it: **‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’**



The Great Commandment

Love the Lord your God

- You were planned for God's pleasure, and your purpose is to love God through **WORSHIP**

Love your Neighbor

- You were designed for serving, and your purpose is to show love for others through **MINISTRY**



The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

- 19) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- 20) and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.



The Great Commandment

Baptizing them

- You were formed for God's family, and your purpose is to identify with His Ecclesia through **FELLOWSHIP**

Teaching them

- You were created to become like Christ, and your purpose is to grow to maturity through **DISCIPLESHIP**



God's Purpose for Your Life

1. You bring glory to God by **WORSHIPPING** your Heavenly Father
2. You bring glory to God by **LOVING** His other followers
3. You bring glory to God by **BECOMING** like His son Christ
4. You bring glory to God by **SERVING** His other children



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