

Lesson Notes:

Fulfilling God's Purpose in Our Lives

If you have come to Love the Lord you are aware that you have not been placed here on earth to drift aimlessly about but you have been placed on earth by God to fulfill a specific purpose. Below is a discussion of God's plan for our lives and how we can best fulfill his purpose for us.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **You were created for a purpose** – In **Romans 8:28** the apostle Paul tells us that all things work together for those called according to his purpose. Notice that we are called according to “his purpose” and not “our purpose”. In **Psalms 100:3** David tells us that God watches over us like sheep in a pasture.
- 2) **God wants us to be content in his service** – King Solomon tells us in **Ecclesiastes 3:13** that God wants us to enjoy our service to him. This is not meant that our service to him will be easy. It means that it is our God's desire that our service to him is fulfilling to each of us.
- 3) **God's greatest commandment requires us to serve him** – Jesus tells us in **Matthew 22:36-37** that the greatest commandment is to love our Lord with all our heart, all of our soul and with all our minds. The logical consequence of this is to serve him.
- 4) **Our Heart determines the course of our life.** – Solomon tells us in **Proverbs 4:23** that all issues of life spring from our heart. So our heart will tell us what becomes important to us in our life. Does the love of Christ dwell within your heart?
- 5) **To be effective servants of God we must purify our hearts** – Jesus tells us that we can know a person by the “fruit they bear” in **Matthew 7:16-20**. In **Matthew 21:18-19** we see that Jesus cursed the barren fig tree and when he did it withered away. He was showing his disciples that his expectations for us is to bear him fruit through our service to him.
- 6) **God has a different purpose and plan for each individual** – Paul tells us in **Romans 12:6-8** that we have different gifts and we are to use them accordingly.
- 7) **Romans 12 provides us with keys to finding our purpose for God**
 - 1) **Offer yourself to God for his use** – **Romans 12:1**
 - 2) **Don't be conformed to the outside world** – **Romans 12:2**
 - 3) **Be realistic about your abilities and calling** – **Romans 12:3-4**
 - 4) **Use your gifts in proportion to the faith God has given you** – **Romans 12:6-8**
 - 5) **Live “the truth” inside your heart** – **Romans 12:9-11**
 - 6) **Learn to be patient** – **Romans 12:12**
 - 7) **Be a “team player”** – **Romans 12:15-16**
- 8) **Give it the “Ole College Try”** – In **2 Chronicles 31:21** we see that Hezekiah, one of the first leaders in the nation of Israel poured his whole heart into his work. Whatever our service to God we need to give him our “best effort”.

9) **Finally, Pray for God's Guidance** – David tells us in **Psalm 25:4-6** to pray to God for guidance in your life.