

God's 5 Purposes For Your Life

The Foundation for a Life Well-Lived – Part 3

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“Hezekiah was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years . . . He did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight . . . Hezekiah trusted in the Lord . . . There was never another king like him in the land of Judah, either before or after his time. He remained faithful to the Lord in everything, and he carefully obeyed all the commands the Lord had given Moses. So, the Lord was with him, and Hezekiah was successful in everything he did.”

2 Kings 18:2-7 (NLT)

“(Later) Hezekiah got sick. He was about to die. The prophet Isaiah said ‘Prepare your affairs and your family. This is it: You’re going to die. You’re not going to get well.’ Hezekiah turned away from Isaiah and, facing the wall, prayed to God: ‘God, please, I beg you: Remember how I’ve lived my life. I’ve lived faithfully in your presence, lived out of a heart that was totally yours. You’ve seen how I’ve lived, the good that I have done.’ . . . Then God said, ‘I’ve heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Here’s what I’ll do: I’ll add fifteen years to your life.”

Isaiah 38:1-5 (Mes)

“Be careful how you live. Live wisely, not foolishly. Make the most of your time and take every opportunity to do good because evil is everywhere. Don’t live carelessly without thinking. Instead, make sure you understand what the Lord wants you to do with your life.” Eph. 5:15-17

“If you keep your life clean from sin, you will be an instrument that God can use for his highest purposes.” 2 Tim. 2:21

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO WITH THE REST OF MY LIFE?

1. GOD WANTS ME TO _____
“LOVE The Lord your God with all your heart . . . and soul and mind and strength. This is the first and greatest commandment.” Mt. 22:37-38

THIS FIRST PURPOSE IS CALLED _____

“A sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.” Phil. 4:7 (Mes)

2. GOD WANTS ME TO _____
“Let us not give up the HABIT OF MEETING TOGETHER . . . instead let us encourage one another.” Heb. 10:25 (TEV)

THIS SECOND PURPOSE IS CALLED _____

“Those who believed . . . were baptized and added to the church . . . They joined with the other believers and committed themselves to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship . . . They worshiped together regularly at the Temple . . . and met in small groups in homes . . .” Acts 2:41-42, 46

NOTE THE ORDER:

1. God wants me to BELIEVE in Jesus
2. Next, he wants me to be BAPTIZED
3. JOIN a church family
4. Commit to regular WORSHIP
5. Connect to a small group FELLOWSHIP

3. GOD WANTS ME TO _____
“Let us go on . . . and become mature in our understanding, as strong Christians ought to be.” Heb. 6:1 (LB)

THIS THIRD PURPOSE IS CALLED _____

“By now you should be teachers. Instead, you still need someone to teach you . . . !” Heb. 5:12 (GW)

4. GOD WANTS ME TO _____
“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other.” 1 Peter 4:10 (LB)

THIS FOURTH PURPOSE IS CALLED _____

“What can I GIVE BACK to God for the blessings he's poured out on me?” Ps. 116:12 (Mes)

5. GOD WANTS ME TO _____
“Through Christ, God has made peace between us and himself, and He gave us the work of telling everyone about the peace we can have with Him . . . So, we have been sent to speak for Christ!” 2 Cor. 5:18,20 (NCV)

THIS FIFTH PURPOSE IS CALLED _____

“In our work together with God, we beg those of you who have received God's grace TO NOT LET IT BE WASTED!” 2 Cor 6:1 (TEV)