

“OPEN YOUR EYES TO WHY GOD MADE YOU!”

Series: *Some important things to share*

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Ephesians 1:11-12 (Mes) *“It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for . . . part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.”*

Colossians 1:16 (Mes) *“Everything, absolutely everything . . . got started in Christ and finds its purpose in him.”*

1. **GOD PLANNED ME FOR HIS PLEASURE**

Revelation 4:11b (NLT) *“You God created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created!”*

Psalms 149:4 (TEV) *“The Lord takes pleasure in his people . . .”*

Ephesians 1:4 (Mes) *“Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, God had us in mind, and settled on us as the focus of his love . . .”*

THE 1st PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO: To know God and to love God

1 Timothy 6:21 (LB) *“Some people have missed the most important thing in life—they don’t know God.”*

2. **GOD FORMED ME FOR HIS FAMILY**

Ephesians 1:5 (NLT) *“God’s 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.”*

1 Peter 1:3a (LB) *“God has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God’s own family.”*

1 Timothy 3:15b (NCV) *“That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.”*

1 Peter 2:17b (Mes) *“Love your spiritual family.”*

THE 2nd PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO: LEARN TO LOVE OTHERS

Romans 12:5 (NLT) *“We belong to each other and each of us needs all the others.”*

3. **GOD CREATED ME TO BECOME LIKE CHRIST**

Philippians 2:5 (NCV) *“In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus.”*

2 Corinthians 3:18b (NLT) *“As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him.”*

THE 3rd PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO: LEARN TO GROW UP SPIRITUALLY

Mark 4:17 (Mes) *“Some people have such shallow soil of character that when their emotions wear off and difficulty arrives, there’s nothing to show for it.”*

4. **GOD SHAPED ME TO SERVE HIM**

Psalms 139:13 (Mes) *“You shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother’s womb.”*

Spiritual Gifts

Hearth

Abilities

Personality

Experiences

Ephesians 2:10 (NCV) *“God made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which he planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.”*

1 Peter 4:10 (LB) *“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God’s many kinds of blessings.”*

THE 4th PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO: SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

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5. GOD MADE ME FOR A MISSION

John 17:18 (Mes) *Jesus: “In the same way that The Father gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.”*

Acts 20:24 (ICB/Lit) *“I consider that my life will be wasted unless I use it to complete my mission and finish the assignment that the Lord Jesus has given to me—to tell everyone the Good News about God’s grace.”*

Proverb 19:21 *“We can make all kinds of plans, but only God’s purpose will last forever.”*

2 Corinthians 5:15 (Mes) *“Jesus included everyone in his death so everyone could be included in his life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own.”*

Psalms 34:8 (Mes) *“Open your eyes and see how good God is! Blessed are you who run to him.”*

Matthew 11:28-30 (Kjv) ²⁸ *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

Acts 10:35 (Mes) *“It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open.”*

A PRAYER FOR LIVING THE LIFE THAT GOD CREATED YOU TO LIVE

Dear God, Everything you create has a purpose, including me. I don’t want to miss my purpose, or waste my life, or live it disconnected from you. Instead I want to become what YOU designed me to be.

Starting today, I want to follow your plan for my life, not my plan. You made me for a relationship with you, so I want to get to know you and love you and trust you. Thank you for sending Jesus to pay for my sin. Help me to understand that.

I want to grow more like Jesus every day. And I want to use my life on earth to serve you by serving others. Help me to share this good news with others and to fulfill my life mission.

I invite you into every area of my life.