

FOUNDATIONS

Track One : Believer to Disciple

Lesson 14 : Fulfilling God's Purpose For Your Life

This lesson is designed to teach us that God has a specific purpose for each one of you, and encourage us to discover, pursue and fulfill God's purpose.



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Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture quotations are taken from the Holy Bible, New King James Version.

1. Introduction

God has a plan for each of our lives and we must go on to fulfill those plans. This lesson will enable us to first of all recognize that God has a unique purpose for each one of us. When we are convinced about that, we must then be willing to do whatever it takes to fulfill His plans and purposes for our lives.

Kindly use the free APC Publication "Fulfilling God's Purpose For Your Life" for a complete study on this subject. The lesson outline here is based on chapter 1 from that book.

2. Understanding that God has a Purpose for Your Life

2.1. God Is a God of Plan, Purpose, Design and Objective

God is a God of plan, purpose, design and objective and He does not work at random or arbitrarily.

Acts 15:18

18 Known to God from eternity are all His works.

Isaiah 46:10

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.'

2.2. God has His Purpose—The 'General Purpose' or 'The Master Plan'

God has a "Master Plan"— the eternal purpose that He unfolds and executes on the earth today.

God's Master Plan is

- To have people saved,
- For them to come to the knowledge of the truth and
- To be conformed to the image of His Son Jesus Christ.

2.3. God has a Purpose for You—"A Specific Plan"

- God has a blueprint for your life.
- God has a dream for your life.
- God created you for a purpose.

- God designed you to be able to fulfill the purpose that He had in mind for you.

Psalms 139:16

16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.

Remember He has a plan and purpose for YOU! There are good works that God pre-planned for you to accomplish on the earth.

Ephesians 2:10

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

There are places that God wants you to go to; people He wants you to touch, lives He wants you to impact; things He wants you to accomplish; cities to transform, nations to shake!

Living life is simple! Find out what God has planned for your life and walk in it!

God's "specific plan" for us is a piece of His "master plan." As you go about fulfilling God's specific purpose for your life, you will help carry out God's general purpose on the Earth.

2.4. God's Plan for us is Always Good!

Be CONVINCED that God's plan for you IS good! God is for you and not against you. His plans for you are always for your 'shalom' (well-being, health, prosperity, success, peace). There is nothing better than God's plan for you!

Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace (Heb. 'shalom') and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Romans 8:28

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

2.5. We Must Cooperate with God to Fulfill His Plan

1 Corinthians 3:9

9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

The fulfillment of God's plan for our lives is not automatic. The fulfillment of God's plan and purpose for our lives is dependent on us. Some may never begin to do God's plan while others may do just a small percent of His plan. The Bible talks about Apostle Paul who "finished His course."

God expresses His will in heaven. But He looks to His people on earth to execute it.

2.6. We Must Discover and Pursue God's Plan for Our Lives

God's plan and purpose for our lives need not be a mystery! Some people are of the opinion that God's will is so mysterious that we cannot know it! This is absolutely untrue!

God is more than willing to reveal His will—His plan and purpose for our lives, if we are willing to seek Him for it.

There are nine 'guideposts' (See Chapter 2 in the book "Fulfilling God's Purpose for Your Life") that will help us discern God's leading and direction for our lives.

2.7. God Will Prepare You to Fulfill His Plan and Purpose

The more thorough your preparation, the more likely you are to succeed. Remember that preparation time is never wasted time. The greater the call, the greater the preparation needs to be!

2.8. God Helps Overcome Past Failures

We may make mistakes, but God can help us overcome our failures and help us complete His call. Any weakness that you do not conquer will be used by satan against you.

God is greater than time. God is greater than our mistakes.

God is not looking for perfect vessels. He is looking for yielded vessels.

2 Corinthians 4:7

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

It is the power of God working through us. We are earthen vessels.

2.9. Satan Will Hinder us from Fulfilling God's Purpose

A God-given dream will always face demonic opposition.

Delays are not always from God (Daniel 10:2-14). Satan may attempt to delay your miracle and thus weaken your desire to keep reaching out for God's highest and best.

2.10. We Must Remain Focused on God's Call

Distractions—broken focus will result in wasted time and energy. God said, "Turn not to the right hand or to the left" (Proverbs 4:27).

2.11. We Must Have Endurance

The taste of victory outlasts the memory of your struggle (Mike Murdock).

Your endurance is demoralizing to satan (Mike Murdock).

3. Application

- 1, Believe that you were designed by God for a specific purpose
- 2, Pray and ask the Lord to reveal to you His dream for your life
 - Progressively things will become clear to you
- 3, Decide that you will live for His purpose for your life and will not settle for anything else

4. Reflection

- 1, At this stage in life do I have a sense of God's purpose and His dream for my life?
- 2, How would I go about discovering God's purpose for my life?
- 3, Write down what you feel are the things God wants you to fulfill in life.