

THE PROMISE OF PURPOSE-FILLED LIFE

PROMISES - WEEK 6

Purpose defined:

1. the reason for which something exists or is done, or is made
2. an intended or desired result; aim; goal.
3. determination; resoluteness.

I. Misguided Motivations

A. _____ - _____

Jude 18 They told you that in the last times there would be scoffers whose purpose in life is to satisfy their ungodly desires.

B. _____

Proverbs 11:28a “A life devoted to things is a dead life, a stump.”

Matt. 16:25 “If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.”

Ecclesiastes 4:4 “I observed that most people are motivated to success because they envy their neighbors.”

C. _____

Galatians 1:10 “Obviously, I’m not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ’s servant.”

D. _____

Romans 12:3b Don’t think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.

E. A _____ - _____ life

John 10:10 The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

II. The _____ of Knowing Life’s Purpose

A. Purpose _____ life

Proverbs 13:7 “A pretentious, showy life is an empty life; a plain and simple life is a full life.”

B. Purpose provides _____

Philippians 3:13-15 I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead. I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. So let’s keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision—you’ll see it yet! Now that we’re on the right track, let’s stay on it.”

C. Purpose _____ us for _____

Ecclesiastes 3:11 Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God’s work from beginning to end.

D. Purpose provides _____

1. _____ work saps strength and robs our joy.

Isaiah 49:4 “My work has been for nothing. I have spent My strength for nothing.”

Job 7:6,16 “My life drags by—day after hopeless day . . . I hate my life and don’t want to go on living.

2. Purposeful work _____ & _____ us

See Ephesians 3:20 and Isaiah 26:3 (GN)

Key: Nothing matters more than knowing God’s purposes for your life, and nothing can compensate for not knowing them.

III. We were _____ by and for God

Colossians 1:16 “For through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can’t see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.”

Key: You were conceived in the mind of God before you were conceived by your parents.

A. God has _____ for us

Jeremiah 29:10 -13 This is what the Lord says: “You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. ¹¹For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. ¹²In those days when you pray, I will listen. ¹³If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

B. God has a _____ for us

Ephesians 1:11-12 (Msg) “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, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.”

Key: Self-focus never reveals life’s purpose. God is not just the starting point of your life, He is the source of your life.

The promise: Your Purpose Can Be Discovered.

Jeremiah 29:13-14 (Message) “When you come looking for me, you’ll find me. “Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I’ll make sure you won’t be disappointed.” God’s Decree. “I’ll turn things around for you. I’ll bring you back from all the countries into which I drove you”— God’s Decree—“bring you home to the place from which I sent you off into exile. You can count on it.”

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