

PURPOSEFUL LIVING - 1



THERE IS A PURPOSE!

1Jn.3: 8b.

I. Introduction & Definition:

Purpose can be defined both as noun and verb.

Purpose as a noun is your reason, intention or motive for something. It can also be defined also as your aim, ambition, aspiration, resolution, goal, hope, objective, outcome, point, result and end.

To purpose as a verb is to aim, decide, determine, resolve and will to do something or certain things.

Your purpose is what you live for; the essence of your existence and what you hope to achieve with your life.

Your purpose is your reason or 'why?' for life.

Your purpose will influence, affect and reflect in everything you do in life - your plans, priority, pace and direction in life - **Jn.9: 4.**

II. Examples & Challenges:

1. The Challenge of Marriage.
2. The Challenge of Pregnancy.
3. The Challenge of COVID-19 and the Lockdown.

There are now too many people in the world who are confused because they cannot clearly define their purpose.

III. God of Purpose:

God is a God of purpose in that He always has a reason or purpose for everything He does. You are not an accident! God has a reason and purpose for creating you and I -

Jesus Christ also lived a purposeful and fulfilled life - **Jn.18: 37; 1Jn.3: 8b.**

Your success or failure in life will depend on whether or not you achieve God's purpose for your life. God wants all of us to achieve His purpose for our lives and be successful - **Jer.29: 11.**

IV. God's Main Purpose For Creating Man:

1. To be like God - **Gen.1: 26; Lev.11: 44a & 45b; Ps.82: 6; Amos 3: 3; Jn.4: 24; 1Pet.1: 15-16.**
2. To fellowship with Him - **Gen.1: 26; 2: 18; 1Jn.1: 3.**
3. To give Him pleasure - **Rev.4: 11.**
4. To give Him glory - **Isa.43: 6-7; 1Cor.6: 19-20.**
5. To give Him praise and worship - **Ps.150: Ps.149: 5-7; 150: 6; Jn.4: 24; Col.3: 16.**
6. To be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth - **Gen.1: 27-28; 9: 1; Mk.16: 15.**
7. To dominate the earth and subdue it - **Gen.1: 27-28; 9: 1-2; Matt.16: 18-19; 18: 18-20; 28: 19-20; Lk.10: 19.**

Benefits of Purposeful Living:

1. Purposeful living will shape our vision
2. Purposeful living will sharpen our focus
3. Purposeful living will help us set our plans and priorities right
4. Purposeful living will deliver us from the distractions of life
5. Purposeful living will give us speed in life
6. Purposeful living will help us live well, meaningful and fulfilled life.
7. Purposeful living will make us productive, fruitful and successful

Challenge and Conclusion:

Are you living a purposeful life? How are you fulfilling God's purpose for your life?