

*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.*

 – Hebrews 6:19

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**Arrive & Eat Supper**

**Welcome**

**Prayer**

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**Closing Prayer**

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**Chapter 6– Living a Life of Purpose**

Why do you exist? What is your God-given task on this Earth? Why do you get up every morning to face your day? How and why are you using your day? What is the most important thing about one’s life?

“Everyone is caught up in activity. But activity without purpose becomes mindless, boring, and depressing.”

Consistency in the pace of life may seem positive but without purpose it is fruitless:

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 - My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil. Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

Our priorities and how we live our lives are very important. Read: “The Dash” – By Linda Ellis

In your life and death, how can you fulfill your life’s purpose, focusing on the things the matter and accomplish God’s general and specific calling and desires for your life?

David achieved God’s Purpose for his life then Died

Acts 13:36 - “Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.”

The Apostle Paul understood his unique calling and purpose in life.

Acts 20:24 – “I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race (my course) and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.”’

2 Timothy 4:7 - I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Jesus showed that his goal was to fulfill God’s ultimate purpose and plan: (Die on Calvary’s cross for our sins)

John 4:34 - “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”

John 6:38 - For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

John 8:29 - The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.”

John 9:4 - As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one

can work.

Isaiah 50:7 – I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

Luke 9:51 - When the days draw near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

3 Principles About Purpose

1. Purpose is about Finding your Mission: Mandate – Something you will die to achieve.

 Ephesians 2:10 - For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God

prepared in advance for us to do.

Proverbs 19:21 - Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.

 Jeremiah 32:19 - Great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds. Your eyes are open to the ways of

all mankind; you reward each person according to their conduct and as their deeds deserve.

1 Peter 2:9 - But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession,

that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Matthew 12:49-50 - **“Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my father in**

**heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”**

Romans 8:28 **-** called according to his purpose.

 1 Corinthians 7:24 – Brothers and sisters, each person, as responsible to God, should remain in the

situation they were in when God called them.

 Philippians 1:6 – He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ

Jesus."

2. Purpose Drives you Forward, towards your Divine Assignment: Methods – Your mandate will dictate

your method.

 Colossians 3:23-24 - Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for

human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

 1 Corinthians 9:22-23 - To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all

people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel,

that I may share in its blessings.

 Acts 20:35 - In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak.

 Philippians 2:13 - "For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure".

 Philippians 3:12 - I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

 Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

 Hebrews 12:1-2 - Run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the

pioneer and perfecter of faith.

 Mark 12:30 - Love the Lord your God with **all** your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind

and with all your strength.’

3. Purpose is about Priorities: Money, Moments, & Means – Where a man spends his money, time, & resources

shows his priorities. Your mandate and methods will be supported by your investment in that calling.

 Luke 16:13 – You cannot serve God and money.

 Acts 20:35 – …It is more blessed to give than receive.

 Matthew 19:21-22 - Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the

poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Luke 19:8-9 - Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my

possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

General Purposes of Humanity

1. Great Invitation – John 6:30 - For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him

shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. (Romans 10:1)

2. Great Duty – Ecclesiastes 12:13 - Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.

3. Great Commandment - Matthew 22:37-40 - Love God, Love Others

4. Great Commission – Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8 – Go & Make Disciples, Baptize and Teach Them

Ways to Find Your Unique (Specific) Purpose

1. Seek God’s Direction

 Matthew 6:33 – Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and all these things will be

given to you as well.

 Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and

not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

James 1:5 - If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without

finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Psalm 32:8 - I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my

loving eye on you.

 Isaiah 31:20 - Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying,

“This is the way; walk in it.”

2. Always Seek to Please God, not Yourself (Don’t focus on building your Prestige, Power, & Position.

Eliminate Personal Ambition, Desire to Influence Others, & Gain Followers.)

 2 Corinthians 5:9 – So we make it our goal to please Him, whether we are at home in the body or away

from it.

 1 Corinthians 10:13 - So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of

God. (Isaiah 43:7 – We were created for God’s Glory)

 Philippians 2:3-4 *-* Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others

above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

 Luke 17:10 - So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are

 unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’

 Matthew 25:21 - “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with

a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”

3. Review Your Trajectory

 Romans 8:28 – "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."

4. Find & Use Your Gifts for Others

 Romans 12:6-8 – We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is

prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

 1 Peter 4:10-11 - “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful

stewards of God's grace in its various forms.” If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. See also: 1 Corinthians 12 & Ephesians 4

Program Tools for Identifying Your Purpose

SHAPE: **S**piritual Gifts, **H**eart, **A**bilities, **P**ersonality, **E**xperiences

PLACE: **P**ersonality, **L**earn Spiritual Gifts, **A**bilities, **C**onnecting Passions, **E**xperiences of Life

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**The Dash**

**Linda Ellis**

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of his birth and spoke of the

following date with tears,

But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth.

And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars…the house…the cash.

What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard. Are there things you’d like to change?

For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what’s true and what’s real

And always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more

And love the people in our lives like we’ve never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile,

Remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read, with your life’s actions to rehash

Would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent YOUR dash?