

FINDING PURPOSE:

In Christ. In Community. For the Journey.

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What Does God Want from My Life?

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)

*“Be **careful** how you live, not as fools but as those who are wise. **Make the most of every opportunity** for doing good in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly, **but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do.**”*

3 BASIC QUESTIONS

1. WHAT DOES GOD WANT?

Romans 6:13 (NLT)

*“Give yourselves **completely** to God since you have been given new life. And use your **whole body** as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God.”*

“The only thing Christianity cannot be is moderately important.”

C. S. Lewis

Deuteronomy 10:12 (NCV)

*“This is what the Lord your God wants you to do: Respect the Lord and do what he has told you to do. Love him. **Serve the Lord your God with your whole being.**”*

Matthew 6:24

*“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both **God** and **money.**”*

Luke 9:59-62

He said to another man, “Follow me.”

*But the man replied, “**Lord, first let me** go and bury my father.”*

⁶⁰*Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”*

⁶¹*Still another said, “I will follow you, **Lord; but first let** me go back and say good-bye to my family.”*

⁶²*Jesus replied, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”*

Luke 14:16-21

Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

¹⁸*“**But they all alike began to make excuses.** The first said, ‘I have just bought a **field**, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’*

¹⁹*“Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and **I’m on my way to try them out.** Please excuse me.’*

²⁰*“Still another said, ‘**I just got married**, so I can’t come.’*

²¹*“The servant came back and reported this to his master. **Then the owner of the house became angry ...**”*

Proverbs 3:6 (LB)

*“In **everything** you do, **put God first**, and **he will direct you** and **crown your efforts with success.**”*

2. WHAT DOES IT TAKE?

Proverbs 10:17

Whoever practices discipline is on the way to life.

1 Timothy 4:7 (NASB)

"Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness."

Discipline = _____

Discipline = _____

1 Timothy 4:7 (LB)

"Spend your time and energy in the **exercise** of keeping spiritually fit."

The discipline of _____

Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)

"Let us strip off every **weight** that slows us down, especially the **sin** that so easily hinders our progress."

The discipline of putting _____

Luke 10:40-42 (NRSV)

Martha was **distracted by her many tasks**; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me." But the Lord answered her, "**Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things**; but there is need of **only one thing** and Mary **has chosen the better part** ..."

Psalms 39:6 (NLT)

All our **busy rushing**, ends in nothing.

Proverbs 10:27 (LB)

Reverence for the Lord adds hours to each day.

Philippians 2:13 (TEV)

God is always at work in you to make you **willing and able** to obey his own **purpose**.

3. WHY SHOULD I DO IT?

2 Corinthians 5:15

And he **died for all**, that those who live **should no longer live for themselves** but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Ephesians 1:7 (GW)

Through the blood of his Son, we are set free from our sins. God forgives our failures because of his overflowing kindness."

Romans 12:1 (GW)

Brothers and sisters, **in view of all we have just shared about God's compassion**, I encourage you to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, dedicated to God and pleasing to him.

2 Corinthians 6:1 (Msg)

We beg you, **please don't squander one bit of this marvelous life** God has given us!

Only one life will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.

Habakkuk 3:2 (NCV)

Lord, I have heard the news about you; I am amazed at what you have done. Lord, do great things once again in our time; make those things happen again in our own days.

Fill in the blanks: My whole life, Discipline, Delayed gratification, Habits, letting go, first things first, The cross



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