

GOD'S FIVE PURPOSES FOR YOUR LIFE

Time to Dream: Trusting God to Open Doors – Part 6
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“Hezekiah was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years... He did what was pleasing in the Lord’s sight... Hezekiah trusted in the Lord... There was never another king like him in the land of Judah, either before or after his time. He remained faithful to the Lord in everything, and he carefully obeyed all the commands the Lord had given Moses. So, the Lord was with him, and Hezekiah was successful in everything he did.” 2 Kings 18:2-7 (NLT)

“(Later) Hezekiah got sick. He was about to die. The prophet Isaiah said ‘Prepare your affairs and your family. This is it: You’re going to die. You’re not going to get well.’ Hezekiah turned away from Isaiah and, facing the wall, prayed to God: ‘God, please, I beg You: Remember how I’ve lived my life. I’ve lived faithfully in Your presence, lived out of a heart that was totally Yours. You’ve seen how I’ve lived, the good that I have done.’ ...Then God said, ‘I’ve heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Here’s what I’ll do: I’ll add fifteen years to your life.” Isaiah 38:1-5 (MSG)

“Be careful how you live. Live wisely, not foolishly. Make the most of your time and take every opportunity to do good because evil is everywhere. Don’t live carelessly without thinking. Instead, make sure you understand what the Lord wants you to do with your life.” Ephesians 5:15-17

“If you keep your life clean from sin, you will be an instrument that God can use for His highest purposes.” 2 Timothy 2:21

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO WITH THE REST OF MY LIFE?

1. GOD WANTS ME TO CENTER MY LIFE AROUND HIM!

“LOVE the Lord your God with all your heart...and soul and mind and strength. This is the first and greatest commandment.” Matt. 22:37-38

• THIS FIRST PURPOSE IS CALLED WORSHIP

“A sense of God’s wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It’s wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.” Philip.4:7 (MSG)

2. GOD WANTS ME TO LEARN TO LOVE HIS FAMILY

“Let us not give up the HABIT OF MEETING TOGETHER...instead let us encourage one another.” Hebrews 10:25 (TEV)

• THIS SECOND PURPOSE IS CALLED FELLOWSHIP

“Those who believed...were baptized and added to the church... They joined with the other believers and committed themselves to the Apostles’ teaching and fellowship... They worshiped together regularly at the Temple...and met in small groups in homes...” Acts 2:41-42, 46

3. GOD WANTS ME TO CULTIVATE SPIRITUAL MATURITY!

“Let us go on...and become mature in our understanding, as strong Christians ought to be.” Hebrews 6:1 (LB)

• THIS THIRD PURPOSE IS CALLED DISCIPLESHIP

“By now you should be teachers. Instead, you still need someone to teach you...!” Hebrews 5:12 (GW)

4. GOD WANTS ME TO CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING BACK

“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other.” 1 Peter 4:10 (LB)

• THIS FOURTH PURPOSE IS CALLED MINISTRY

“What can I GIVE BACK to God for the blessings He’s poured out on me?” Psalm 116:12 (MSG)

5. GOD WANTS ME TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIS LOVE

“Through Christ, God has made peace between us and Himself, and He gave us the work of telling everyone about the peace we can have with Him... So, we have been sent to speak for Christ!” 2 Cor. 5:18,20 (NCV)

• THIS FIFTH PURPOSE IS CALLED WITNESSING

“In our work together with God, we beg those of you who have received God’s grace TO NOT LET IT BE WASTED!” 2 Cor. 6:1 (TEV)

NOTE THE ORDER:

1. God wants me to BELIEVE in Jesus
2. Next, He wants me to be BAPTIZED
3. JOIN a church family
4. Commit to regular WORSHIP
5. Stay connect to a group FELLOWSHIP

HOMEWORK FOR THIS WEEK #6: TIME TO DREAM

1. Read the devotional sent each day.
2. Pray for everyone else participating in this 40-day spiritual campaign
3. Memorize this promise:
“As God’s fellow workers, we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain.” 2 Cor. 6:1