

THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE

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WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

CHAPTERS 3 AND 4

WHAT IS DRIVING(CONTROLLING, DIRECTING) YOUR LIFE?

- Philippians 3:10- That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.
- There are hundreds of circumstances, values, emotions, beliefs that may drive our lives . We will consider only five.

GUILT

- Some people are driven by guilt. They spend their lives running from regrets and hiding their shame. They allow their past to control their future and imprison them.
- God is concerned about your future not your past. Jer 29:11
- You have been forgiven. Your sins and faults are no longer remembered. Forgive yourself and move on like Paul. Philipians 3:13.

FEAR

- Some are driven by fear, afraid to venture out. They want to play it safe. They don't maximise opportunities.
- Fear is a self-imposed prison that will keep you from becoming what God intends for you to be.
- Luke 12:32. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
- Deut 31:8. And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

RESENTMENT AND ANGER

- They hold on to pain and hurt and internalise their anger and resentment.
- Resentment will hurt you more than the person you are angry with.
- The offender has moved on. You also need to move on to fulfil purpose.
- James 1:20. For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

WEALTH AND MATERIALISM

- Their desire to acquire more is the goal of their lives. They want bigger, newer, better things and covet after material things rather than spiritual.
- They think the more they have, the more value they have.
- Self-worth and net worth are not the same.
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- Your life does not consist in the abundance of things you possess.

NEED FOR APPROVAL

- They allow expectations of others to control their lives – Parents, teachers, friends, spiritual leaders)
- One key to failure is to try to please everyone. Being controlled by the opinion of others is a guaranteed way to miss God's purpose.
- Striving to please men leads to stress, lack of fulfilment in life.
- Gal. 1:10- For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

BENEFITS OF BEING GOD DRIVEN

- It gives meaning to life. It simplifies our life.
- It keeps us focused on what is important.
- It gives us passion and energy for things we must do.
- It prepares us for eternity. We build eternal legacy when we fulfil God's purpose.

MADE TO LAST FOREVER

- God has planted eternity in the human heart. Eccl 3:11
- This life on earth is not all that there is. Life on earth is just a dress rehearsal for the real life which is eternal.
- Life on earth offer many choices. Eternity has only two choices; Heaven and Hell.
- Your relationship with God on earth will determine His relationship with you in eternity.

LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF ETERNITY

- Your values and priorities change.
- Glimpse of eternity with God is in His Word. So study and live by the Book.
- Do not live in denial of death. Only a fool would not prepare for death which is the door to eternity.
- There is more to life than here and now.