

Your Purpose in Life

Someone once said that if "we aim at nothing, we will surely hit it." This is especially true in our own lives. To be unsure of our purpose and direction in life is like being on a long journey without having a specific destination in mind. The objective of this lesson is to determine what the Bible says regarding the most basic and profound question facing all humanity: the purpose of our own existence.

Where does life come from?

A. God is the:

1. Giver of life (John 5:21, 6:27, Acts 17:24-25)
2. Bread of life (John 6:35, 48)
3. Author of life (Acts 3:15)
4. Light of life (John 8:12)
5. Resurrection and the life (John 11:25)
6. Creator of life (Genesis 1)
7. Destroyer of life (Matthew 10:28)
8. Word of life (1 John 1:1)
9. Way, the truth and the life (John 14:1-6 Acts 4:12)

B. God is the owner of:

1. The tree of life (Revelation 2:7; 22:19)
2. The water of life (Revelation 21:6; 22:1; 22:17)
3. The crown of life (Revelation 2:10)
4. The book of life (Revelation 13:8; 17:8)

(How do we know our names are in the book? 1 John 5:11-13)

What kind of life does He give?

A. Temporal (this present life)

1. We are like vapor (James 4:14)
2. Our bodies are tents (2 Corinthians 5:1-3)
3. Our flesh is like grass (1 Peter 1:24-25)

B. Eternal

1. We have a heavenly dwelling place forever (2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1)

2. Die to self,live for eternal (Mark 8:34-37; John 12:24-25)

3. ...,the gift of God is eternal life... (Romans 6:23)

Conclusion

A. The Apostle Paul (Philippians 3:7-14; 1 Corinthians 9:23-24; 2 Timothy 4:6-8)

B. Jim Elliot, Christian missionary and martyr for his faith said,

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose"

C. For Believers

1. To live, not for ourselves, but for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

2. To praise Him (Isaiah 43:7; Ephesians 1:12)

3. To please Him in all respects (Colossians 1:9-10; 2 Corinthians 5:9)

4. To bear fruit of good works (Colossians 1:9-10; Ephesians 2:10)

5. To know Him (Colossians 1:9-10; John 17:3)

6. To bring glory to God in all that we do (1 Corinthians 10:31)