

PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE

We Were Created for God's Purpose

Key Scriptures

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

1 Corinthians 9:24 (NKJV)

"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it."

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Introduction

Many people spend their lives asking, *"Why am I here?"* Others spend their entire lives

pursuing goals without ever discovering the reason God created them.

The Bible teaches that we were not created by accident. We were created by God, for God, and for a divine purpose. A purpose-driven life is a life that is aligned with God's will and dedicated to fulfilling His assignment.

The greatest success in life is not becoming rich, famous, or powerful. The greatest success is discovering and fulfilling God's purpose for your life.

1. We Were Created for God's Purpose

Ephesians 2:10

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works..."

God did not create us randomly. Before we were born, He already had a plan for our lives.

Jeremiah 1:5

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."

God knew:

- Your beginning.
- Your gifts.
- Your calling.
- Your destiny.

Every person carries a divine assignment from God.

Isaiah 43:7

"Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory."

Our purpose begins with bringing glory to God.

2. Life Is Like a Race

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Paul compares life to a race.

Everyone is running after something:

- Success
- Wealth
- Influence
- Recognition

The important question is not whether you are running.

The important question is:

Are you running the race God assigned to you?

Many people are busy but not purposeful.

Many are active but not effective.

Many are running hard but in the wrong direction.

Facts About Purpose

1. We Are All Running a Race

Everyone is pursuing something in life.

2. Many Are Off Target

Activity is not the same as purpose.

Being busy does not mean you are fulfilling God's will.

3. Many Run Because Others Are Running

Society often pressures people to follow the crowd.

4. Some Run Races That Are Not Theirs

Many spend years trying to imitate others.

God never called you to be someone else.

5. God Created Us for a Purpose

Every life has meaning and assignment.

6. God's Purpose Should Become Our Goal

Our greatest ambition should be fulfilling God's will.

The Greatest Obstacle to a Purpose-Driven Life

Copying Others

One of the greatest enemies of purpose is comparison.

Many people:

- Run because others are running.
- Pursue careers to impress people.
- Make decisions based on pressure.
- Live to gain approval from others.

God has given each person a unique calling.

Romans 12:3

"Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought."

When we compare ourselves with others, we lose sight of our own assignment.

God blesses us when we remain in our lane.

Benefits of Living According to God's Purpose

1. You Discover the Meaning of Life

The greatest discovery is discovering why God created you.

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you..."

2. You Experience Fulfilment

Purpose brings satisfaction that money cannot buy.

When you are doing what God created you to do, there is joy and peace.

3. You Receive Energy and Motivation

People rarely become exhausted doing what they are passionate about.

Purpose creates enthusiasm and perseverance.

4. God's Grace and Provision Follow Purpose

When God calls, He also provides.

His favor accompanies His assignment.

5. Challenges Become Opportunities

When you understand your purpose, difficulties no longer stop you.

Instead, they strengthen you.

Every challenge becomes training for your destiny.

6. You Become Fruitful

Jeremiah 17:7-8

The person who trusts God becomes like a tree planted by the waters.

Even during difficult seasons, they continue to bear fruit.

7. You Finish Your Race Well

2 Timothy 4:7

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

A purpose-driven life ends with fulfillment rather than regret.

How to Discover Your Purpose

1. Surrender Yourself to God

Romans 12:1

Present your body as a living sacrifice.

Purpose begins with surrender.

2. Renew Your Mind

Romans 12:2

Allow God to transform your thinking.

A renewed mind can recognize God's will.

3. Change Your Perspective

Begin to see life through God's eyes rather than the world's standards.

4. Pray Honestly

Ask God:

- Why did You create me?
- What is Your will for my life?
- How can I serve You?

God reveals His purpose to those who seek Him.

5. Trust God Completely

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Purpose is discovered through faith and obedience.

6. Use What God Has Given You

God often reveals purpose through:

- Gifts
- Talents
- Skills
- Passion
- Opportunities

Use what is already in your hands.

7. Serve Wherever You Can

Many people discover their calling while serving.

Look around and ask:

"Where can I make a difference?"

Purpose is often revealed through service.

Conclusion

God created you intentionally and purposefully.

Like Esther, you may have been positioned where you are for a divine reason.

Esther 4:14

"Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

And like David:

Acts 13:36

"For David, after he had served God's purpose in his own generation, fell asleep."

May it be said of us that we served God's purpose in our generation and finished our race faithfully.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for creating us with purpose and destiny. Help us to discover Your will and walk in it faithfully. Deliver us from comparison and distraction. Renew our minds and align our hearts with Your plans. May we run our race with discipline, serve Your purpose in our generation, and finish strong. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prophetic Declaration

- I am created for God's purpose and God's glory.
- I shall discover and fulfil my divine assignment.
- I will not run another person's race.
- God's grace and provision shall follow my purpose.

- Every challenge shall work for my advancement.
- I shall be fruitful in every season.
- I will serve God's purpose in my generation.
- I will finish my race with joy and receive my crown in Jesus' name. Amen.