

EMBRACING THE VISION: THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE

God's Vision for the Rest of Your Life
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"It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for . . . part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone."

Ephesians 1:11 (MSG)

"Everything, absolutely everything . . . got started in him and finds its purpose in him."

Colossians 1:16 (MSG)

1. GOD PLANNED ME _____

"You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased."

Revelation 4:11 (NLT)

"The Lord takes pleasure in his people." Psalm 149:4 (GNT)

"Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love." Ephesians 1:4 (MSG)

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment." Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV)

"I don't want your sacrifices—I want your love; I don't want your offerings—I want you to know me." Hosea 6:6 (TLB)

• THE 1st PURPOSE OF LIFE IS: _____

"Some of these people have missed the most important thing in life—they don't know God." 1 Timothy 6:21 (TLB)

"People who don't know God are always worrying." Matthew 6:32 (CEV)

2. GOD FORMED ME _____

"God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure." Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

"God . . . has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God's own family." 1 Peter 1:3 (TLB)

"That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth." 1 Timothy 3:15 (NCV)

"Love your spiritual family." 1 Peter 2:17 (MSG)

• THE 2nd PURPOSE OF LIFE IS: _____

"We belong to each other, and each needs all the others."

Romans 12:5 (NLT)

3. GOD CREATED ME _____

"From the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son." Romans 8:29 (TLB)

"We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created."

Colossians 1:15 (MSG)

"In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5 (NCV)

"As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him."

2 Corinthians 3:18 (TLB)

• THE 3rd PURPOSE OF LIFE IS: _____

"There is such shallow soil of character that when the emotions wear off and some difficulty arrives, there is nothing to show for it." Mark 4:17 (MSG)

4. GOD "SHAPED" ME _____

"You shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb."

Psalms 139:13 (MSG)

Spiritual Gifts

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experiences

"God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing."

Ephesians 2:10 (NCV)

"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings."

1 Peter 4:10 (TLB)

• THE 4th PURPOSE OF LIFE IS: _____

5. GOD MADE ME _____

Jesus: *"In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world." John 17:18 (MSG)*

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

"Those who embrace these my ways are most blessed." Proverbs 8:32 (MSG)

“He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own.”

2 Corinthians 5:15 (MSG)

“Open your eyes and see—how good God is. Blessed are you who run to him.”

Psalms 34:8 (MSG)

Jesus: *“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. . . and you’ll recover your life. . . and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”*

Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG)

“It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open.” Acts 10:35 (MSG)

A PRAYER OF PURPOSE

Dear God, thank you for creating me and loving me. I want to fulfill the purposes that you created me for. So, starting today, I really want to get to know and love and trust you. I want my life to bring you pleasure and I want to become a part of your family. Help me to grow more like your Son Jesus, and to use my life to follow and serve you. Thank you for sending Jesus to die for me. In the weeks ahead, help me to understand your vision and mission for the rest of my life.

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