

Living on Purpose

1 Corinthians 10:31; Philippians 1:19-20

“Our greatest fear should not be of failure, but of succeeding at things in life that really don’t matter.” Frances Chan

The general purpose of all Creation- recognize God and live in his world accordingly

The general purpose of all Christians- pursue the mission of God and magnify him in all things

Anyone’s specific purpose is usually discovered as we live in the God-ordained circumstances of everyday life (providence of God)

Living in our everyday calling of providence prepares us to stay on purpose when tragedy strikes

1 Corinthians 10:31 TEXT

You are incredibly blessed; what are you doing with it all?

In the daily, mundane things of life- how are you leaning into practical holiness, magnifying God & being in the lives of others?

Daily life is both the training ground and the most common proving ground for living on purpose.

Philippians 1:19-20 TEXT

How do we best prepare ourselves to live on purpose? “I eagerly anticipate and hope”

Eagerly anticipate= put aside other distractions to stretch out your neck and concentrate on what God is bringing your way next.

-Like anticipating the pain of childbirth for the truth and beauty of the new life it brings

hope- a settled assurance that is established in Jesus

-Looking forward to tomorrow with a firm assurance that I will honor God no matter what because of who Jesus is and what he has done.

A dedicated submission to what is/what will be as God’s providence and to my faithful response because of Jesus’ commitment to and work for me.

There's a concentrated, maximum effort here (2 Peter 1- "make every effort")

Paul is being deliberate about his affections, intentions and planned actions- based on what?

- 1- the prayers of others
- 2- the prison of the Holy Spirit (through prayer!)
- 3- he is convinced he'll be delivered, one way or the other
- 4- he has pointed his life at God's purpose for him

Courage- guts and drive to live on purpose no matter the circumstances or fears that will arise

usually, this word "courage" is about courageous speech

-When you go through seasons of suffering, will your words reveal Christ and the gospel as BIG?

-Courageous words to proclaim Christ's glory whether life or death comes to you

-That Christ will be exalted- and there we all have our big purpose:

-That we would always live and speak so that Christ is revered as BIG

Is Christ revealed as BIG through how you use your body, whether in life or in death?

In the West, we tend toward one of two misuses of our bodies:

-idolization of the body through overemphasis on health

-over-indulgence in food & comfort; idolizing personal satisfaction at any cost

Is Jesus seen as big in what you do with your body?

How can you make sure you're not ashamed of how your body is displaying how big Jesus is this week?

sex food activity & rest service mind

If we don't do this NOW, are we really eager and hopeful about living for God's purposes?

Many of us are shame- oriented people in the worst ways, and our religious practices tend to be shame-based

What does Paul mean by not being ashamed?

-That we would miss our purpose in life because we aim our lives to fulfill goals that don't reveal Christ as BIG

God wants us to avoid the shame of choosing lesser purposes thinking they're the ultimate purpose, failing to show how BIG Christ is

Are you glorifying God in the every day things you do?

Is your every day living soaked with excellence, morality, decency and love so Jesus is seen as BIG?

Are you looking forward to how you can make Jesus BIG no matter what happens next?

How can you train your heart to know Jesus as being true and beautiful this week?

In order to live on purpose no matter whether life or death comes your way, you must know Jesus as being both true and beautiful

-true= the only source of lasting, satisfying purpose

-beautiful= moral perfection; place as exalted above all; preciousness of cross and resurrection; love, beauty, power, deity

This week, meditate on 1 Cor. 1:15-20 and social media post 1 thing that is beautiful about Jesus every day

Live on purpose!

-intentionally; it's the only bad to soul fulfillment

-What is your executable plan for this?

-eagerly expect and hope that you will live on purpose no matter what

-convinced of the truth and beauty of Jesus

-insure that others see Jesus as BIG through you

Not possible without Christ!