

Live On Purpose

STEP 4A

Living on purpose means aligning our lives with God's will, pursuing His calling, and reflecting His love and truth in all we do. The Bible emphasizes that God has a unique plan for each of us, and living intentionally allows us to fulfill His purpose and bring glory to Him.

Let's explore key scriptures to understand how to live on purpose, the barriers we face, and how to walk in God's plan for our lives.

1. God's Purpose for You

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

2. Called to Glorify God

1 Corinthians 10:31

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

3. Equipped for Good Works

Ephesians 2:10

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

4. Overcoming Distractions

Hebrews 12:1-2

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

5. Living by the Spirit

Galatians 5:16

"So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."

Living on purpose involves trusting God's plan, seeking His guidance, and intentionally choosing actions that align with His truth.

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

The Bible teaches that God created us with intention, but sin, distractions, and self-reliance can pull us away from His purpose.

Philippians 3:13-14

"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Distractions and sinful desires can derail us from God's purpose, but His Spirit empowers us to stay focused.

Romans 12:2

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

- 1. Based on Jeremiah 29:11 and Ephesians 2:10, how does knowing God has a specific plan for your life encourage you to live on purpose? What steps can you take to discover or align with His plan for you?
- 2. 1 Corinthians 10:31 calls us to do everything for God's glory. What are some practical ways you can live out this principle in your daily routines, relationships, or work?
- 3. Hebrews 12:1-2 mentions hindrances and sin that can entangle us. What are some common distractions or sins that keep you from living on purpose, and how can focusing on Jesus help you overcome them?
- 4. Proverbs 3:5-6 emphasizes trusting God over our own understanding. Can you share a time when relying on your own plans led you astray? How can submitting to God's guidance help you live more purposefully?
- 5. Galatians 5:16 and Romans 12:2 highlight the role of the Holy Spirit and a renewed mind in living purposefully. What practices (e.g., prayer, Bible study, community) can help you walk by the Spirit and avoid conforming to the world's patterns? How have these practices impacted your life?