

# Why Should I Re-Purpose?

## Re-Purpose

For A \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose

**Repurpose:** To alter to make more suited for a different purpose.

New \_\_\_\_\_

- Old Me:

**Ephesians 4:17** With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused.

**18** Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. **19** They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity.

- New Me:

**20** But that isn't what you learned about Christ. **21** Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, **22** throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. **23** Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. **24** Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

- New Purpose:

**25** So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. **26** And "don't sin by letting anger control you." [Psalm 4:4] Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, **27** for anger gives a foothold to the devil. **28** If you are

a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need. **29** Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. **30** And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. **31** Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. **32** Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. (NLT)

\_\_\_\_\_ Of What God Has Done

**What did God do?**

- Ephesians Chapters 1-3

**Ephesians 1:3** All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. **4** Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. **5** 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. **6** So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. **7** He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. **8** He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. (NLT)

God's \_\_\_\_\_ Blessings

**Ephesians 1:9** God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. **10** And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. **11** Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan. *(NLT)*

**God's \_\_\_\_\_ Plan**

**Ephesians 1:22** God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. **23** And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself. *(NLT)*

**Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ Authority**

**Ephesians 2:1** Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. **2** You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. **3** All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. **4** But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, **5** that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) *(NLT)*

**God's \_\_\_\_\_ Mercy**

**Ephesians 2:8** God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. **9** Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. **10** For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. *(NLT)*

**God's \_\_\_\_\_ Masterpiece**

**Ephesians 2:14** For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. **15** He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. **16** Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death. *(NLT)*

**God's \_\_\_\_\_ Reconciliation**

**Ephesians 2:20** Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. **21** We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. **22** Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit. *(NLT)*

**God's \_\_\_\_\_ System**

**Ephesians 3:4** As you read what I have written, you will understand my insight into this plan regarding Christ. **5** God did not reveal it to previous generations, but now by his Spirit he has revealed it to his holy apostles and prophets. **6** And this is God's plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God's children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus. *(NLT)*

**God's \_\_\_\_\_ Promise**

**Ephesians 3:10** God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. **11** This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord. **12** Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence. **13** So please don't lose heart because of my trials here. I am suffering for you, so you should feel honored. *(NLT)*

**Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ Access**

**Ephesians 3:14** When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, **15** the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. **16** I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. **17** Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. **18** And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. **19** May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. **20** Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. **21** Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen. *(NLT)*

**God's \_\_\_\_\_ Love**

**To Win The \_\_\_\_\_**

**Ephesians 6:12** For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. *(NLT)*