

Purpose and Identity

Lord, our prayer is that you help us in our search to discover our true purpose on earth. Lead us as we read your word to discover the pure joy and peace once we understand and accept God's purpose for each of us.

Proverbs 19:21 says, "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails".

What are the personal plans on your heart right now? Do you know the purpose of your plans?

Our journeys are very different and of course very personal. Many journey's take a long time and entail significant pain and confusion. Other individual journeys are much shorter and may be more blessed and less agonizing. Whatever your personal "life journey" is, it will not end in peace and happiness until you discover God's purpose for you.

Until you come to this realization, you will have difficulty finding true peace, contentment and serenity in your life.

In Jeremiah 29:11 it says, "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”.

Did you know that God has plans “only for you”, and that His plan is for you to prosper now and in the future?

Deuteronomy 2:7

“The LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He has watched over your journey through this vast wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you, and you have not lacked anything” (you’ve had access all along...).

This Scripture from the Old Testament tells of the Lord’s faithfulness in watching over the Israelites for 40 years. Do you know God’s faithfulness has, is and will always be with you in the future?

1. Do you believe that God has a plan “just for you”? Do you know what God’s plan for you is or what you think it might be?

2. If you do not know God’s purpose for you on earth how can you discover it? What tools can you use in your journey of discovery and enlightenment?

Some example passages:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

16 Be joyful always; 17 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Micah 6:8

8 He has showed you, O man, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

Matthew 11:28-30

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his

appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Prayer

When we are faced this month with questions of following our personal plans please help us to pray fervently for your direction. Help us to discover your purpose for us and give us the strength, humility and peace to follow your direction. We understand knowing your purpose for us does not mean life necessarily gets easier, or less trouble free. We do know, that it means our "life's journey" becomes less complicated and more straight forward because we know you are in our hearts and on our side.

Lord, please help each of us to learn our true purpose on earth. Give us the insight to read Scripture with understanding in discovering your personal plan for us. When praying, we will be open to hearing your words of wisdom leading us to become more like you.