

Walking with PURPOSE – or...the purpose of the walk

Purpose – focus, resolute, aimed in a specific direction, created and existing for intention and an objective in mind.

Purpose creates meaning, offers a sense of direction and helps guide our paths, behavior and our goals when applied to our lives

NOT having purpose - accidentally. inadvertently. involuntarily. unintentionally. Careless, and neglect

Man, I sure didn't mean to ... fail, cheat, sin, lose, crash, break, lie,

How to follow Gods purposes:

1. Listen – discover what it is. In Prayer sit still, sit down, shut up!
2. Obey scripture – stop justifying YOUR decisions to suit YOUR plans

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

Life Events vs Your LIFE's Purpose

The purpose driven life – book by rick warren

What are the 5 purposes of The Purpose Driven Life?

“God wants to redeem human beings from Satan and reconcile them to himself so we can fulfill the five purposes he created us for: to love him, to be a part of his family, to become like him, to serve him, and to tell others about him.”

Does life have meaning for an atheist?

“eat, sleep, and be merry...for tomorrow we die!”

Whats the meaning of life? Evolution? No eternity?

The man who knows “what” to do... will always be the servant of the man who knows “why” and sometimes we have to trust God with the WHY!

Life Events vs Your LIFE's Purpose

Tragedy can rob you of your life's purpose:

1. A woman was loading groceries in a parking lot and set her baby (in a carrier) behind the wheels of the car next to her. The driver did not see and backed out. Killing the infant
2. A business partner had a financial crisis and embezzled the entire checking account of your shared business. You had to file bankruptcy and ended up committing suicide from depression.
3. A very close church friend was offended by a board member and stopped attending. He also criticized every church, God and the Bible then became an atheist. Because you wanted to support him, you also stopped going and your whole family never went again.
4. Your cousin was brutally raped in an office when no one was around and they never caught the guy after years of investigation. She never survived emotionally and got a divorce, leaving her husband and 3 kids. No one has seen her in years.
5. A man and his friend were cutting down a very large tree in the woods when the friend decided to go into town for lunch. While he was gone, the tree fell straight into the mans leg and drove him into the ground. He was losing blood fast while his friend had to search for a jump start to the old truck. Hours went by. The man in the woods ended up cutting off his leg and crawled for a mile to safety.
6. A young man in Kernersville NC was cutting down a water tower when a large piece of metal fell across his leg and rendered him unconscious. The whole town watched as a helicopter crashed trying to recue him with no success. His widow and children would never forget the tragedy.

The foreknowledge, the pharisees, and the pharaohs!

1. Seek Gods pre plan
2. don't reject spiritual leadership
3. don't dismiss enemies and obstacles

Jer 1:5 - "**Before I formed you** in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

1 Peter 2:9

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Acts 2:23

23 This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and **foreknowledge;** and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

Acts 13:36

36 "Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried

Luke 7:30

30 But the Pharisees and the experts in the law **rejected God's purpose** for themselves,

Rom 8:28 –

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Rom 9:17

For Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up **for this very purpose**, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."