



The Power of Purpose

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I. Your Purpose Precedes Your P_____

- In the Kingdom mindset, we do not have jobs; we have a_____.
- People who know their Kingdom assignment are motivated beyond the paycheck.
- You are an expression of God's workmanship.
- You must put purpose before profession and Kingdom deployment before organizational employment.
- The issue is not whether we have a job; the issue is whether we are pursuing our p_____.

II. Your Job May Be a P_____ for Your Purpose

- We should never create the impression that s_____ employment is somehow inferior to ministry because Kingdom purpose is not limited to c_____ and p_____.
- When a person walks through your door looking for work, don't just look at their r_____; see them for their K_____ potential just as Jesus did.
- The résumé tells you where they have been; purpose tells you where G___ may be taking them.
- The résumé identifies skills; purpose identifies a_____.
- The résumé lists job experience; purpose looks at Kingdom p_____.

III. Your Purpose Requires P_____ Not Just Placement

- Placement is about location; position is about relationship to p_____.
- We must never confuse the provision of God with the purpose of God because they are sometimes c_____.
- What good is career success if you completely miss God's purpose for your life?

IV. Your Purpose Provides P_____ of Your Profession

How to Find Your Kingdom Purpose

1. **Begin with the King, not yourself.** Purpose originates with God. Ask first, *“Lord, what do You want from my life?”* Proverbs 19:21: “There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless, the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.”
2. **Understand your universal Kingdom purpose.** Before discovering your specific assignment, every believer shares the same fundamental purposes: glorify God, become like Christ, love others, make disciples, and represent His Kingdom. Matthew 6:33; Matthew 28:19–20; 2 Corinthians 5:20.
3. **Identify what God has put inside you.** Your gifts often provide clues to your assignment. Ask: *What can I do unusually well? What do people consistently recognize in me?* Romans 12:6: “Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us...”
4. **Pay attention to your holy burden.** Purpose often begins with something you cannot comfortably ignore. Nehemiah heard about Jerusalem's broken walls and wept (Nehemiah 1:3–4). Moses became concerned about the oppression of his people (Exodus 2:11–12). Ask: What condition bothers me enough that I want to change it?
5. **Identify the people you are drawn to serve.** Purpose usually has people attached to it. Moses was sent to Israel. Paul had a particular calling toward the Gentiles. Peter had a particular ministry among the Jews (Galatians 2:7–8). Ask: Who benefits when I function at my best?
6. **Examine your experiences, including painful ones.** God can redeem what you have experienced and use it to prepare you to help others. Joseph eventually understood, “God did send me before you to preserve life” (Genesis 45:5). What you survived may become part of what you are equipped to address.
7. **Discover your sphere of influence.** Purpose needs a place of expression. God may position you in business, education, government, family, ministry, healthcare, technology, sports, media, the arts, or community service. Esther's purpose required her to recognize that she had been strategically positioned “for such a time as this” (Esther 4:14).
8. **Look for the intersection of gift, burden, people, and opportunity.** Ask four questions: What am I gifted to do? What problem burdens me? Who am I called to help? Where has God given me access? Where those four repeatedly intersect, you will often find strong evidence of Kingdom purpose.
9. **Listen for God's direction.** Purpose cannot be discovered by personality assessments alone. Prayer, Scripture, the Holy Spirit, wise counsel, and obedience matter. Isaiah 30:21: “This is the way, walk ye in it.”
10. **Start serving before you have everything figured out.** David discovered much of his preparation while tending sheep. Elisha was working when Elijah called him. Peter was fishing when Jesus called him. Purpose often becomes clearer **while you are faithfully moving**, not while you are waiting for a complete blueprint.
11. **Distinguish your job from your purpose.** Your job is what you are paid to do; your purpose is why God has positioned you there. Joseph's occupation changed repeatedly—son, servant, prisoner, administrator—but his larger purpose of preserving lives remained. Your job can change while your Kingdom purpose continues.
12. **Measure purpose by Kingdom impact, not merely income.** Don't ask only, *“How much does this opportunity pay?”* Ask, *“Will this opportunity allow me to use what God placed in me, serve people, demonstrate Christ's character, and produce Kingdom influence?”* Ephesians 2:10: “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works...”