

ONE PURPOSE

Text: 2nd Thessalonians 1:11-12

Without work and the pride of labor there is a loss of sense of purpose.

When you have a purpose, you will pursue it every day of your life, whether it pays a little or whether it pays a lot or whether it pays nothing at all.

Your purpose in life includes your job, to some extent at least. And it also includes many other things, such as your family, your volunteer work, and your spiritual life. When you do it right, it is all-encompassing.

Your life purpose is something you discover through the process of your j_____.

Three ideas related to finding your life's purpose.

1. You have a c_____ to live up to.

God has called you in a specific direction, towards a specific purpose.

God's calling challenges us to be a little better than we currently are.

God has placed his calling on your life and his calling begins wherever you are right now.

You may not be doing all that you want to be doing with your life, but he wants you to do what you're doing today with a spirit of e_____. Ref: Colossians 3:23

2. You have some big p_____ to pursue.

Here's a major part of determining your life purpose: As you look at the world around you, which o_____, which unmet need, which p_____ most captures your attention and ignites your imagination?

Chances are that this is a central part of the calling that God has placed on your life.

A key question to determining your life purpose is to ask: What good thing is my faith prompting me to do?

3. God's purpose can be fulfilled only through God's p_____.

We should attempt something so big, that unless God intervenes, we're sure to fail. Ref: Ephesians 3:20-21

Try to do it without God's power, you end up like Moses, herding sheep on the backside of nowhere. But if you live and move and work *with* God's power, the seas will part before you.

God's purpose for your life — and he certainly has one — can be fulfilled only through his power. And that means he wants us to surrender to him every day, saying, "God, give me the strength to do all that you want me to do ... today."

Living your life with a sense of purpose, finding that place where your deep gladness meets the world's deep hunger.