



## What is our Purpose as a Christian?

I. General purpose of Human Life

A. Glorify God.

1. Fear God
2. Obey God

Solomon gives these concluding remarks in the book of Ecclesiastes: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

David Wilkerson once said: "If I am not Christ-like at heart—if I'm not becoming noticeably more like Him—then I have totally missed God's purpose for my life. It doesn't matter what I accomplish for His kingdom. If I miss this one purpose, I have lived, preached and yes, striven in vain."

II. Individual Purpose in life.

There are Scriptural examples of God's specific plans for individual. Abraham, Noah, Joseph, Ruth, Esther, Mary, and multiple others were used of God in their times, with their abilities, and for His purposes.

### God's Will and Finding It

- I. God works all things together to accomplish His Sovereign Will— which includes His glory and our good.
  - A. Scripture teaches that God works All things after the counsel of His will (Eph. 1:11)
  - B. Scripture teaches that God works all things together for our good and His glory (Rom. 8:28-29).
- II. God guides His children as they seek to make good choices and glorify Him in their lives - which is His will!
  - A. David believed this (Ps. 48:14)
 

Application: As one guides the horses and the chariots, so God guides our lives.
  - B. Solomon believed this (Prov. 3:5-6)
 

Application: If we trust in the Lord, He will order your paths.

C. Isaiah believed this (Isa. 58:11)

Application: We can be confident of continual guidance from our Great King!

D. Jesus believed this (John 4:34, 5:30, 6:38-40).

Application: As the father guided Jesus - we too can be confident that God will guide us!

E. The early church believed this (Acts 13:2-3)

F. Paul believed this.

G. James believed this (James 4:15)

III. The Key to determining God's Will for my life is the Scripture (Rom. 2:18).

A. Scripture teaches us God's will - this is implied in Romans 2:18.

B. The Scripture clearly contains God's moral will.

To violate the teaching of Scripture is sin (violating God's moral will).

C. The Scripture also guides us in making personal decisions.

D. If there is no specific verse that applies to a decision, we are to prayerfully apply general Biblical principles as we seek to determine what would most bring glory to God.

E. This is Biblical Decision making.

IV. God's will is not mysterious!

A. I don't find God's will by looking for open doors.

B. I don't find God's will by looking at circumstances.

C. I don't find God's will by analyzing results.

D. I don't find God's will based on my feelings.

E. I don't find God's will by putting out a fleece.

V. Step One: Do what you already know to be God's will.

A. God's will is that we obey the Scripture!

B. The way to know God's will in the areas that are unclear is to know God's will in the areas that are clear!

VI. Step Two: Apply Biblical principles to the decision that you need to make.

A. Get More information.

B. Often, the decision will now be clear.

C. Question: How do you decide between choices that are all Biblical possibilities?

VII. Pray that God will make his desires your desires.

A. This is from the promise of Psalm 37:4- God works through your desires. - Don't start here!

B. This is also from Philippians 2:13 - God works through your desires. - Yet it is really God at work in us, bringing about His good pleasure.

### What does the Bible say about dressing up for church?

A brief Survey of Some Considerations about dress and Worship:

1. The Holiness factor
2. The First Fruits factor
3. The Costliness factor

We are to offer ourselves as a sacrifice of worship.

Believers are the temple of the Holy Spirit.