

FOR THIS PURPOSE

(Acts 26:16 KJV) But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; (Acts 26:17 KJV) Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, (Acts 26:18 KJV) To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

1. PURPOSE AND CALLING IN LIFE.
 1. ***Uncertainty; unrest; turmoil; depression--all for lack of purpose.***
 2. ***Can 't live without purpose.***
 3. ***Some are vague about destination; more vague about journey.***
 1. Not just about destination; the journey is important.
 2. The journey takes us from where we are to where we are going.
 3. Some would like to sacrifice the journey for the destination.
 4. ***The journey is not for the sole purpose of getting to the end; without the experiences of the journey wouldn 't know how to handle the destination.***
 1. The journey (process) prepares you for the destination.
 2. The process toughens you for the journey.
 3. The journey, or experiences, gives you the assurance you will make it.
 5. ***Therefore, thank God for experiences.***
 1. Gives you the incentive to continue on (I' ve been through this before, I know I will make it).
 2. Gives you the confidence you can do it again (success breeds success; failure breeds failure).
2. THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM.
 1. Eyes of understanding enlightened that you may know the hope of His calling.
 2. ***And what is the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.***
 3. And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe.
3. FOR THIS PURPOSE WAS JESUS MANIFEST--TO DESTROY WORKS OF THE DEVIL.
4. I HAVE APPEARED UNTO THEE FOR THIS PURPOSE. AC. 26:16
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 2. Delivering thee from the people and from the Gentiles unto whom now I send thee.
 1. To open their eyes.
 2. Turn them from darkness to light; from the power of Satan unto God.
 3. That they may receive forgiveness of sins.
 4. And inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith.

5. OUR PERSONAL PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITY.

1. ***Responsibilities toward God.***

1. Love and serve Him.
2. Do His will.

2. ***Responsibilities toward others.***

1. Main debt to others is to love them.
2. (Micah 6:8 KJV) He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

6. FULFILLING OUR PURPOSE CORPORATELY.

1. ***Collectively to let our light shine.***

2. ***Collectively to function as a family*** who is loving, caring, and supporting of one another. Always ready to edify or to build one another up.

3. ***Collectively to praise God as one voice.***

4. ***The original mandate.*** (Gen 1:28 KJV) And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

5. ***Occupy.*** (Luke 19:13 KJV) And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

6. ***All we do, we do as one--in the power of the spirit of unity.***

1. Singleness of eye (one vision).
2. Singleness of heart (one purpose)
3. Singleness of mind (one mind).
 1. (Rom 12:16 KJV) Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.
 2. (1 Cor 1:10 KJV) Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

7. FELLOW CITIZENS OF HOUSEHOLD OF GOD. Eph2:19-22.

1. (Eph 2:19 KJV) Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

2. (Eph 2:20 KJV) And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

3. (Eph 2:21 KJV) In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

4. (Eph 2:22 KJV) In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.