

## Platform vs. Purpose

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One day I was scrolling through Facebook and came across a video of a NFL football chaplain.....

Our life's goal is to bring glory to God in everything we do. It's the same for athletes, pastors, nurses, teachers, mechanics and yes even mothers. This is the platform we've been given to share the message of Christ. Never despise how big or how small the task you have been given is. How you steward it will determine the next place or platform you are given. Platform gives way to purpose.

Platform vs. Purpose....what does that mean?

Platform: an opportunity to voice one's views or initiate action (this is your stage)

Purpose: the reason for which something is made or done.

*“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” (Romans 8:28).*

Who's purpose? HIS purpose

The question of the ages is....What is my purpose?

The only way to understand this is to find out what our “original” purpose is.

*“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.” (Romans 8:29)*

Being reconciled to God and making disciples, ....this is our original and main purpose.

How we accomplish that....this becomes your Platform!

How many of you work?... dislike, love it, indifferent etc.

Mom's how about you....always dreamed of changing diapers, lack of sleep, dealing with whiny children, tantrums, attitudes. We have all been through it and some are still there but we know it's temporary. As a mother, our purpose is to raise these tiny humans into functioning people of society and ultimately point them to Christ.

If I could change your perspective a bit to show you how God views things it will change how you live.

Remember what our life goal is.....to bring glory to God in everything we do.

When I became a nurse, I felt for that moment, this is what I was born to do. I loved everything about being a nurse but I began to see a deeper meaning. God began to show me that being a nurse, pastor's wife and mother are all important roles and things that I have identified myself with. I had found a (purpose) and satisfaction in operating in these but they were never meant to be an end in themselves. These were my platforms!

When I realized that my platforms were meant to bring Him glory in whatever I was doing, it changed everything. Finding joy, fulfillment and satisfaction becomes a byproduct and not the prime product.

I say this all the time “Be God aware, everywhere you go”. He wants to use us to accomplish His will. Use what God has placed in you, your gifting/talents for His purpose and don't despise how small it may be. What ever opportunity you have to display this becomes your platform so use it wisely.

I now look at where I am and what I'm doing as an opportunity to share Christ, live like Him and be used by Him. Your day to day purpose may change but the question is will you allow God to use it as a platform.