

Revival of Purpose

Ephesians 2:10

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Many people will go their entire lives without knowing their purpose. Well, I’ve got news for you this morning; God has a purpose for you and it is not a secret!!!
Because you were made for a purpose!!

I want you to follow along with me as I read God’s heart about you:

Proverbs 20:5 “The purpose of a man’s heart is like deep water, but a man with understanding will draw it out.”

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 1:5 “I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart.”

All of these scripture scream purpose, direction and appointment. God doesn’t do anything by chance. How you got here is not the concern, what you do with the life and time you’ve been given is!

Let me ask you a few questions: Does God have a purpose for everyone? Does God want you to know what that purpose is? And does God want you to know exactly what it is? The answer to all of these questions is “YES!”

In order to have a “Revival of Purpose” you need to know a few things this morning.

First of all, you need to know you were made in Gods image. You may ask what’s so big about that? First of all, you need to consider the source. God is perfect, full of purpose in all that he does. He makes nothing by mistake.

When God was creating creation, at the end of each day He would take a look at what He had created and said, "It was good." On the 6th day, when he made man he said something different. He said, "It is very good."

Did you know that the Milky Way is only one galaxy in our universe? Astronomers are now telling us that the universe holds as many as 200 billion galaxies. Beyond anything we can comprehend. Yet God says that when He made us, that we were his crowning achievement.

You were also made in God's image on purpose. The psalmist wrote, "You created my inmost being. You knit me together in my mother's womb." God made us in His image and He made us on purpose.

God also made us in His image; on purpose, for a purpose. All of us have experienced a time in our lives when we have asked the hard questions; Lord why am I here? What is it you want me to do? What is my purpose? Lord what is it you have called me to do?

The number one hindrance to purpose is the words "***I Can't.***" But Lord I can't teach a class because..... Lord I can't share my faith because..... Lord I can't give because..... Lord I can't do outreaches because..... We have used those words since we were kids. But what we really mean is, I can't because I don't have the time or the resources.

But there is another reason that we don't know our purpose and aren't walking in Gods best for our lives it can be summed up in a little phrase. Are you ready for it? "***I DON'T WANT TO.***" It's too much work. It's too hard. I'm comfortable with the way things are. I don't want to change. When you respond in that way to God you will miss Gods purpose for your life.

See, in all of the descriptive terms the Bible gives regarding your purpose in life, one thing we are never told is that "IT WILL BE EASY." SO, "STOP LOOKING FOR EASY."

You also have to cut out all the negative voices that drown out the voice of God in your life. This is very difficult to do because usually they are people that are close to you or its your own voice. The way you come against this is by using God's Word to drown out the negative voices. ***Philippians 4:8 says, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure,***

whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things. And lets not forget ***Philippians 4:13 that says, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."***

Its time to take the "T" out of the equation. Change it from can't to can, and to do this we have to take that one thing that is holding us back, that fear, that concern, the unknown and give it to Jesus.

Finally, We can never accomplish anything that is of lasting value until we say, ***"Lord I'm willing."*** God cares more than anything if we are simply willing to answer with one word. "YES." Yes, Lord I am willing.