

III. _____ YOUR PURPOSE (1:27-30)

A. Be _____ (v 27a)

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,” Ephesians 4:1

“that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;” Colossians 1:10

B. Be _____ (v 27b)

“Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” I Corinthians 1:10

“4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.” Romans 12:4-5

C. Be _____ (vs 28-30)

“Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.” II Timothy 3:12

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

JOY NEGATIVITY KILLER DECLARATION

“I choose joy today in purpose!!”



“REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE!” - PHILIPPIANS 4:4

Finding Purpose
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INTRODUCTION

A. Have you lost your joy in a negative world? Joy is a negativity killer!! God is the source of true joy. No matter what challenges you face or even suffer, He will provide extreme joy in your life!

“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!” Philipians 4:4

Joy is an outward reflection of gladness because of an inward connection with God.

B. The book of Philipians is my favorite book of the Bible because is a:

1. _____ Book – It tells a lot about the apostle Paul.
2. _____ Book – It deals with relevant issues.
3. _____ Book – It tells how to choose joy.

The word joy in some form appears _____ times in this book. Paul wrote this book from a prison cell.

C. In this series, we will look to God’s Word to see how you can unleash your joy in different areas of your life.

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D. **Text:** Philipians 1:20-30 (Pew Bible/Page 201/New Test.)

HOW TO FIND PURPOSE

I. _____ YOUR PURPOSE (1:20)

A. Your purpose is not to _____ self.

“31 I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

32 If, in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage is it to me? If the dead do not rise, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!” I Corinthians 15:31-32

“12 How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!

13 For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ Isaiah 14:12-14

“21 So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them.

22 And the people kept shouting, “The voice of a god and not of a man!”

23 Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.” Acts 12:21-23

B. Your purpose is to _____ God.

“19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” I Corinthians 6:19-20

“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

I Corinthians 10:31

II. _____ YOUR PURPOSE (1:21-26)

MEMORY VERSE

“For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

Philippians 1:21

A. There are four major things that people live for today:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

B. Paul shared his purpose for living in v 21 when he wrote “For me to live is _____.”

Fill in the blank: For me to live is _____.

Remember, if you always do what you’ve always done, you’ll always get what you’ve always gotten. If you want to change your life you have to change your living.

C. Live for Christ every day by serving _____ and _____.

36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”

37 Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 22:36-40

Want more joy in your life?

J _____ (vs 20-21)

O _____ (vs 23-26)

Y _____