

## “OPEN YOUR EYES TO WHY GOD MADE YOU!”

Series: *Some important things to share*

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**Ephesians 1:11-12 (Mes)** *“It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for . . . part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.”*

**Colossians 1:16 (Mes)** *“Everything, absolutely everything . . . got started in Christ and finds its purpose in him.”*

### 1. **GOD PLANNED ME FOR HIS PLEASURE**

**Revelation 4:11b (NLT)** *“You God created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created!”*

**Psalms 149:4 (TEV)** *“The Lord takes pleasure in his people . . .”*

**Ephesians 1:4 (Mes)** *“Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, God had us in mind, and settled on us as the focus of his love . . .”*

**THE 1<sup>st</sup> PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO: To know God and to love God**

**1 Timothy 6:21 (LB)** *“Some people have missed the most important thing in life—they don’t know God.”*

### 2. **GOD FORMED ME FOR HIS FAMILY**

**Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)** *“God’s unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.”*

**1 Peter 1:3a (LB)** *“God has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God’s own family.”*

**1 Timothy 3:15b (NCV)** *“That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.”*

**1 Peter 2:17b (Mes)** *“Love your spiritual family.”*

**THE 2<sup>nd</sup> PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO: LEARN TO LOVE OTHERS**

**Romans 12:5 (NLT)** *“We belong to each other and each of us needs all the others.”*

### 3. **GOD CREATED ME TO BECOME LIKE CHRIST**

**Philippians 2:5 (NCV)** *“In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus.”*

**2 Corinthians 3:18b (NLT)** *“As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him.”*

**THE 3<sup>rd</sup> PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO: LEARN TO GROW UP SPIRITUALLY**

**Mark 4:17 (Mes)** *“Some people have such shallow soil of character that when their emotions wear off and difficulty arrives, there’s nothing to show for it.”*

### 4. **GOD SHAPED ME TO SERVE HIM**

**Psalms 139:13 (Mes)** *“You shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother’s womb.”*

Spiritual Gifts

Hearth

Abilities

Personality

Experiences

**Ephesians 2:10 (NCV)** *“God made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which he planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.”*

**1 Peter 4:10 (LB)** *“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God’s many kinds of blessings.”*

**THE 4<sup>th</sup> PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO: SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS**

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### 5. GOD MADE ME FOR A MISSION

**John 17:18 (Mes)** *Jesus: “In the same way that The Father gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.”*

**Acts 20:24 (ICB/Lit)** *“I consider that my life will be wasted unless I use it to complete my mission and finish the assignment that the Lord Jesus has given to me—to tell everyone the Good News about God’s grace.”*

**Proverb 19:21** *“We can make all kinds of plans, but only God’s purpose will last forever.”*

**2 Corinthians 5:15 (Mes)** *“Jesus included everyone in his death so everyone could be included in his life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own.”*

**Psalms 34:8 (Mes)** *“Open your eyes and see how good God is! Blessed are you who run to him.”*

**Matthew 11:28-30 (Kjv)** <sup>28</sup> *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.<sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.<sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

**Acts 10:35 (Mes)** *“It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open.”*

#### **A PRAYER FOR LIVING THE LIFE THAT GOD CREATED YOU TO LIVE**

*Dear God, Everything you create has a purpose, including me. I don’t want to miss my purpose, or waste my life, or live it disconnected from you. Instead I want to become what YOU designed me to be.*

*Starting today, I want to follow your plan for my life, not my plan. You made me for a relationship with you, so I want to get to know you and love you and trust you. Thank you for sending Jesus to pay for my sin. Help me to understand that.*

*I want to grow more like Jesus every day. And I want to use my life on earth to serve you by serving others. Help me to share this good news with others and to fulfill my life mission.*

*I invite you into every area of my life.*