

overcoming purposelessness

Have you ever asked what your purpose is? Are you wrestling with a sense of purposelessness in your life? There was somebody who was very much like that in the Bible. King Solomon was the richest and wisest man that had ever lived. He had everything. He did not hold back and tried all the pleasures that he could have — but His conclusion was that all was vanity and futility (Ecclesiastes 2:10-11,17). How do we overcome purposelessness?

be in prayer

We can overcome the toxic reality of purposelessness when we are in prayer. Paul prayed for the church in Ephesus that the “eyes of their heart be enlightened”. We are in darkness apart from the God. That darkness is not just because of ignorance, but because of our stubbornness or refusal to believe in God and follow Him. Unless we experience the power of God to open the eyes of our hearts, we will not know the truth and we will not be able to recalibrate our lives towards the right purpose.

know your identity (person) in Christ

If we don't know who we really are, we are swayed to and fro like a double-minded person (James 1:8). Even though we are made in God's image, all of us are spiritually dead because of our sinful nature (Ephesians 2:1-3). But in the grace and mercy of God, He makes all things new when Jesus enters our life. We are chosen and called to proclaim the excellencies of God (1 Peter 2:9-10). We are a showcase of God's mercy and grace in this age and the age to come (Ephesians 2:4-6). When we know who we are in Christ, we become secure. We can recalibrate and pursue the purpose that God has for us. Knowing our identity in Christ, we can fulfill our eternal destiny in Christ.

this week's memory verse

He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:15



know your purpose

We are God's "workmanship" created in Christ Jesus for good works (Ephesians 2:10). We must participate with God in becoming all that He made us to be. He has chosen us to bear fruit (John 15:16). This talks about the fruit of the Spirit, but there is also the fruit of the good things we do for other people. God has called us to be the reflection of Jesus Christ to the people around us. We are His ambassadors. Our purpose is to glorify God and He is glorified when we bear much fruit (John 15:8). Perhaps at one point in our life we had a clear purpose, but we now find that purpose blurred over this season of life. We are distracted or probably drifting away from God's purpose for us. Let's be careful of the influences that we allow into our minds, repent and surrender our life to the Lord, and allow Him to live out His purpose through us.

know His power toward you

God's power enables us to live a purposeful life (Ephesians 1:19). This is the power that God has over death and is the same power that we have in Christ. He is the vine, and we are the branches (John 15:5). He is the source of everything we need to bear fruit. If we do not abide in Jesus, we have no power on our own to bear fruit. The secret to fulfilling God's purpose is by listening and being sensitive to God's Word. To abide in Him is to love others just as He loved us (John 15:9-10). To bear fruit is to obey whatever God calls us to do every moment of our life.

Will you allow the power of God to flow in and through you? In Christ, we will bring glory, honor, and pleasure to the Lord! We will experience fullness of joy like we've never experienced before as we fulfill God's purpose for our life!

discussion questions

Where are you getting your identity from right now? Who are you in Christ?

What distracts you from fulfilling God's purpose in your life?

Jesus said, "*Apart from Me, you can do nothing.*"

How does this truth impact the way you live out His purpose for you?

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