



## **A LIFE OF PURPOSE**

**Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)** *Where there is no vision, the people perish . . . .*

The Hebrew word for "vision" is Chazown (khaw-zone'). It means a \_\_\_\_\_, revelation, or \_\_\_\_\_.

- A vision for life will bring \_\_\_\_\_.
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## **WHERE DOES PURPOSE COME FROM?**

**Ephesians 1:11 (Message)** *It's 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.*

Your purpose will begin to emerge as you start discovering who you are in Christ Jesus.

## **I HAVE DECIDED TO DRAW MY IDENTITY FROM JESUS**

This world gives three main determinisms for identity:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Determinism
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Determinism
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Determinism

Decide to let God determine our identity and \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Peter 4:7-10 (NIV)** *The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

God's purpose for your life has to do with people.

**Proverbs 27:19 (TLB)** *A mirror reflects a man's face but what he is really like is shown by the kind of friends he chooses.*

- **I have decided to \_\_\_\_\_ relationships.**

**Colossians 2:19 (NIV)** *. . . the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews.*

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**Romans 12:17-18 (NIV)** *Do not repay anyone evil for evil . . . If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

- **I have decided to \_\_\_\_\_ relationships.**

**Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)** *He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.*

- **I have decided to \_\_\_\_\_ relationships.**

**Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)** *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Initiate relationships with:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
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One of the best gifts of life is having clarity of vision and purpose. The Hebrew word for "vision" is Chazown (khaw-zone). It means a **dream**, revelation, or **vision**.

- A vision for life will bring **focus**. Hollywood has a plan for your family. Salesmen have a plan for your finances. Hell has a plan for your life. Focus in life tells us what to say "yes" to and what to say "no" to.
- A vision for life will bring **endurance**. Many people are tired and ready to give up. Why? They've lost vision. Do you have a goal line in view? What are you attaining to?
- A vision for life will bring **fulfillment**. We've all tried to find fulfillment in the wrong places. Fame, money, position, etc. will not do it. But God's plan will!

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1. **Genetic** Determinism – Parents
2. **Environmental** Determinism – Environment
3. **Psychic** Determinism – Experiences

Decide to let God determine our identity and **purpose**.

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God's purpose for your life has to do with people. Our decisions concerning relationships become very important.

**Proverbs 27:19 (TLB)** *A mirror reflects a man's face but what he is really like is shown by the kind of friends he chooses.*

- **I have decided to nurture important relationships.** Every great relationship happens on purpose, not by accident. Fix your marriage before it's broken!

**Colossians 2:19 (NIV)** . . . *the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews.*

- **I have decided to restore broken relationships.**

The pain of an unresolved conflict is greater than the pain of resolving it. If it is possible . . . fix it. Fix your side.

**Romans 12:17-18 (NIV)** *Do not repay anyone evil for evil . . . If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

- **I have decided to sever harmful relationships.**

**Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)** *He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.*

- **I have decided to initiate meaningful relationships.**

**Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)** *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Initiate relationships with:

- 1. God.**
  - 2. A church**
  - 3. A small group**
  - 3. A team**
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