

Wednesday Evening Bible Class - East Jackson Church of Christ
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The Christian Life Is A Purposeful Life

1. What is a purposeful life? It's a life:

- 1) on a _____
- 2) with an _____
- 3) with _____
- 4) with a _____ or
- 5) with a _____.

2. A purposeful life is to discover the answer to life's three basic questions:

- 1) Who am _____?
- 2) Why am I _____?
- 3) Where am I _____?

3. Examples of people in the Bible who lived a purposeful life; what can we learn from them?

- 1) **Jesus (Jo. 4:34)** - ...to do the will of _____.
- 2) **Joseph (Gen. 45:7-8)** - ...to _____ for his family.
- 3) **David (Acts 13:36; Psa. 139:16)** - ...to serve _____ for his life.
- 4) **Esther (Esth. 4:14)** - ...to save the _____ people from death.
- 5) **John the Baptist (Matt. 3:1-3)** - ...to prepare the way for _____.
- 6) **Paul (Acts 9:15-16)** - ...to preach the gospel or good news to the _____.
- 7) **Jeremiah (Jer. 1:5-8)** - ...to be a _____ to the nations.

4. What does the Bible say directly or indirectly about living a purposeful life; read each Scripture and briefly state what it says about purposeful living:

- 1) **Romans 8:28-29** - _____

- 2) **Ephesians 2:10** - _____

- 3) **Ecclesiastes 12:12-13** - _____

- 4) **1 Peter 2:9** - _____

- 5) **1 Corinthians 10:31** - _____

- 6) **Proverbs 20:5** - _____

- 7) **Matthew 5:16** - _____

5. Principles on how to develop the ability to live a purposeful life:

- 1) Know where you _____ (**Hos. 4:6**)
- 2) Allow God to be your _____ and _____ (**Rom. 8:14, Heb. 6:19**).
- 3) Stop _____ - start living your purpose (**Prov. 13:4**)
- 4) Don't be afraid to make _____ or _____ (**Rom. 6:23**).
- 5) Remember your _____ doesn't have to determine your _____ (**Acts 3:19**).
- 6) Be prepared to make _____ (**Matt. 16:24**).
- 7) Regardless of life's condition, always think _____ (**Prov. 4:23**).
- 8) _____ you can live a purposeful life (**Mk. 9:23**).
- 9) P-R [_____ and _____] to achieve a purposeful life (**Prov. 29:18**).

6. Roles or areas of our lives in which we need to live purposefully; state how or why:

1) **As a Christian in the role** [(**pick one**) elder, deacon, minister, song leader, usher, announcer, prayer leader, Scripture reader, security worker, media worker, senior saint, youth, young adult, sister leader, brother leader, etc.] _____

2) **Life status - select your status** (married [husband or wife], single, [widow or widower], divorce, separated, etc.) _____

3) **Parenting or Grandparenting** - _____

4) When it comes to **alcohol consumption, illegal drug use, or gambling** _____

5) When it comes to **speech** - _____

6) When it comes to **practicing your faith** - _____

7) When it comes to **trusting God** - _____

7. Various quotes about a purposeful life from notable people; state what you think each is saying in his or her quote about a purposeful life:

1) "Knowing God's purpose for your life simplifies, focuses, and gives meaning to your life."

-Unknown

2) **“The person without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder.”**

-Thomas Carlyle

3) **“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.”**

-Pablo Picasso

4) **“The purpose of life is to contribute in some way to making things better.”**

-Robert Kennedy

5) **“The best way to lengthen out our days is to walk steadily and with a purpose.”**

-Charles Dickens

6) **“The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why.”**

-Mark Twain

7) **“If you have a strong purpose in life, you don’t have to be pushed. Your passion will drive you there.”**

-Roy T. Bennett
