



## PURPOSE: BE ... Be God's Dream

Course 1 – Finding your purpose



## STAGES – 2 stages

### **FINDING YOUR PURPOSE – course 1**

***We are here***

**Purpose: Starts with God**  
**Purpose: Origins**  
**Purpose: Life's Heavenly User Manual**  
**Purpose: Characteristics/Traits**  
**Purpose: Fresh Start**  
**Dreamers and Doers – The Ultimate Example**  
**Practical Tips To Help You Identify It**  
**Listening Skills**  
**Purpose: People In Your Life**  
**Purpose and your Walk with God**  
**Dreamers and Doers – Modern Heroes**  
**Resources**

### **LIVING YOUR PURPOSE – course 2**

*Next time*

**Dreamer and Doers – Bible Heroes**  
**Getting Started – incl fasting**  
**Your Personal Mission Stmtnt**  
**Goal Setting: bite size pieces**  
**Keep On Keepin On**  
**My Life is like Winter**  
**How Badly Do You Want it**  
**Failures: The Keys to Success**  
**How To Protect Gods Plan for Your life**  
**Personal Mission Stmtns in Relationships**  
**Sweat Equity**  
**Do somethin stupid: somethin different**  
**Time management & Extra Time**

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Kick off

The questions of life



got purpose?

Who am I?  
Why am I here?

Why does God treat me the way He does...sometimes I don't get it?!

Is life a test?  
...whats the answer?!!!

Is life a fight?  
...HOW DO I WIN?!!!

## Introspection Time: Look inside yourself

- You will NOT discuss this with anyone. That's an order (for ur own good)
- They **CANT** help you and they might **INFLUENCE** your answers.
- You're on your own for this exercise
- **60 seconds each question** – why? Don't over think the answer. Just like multiple choice. Don't second guess yourself. Answer quickly. Answer from the heart.

### The setup

- 1) The 1 thing the biggest thing in your life you have to do be4 you die – if you don't do it, you'll feel ur life wasn't fulfilling or you'll have major regrets
  
- 2) The 1 thing God wants you to do **for Him** before you die
  
- 3) What's **BEST THING** that could ever happen to you in your life
  
- 4) What's the best thing **GOD WANTS** for your life: God's Dream/Ideal 4 You (salvation is yours=> think practical don't be 2 spiritual for this question- if God described your ideal life...**what** would He talk about most **about you and in your life**)

## PURPOSE STARTS WITH GOD

Question -Do you love God?

The Most Important Question ... for a Christian trying to find their purpose.



Your answer affects how and if God can help you find your purpose

More later... park it..

2 IT'S REALLY ALL ABOUT



Isaiah 43:6-7

- 6 "... Bring **My sons** from afar, And **My daughters** from the ends of the earth— 7 Everyone who is called by My name, **Whom I have created *for My glory***; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."



## Psalm 20:4

- May He **grant you** according to *your heart's desire*, And fulfill all *your purpose*.

- [Psalm 21:2 | Psalm 37:4]

PURPOSE: Origins...the main problem/issue

Purpose is about seeking God's will

Know Him: What God has done in the past

How Biblical principles apply in our generation.

What challenges are we facing in this generation 2016?

Write down 3 challenges



PURPOSE: Glorify God? Every Generation

There are things that God wants from every generation

- Faithfulness in His followers
- An Intimate Knowledge and faith in His Word
- Truth—to go out to the nations

God's will for my life will line up with His will for the world

The 4 questions we started with..remember?

What you wanna do be4 you die

What God wants you to do be4 you die

Best thing that could happen 2 you

God's best thing that could happen 2 you



...what challenges in this generation...does any of the 4 answers you gave line up with the challenges?



**Henry Blackaby says,**

"You need to see the heart of God. What has God always been looking for? Then, what does God look for when He comes to your life?"

What is He looking for in our generation? Does any of this match your life—not because you say it does, but because God has confirmed it Himself?"

Purpose: It's not a homework assignment

God's will is following God's heart.

Allowing God to fill us and work through us, moment by moment.

Many of us truly believe God has good plans and purposes for our lives.

But how do we know what that is?

Selfish ambition, or Kingdom calling?

**PURPOSE: Puzzle pieces Testimony**

And when we do see the vision He has for our lives, **how do we get started?**

It starts with discovering **God right where you are.**

The biggest reason you can't discover who you are until you know God

**is because knowing Him will change you!**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

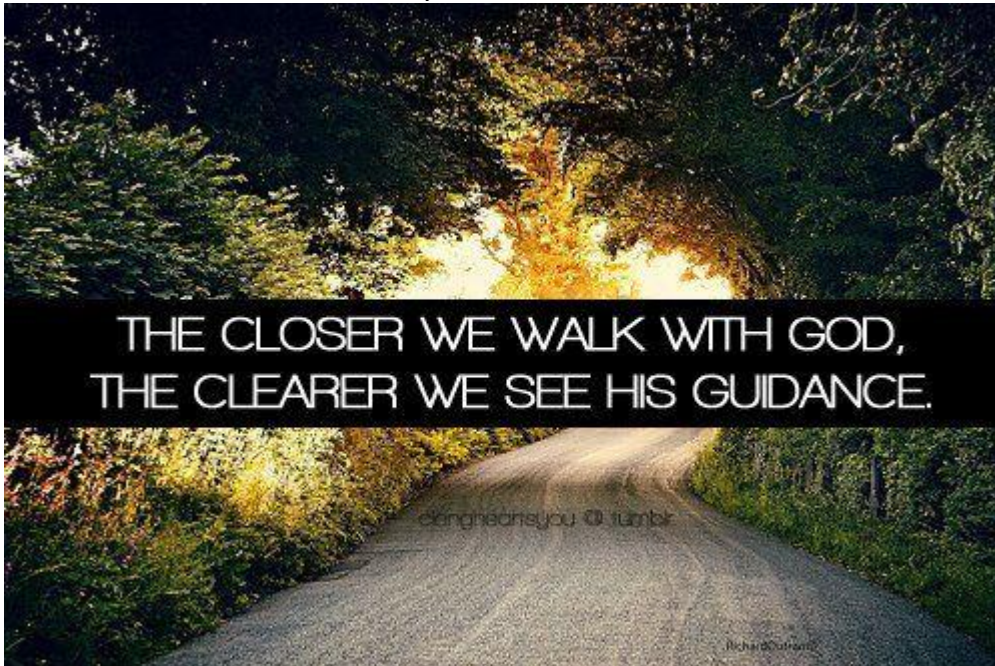
**Proverbs 23:7**

<sup>7</sup>For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he.

## PURPOSE Life's Heavenly User Manual

### 1) Get To Know God

We focus on ourselves a lot...maybe even too much



Sometimes we have an opinion of ourselves that is **too high** or a **low**

Either way this kind of **self-focus is sinful & we're lying to ourselves**

God is not made in our image. We are made in His.

#### **2 Corinthians 3:17-18**

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* **liberty**. <sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a **mirror** the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. And if we are His workmanship, then we can't really discover much about ourselves unless we first know Him.

#### **James 1:5**

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him"

#### **John 16:13a**

"...when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth..."

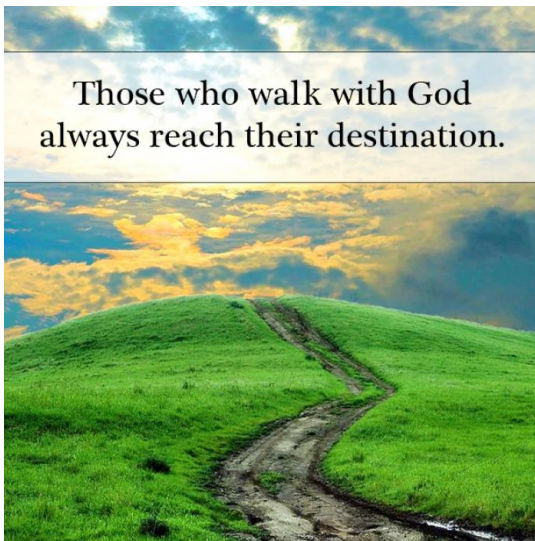
Whatever  
you believe  
about  
yourself  
on the  
inside is  
what you will  
manifest  
on the  
outside.

## 2) RE-Discovery Who You Are in Christ: Get To Know Yourself for the FIRST TIME

When you let the Holy Spirit live inside you, with free reign, full permission, keys to the car and the house, you will be transformed and restored— you'll become the you that is closer to **the original reflection** of God you were created to be.

“You are the only one who is qualified to do what God created you for, but **without Christ, you lose your qualifications.**”

Your purpose as a believer is to **build the Kingdom of God.**



Those who walk with God  
always reach their destination.

That's why we're all here, but **each person has a different role in this project.**

But God has to show you what your part is

Your part in this divine saga this heavenly tale is to use your **spiritual gifts and natural talents**, but you will NEED His spirit to empower you.

Your work is ***impossible*** without Him.

But what if you cant tell where God is leading you?

If you aren't sure how or where God is specifically leading you, then it's important to true to Him and stay **faithful in whatever you're doing right now** and then **JUST KEEP moving forward in your walk with Jesus.**

Keep moving, one step at a time—**don't get stuck at a standstill.**

And remember, its **God who has called you**, He'll definitely **reveal your purpose to you**, as long as “diligently” seek Him

### **Heb. 11:6**

But without faith *it is impossible* to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

### **Philippians 1:6**

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in your will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus”

## 3) Discover the Incredible Role of the Holy Spirit in Your Everyday Life

When we are born again, and we accept Christ as our Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us as a seal and a guarantee—God literally gives each one of us **a little piece of Himself.**

So what's in it for me, you might ask? Well all of God's **power, strength, comfort, creativity,** and help are **available, right there at our finger tips all day every day any day, day or night!**

### **Colossians 2:9,10**

<sup>9</sup> For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; <sup>10</sup> and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

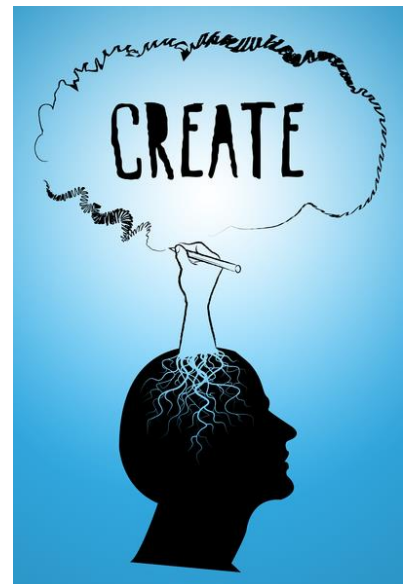
### **John 17:20-23 Jesus Prays for All Believers**

<sup>20</sup> "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also **may be one in Us**, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

<sup>22</sup> And **the glory which You gave Me I have given them**, that they may be one just as We are one: <sup>23</sup> I in them, and You in Me; that they may be **made perfect** in one, and that the **world may know** that You have sent Me, and have **loved them as You have loved Me**.

## PURPOSE: Characteristics/Traits of it

- IT IS **EXTERNAL/UNNATURAL/OUTSIDE** TO US: THAT'S WHY WE SEARCH FOR IT... 😊
- IT IS **INDIVIDUAL**. IT COMPLETES YOU. SATISFIES YOU LIKE NOTHING ELSE
- YOUR PURPOSE IS **GLOBAL** IN SIZE
- ITS AN **OFFER...THAT YOU ACCEPT...FREELY...THEN IT BECOMES A BINDING COVENANT** between **YOU AND GOD** (*disclaimer...that part is only for believers in God*)



## Introspection Time

- Can you remember the last time you heard God's voice clearly
- What were you doing?
- What did He say? – write it down now 1 min
- Have you ever experienced reading a verse and it seems to apply to you directly?
- Or have you heard sermon and you believe God was talking directly to you?

- write it down now.

Would someone who loves you ignore you?

Before you said to someone you'd like to marry them, what would you need from them?

– write it down

Read what you wrote down again. Now ask yourself .... Can you say you know any of those things about God intimately and personally. How does God treat you? What is He like?

How is it you would demand more out of lifelong relationship with a human, and yet you know less about an eternal relationship with your Maker, Saviour and King? Think about that. Write down your thoughts



PURPOSE: Fresh Start

*...And you will be given a new name by the Lord's own mouth. Never again will you be called "The Forsaken City" or "The Desolate Land." (Isaiah 62:2, 4 NLT)*

Check it out.

Did you ever notice that lots of people messed up in the Bible. Bible heroes even. And... God forgave them (sometimes more than once), restored/redeemed/built them up and then used them in awesome ways....in spite of themselves

- Moses – murder to lawgiver
- Paul – accuser to greatest NT author and evangelist
- etc



What does God play favorites? How can you doubt that God cant do the same for you?

How can you doubt that God wants to do the same for you?

This God we serve is a God of “do overs,” second – third – fourth – fifth – many times chances, fresh starts and new beginnings.

Limitless love and mercy and kindness.

### **Lamentations 3:22-23 English Standard Version (ESV)**

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

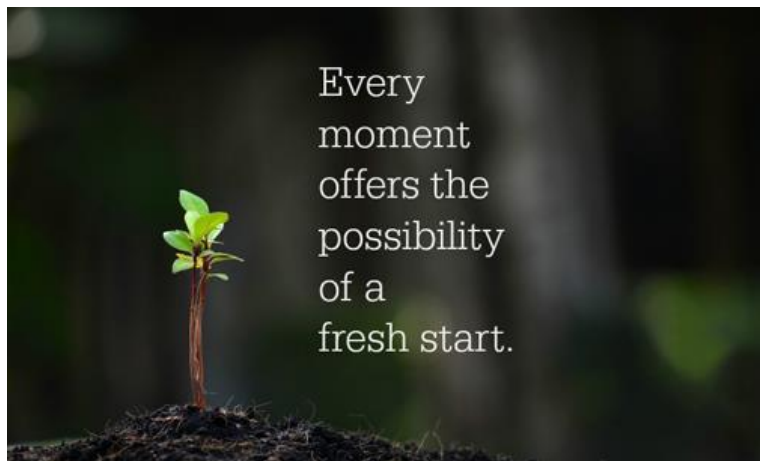
Sometimes...life throws a mean one, a curve ball, a sucker punch. Then we get stuck.

Sometimes we can't move forward with the awesomeness He's prepared for us plans of good not of harm. ... Just words?

### **Frozen in a Moment**

Did you fail at something?

Luke 7:47 - Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”



Or maybe something hectic happened to you, out of your control  
Someone you love got sick, maybe even got sick and died?

### **Isaiah 40:31**

But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

**Have you suffered some kind of abuse? Have you been an abuser?**

### **Psalms 73:25-26**

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Nothing's turned out the way you thought it would or the way you wanted it to.  
So you give up, you despair, you lose hope? Thinking, *it's over. It's too late for me.*

It's never too  
late to be who  
you might have  
been.  
- George Eliot

But it's never too late.

It's never too late to have a fresh start when you have Christ in your life.

### **Romans 8:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Your past is not your destiny. If you can just hang on and not give up hope, and just let the Comforter, the Holy Spirit to lead you, speak to you, hold you and heal you.

Let Him lift you up out of your pit. Sometimes a pit that you've become used to. Nurtured even in a twisted way cherished and wallowed in.

God will not restore what you, He can elevate you, make your life even better and full of joy again or for the first time:

***It is a choice***

### **Daniel 1:8**

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies,

***It is a choice***

### **Isaiah 43:18-19**

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

***It is a choice- what you choose to believe***

### **Isaiah 43:18-19**

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

***It is a choice- what you choose to believe***

### **Joel 2:25-26**

“And I will restore or replace for you the years that the locust has eaten—the hopping locust, the stripping locust, and the crawling locust, My great army which I sent among you. And you shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord, your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you. And My people shall never be put to shame.



## DREAMERS & DOERS ... THE ULTIMATE EXAMPLE?

CHRIST: Even Jesus got no special treatment

- Who am I: I am the **Lamb (Rev 13:8)**
- Why am I here: To be **First-born human (Colossians 1:18)** so humans can be reborn: To **live (John 10:10)** so humans can have life more abundantly. To **die (John 3:16)** so they can be saved. To **resurrect (John 14:2)** so they live with me
- Why does Father treat me the way He does: because I lay down My life for them (**John 10:17**)

### Some Jesus Quotes

#### **Luke 4:43**

but He said to them, “I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been **sent.**”

#### **John 12:27**

[ Jesus Predicts His Death on the Cross ] “Now My soul is **troubled**, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

Ultimate Purpose - Be Activated [Gospel over-shadows everything]

#### **Ephesians 1:7-10**



7 In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, the **forgiveness of sins**, according to the **riches of His grace** 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the **mystery of His will**, according to **His good pleasure** which He purposed in Himself,

- Ultimately, if you're brave enough to believe it, it pleases God eternally for all things to be safe/rich/blessed/alive/beloved...in Christ Jesus

### Introspection Time

- Why do people spend their entire lives searching for it?
- If you know your purpose already, whats the biggest fear holding you back?
- If you knew your purpose, would you do it even without getting paid for it?
- Do you want to get married more than fulfill your purpose?
- ...Love, Wealth...do you find those first then ur purpose or is it the other way round...

### PRACTICAL TIPS FOR identifying it

PURPOSE... it starts in your mind

- You dream about it: A LOT



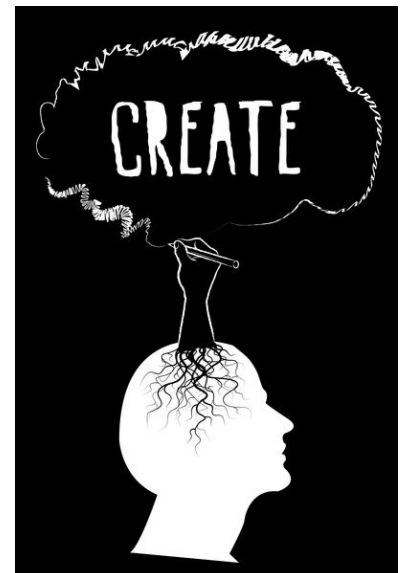
- Its big: VERY big and ppl think ur crazy when you talk about it!!!
- You are crazy...cuz you actually keep talking about it!!!

### Romans 10:9-10

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved

### Habakkuk 2:2 - The Just Live by Faith

<sup>2</sup>Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision And make *it* plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.



- You think about it : A LOT!!!

## .. Remember the good ol days? What happened

- ...you grew up!
- your heart has become like ashes...and now...you're too afraid to dream anymore
- **Don't let life blow you away**



## Vision casting: we were kids...we could be anything!!!



Its time to dream again like when you were a kid for some of you

### **Job 8:7**

And though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great.

**Purpose:** Nobody can tell you who you are or why you're here

You have a purpose!

- Parents cant tell you why you're here. Honor and respect them but you are you
- Your friends cant tell you why you're here. If you don't know why you're here ... ppl will be telling you, shaping & defining you [Peer pressure]
- Your teachers cant tell you why you're here.

Forget about your past... "forgetting those things which are passed, I press towards the mark a higher calling!"

How many people have tried? To tell you who you are?

What did they say?  
Did you listen to them?  
If you did listen, what did you do next?  
Did things work out for you?

Only 2 ppl are involved in this “contract” – you and God

Until you’re married.

Then there are **3 ppl with 2 related purposes**

Purpose: Your pocket has a new boss and its not you 😞

### PAUSE

... to a lot of ppl, money is one of the MOST important things if not VERY important things in their life. Lets be real. Its high up on your list of priorities

Do you ever find yourself spending money on things you shouldn’t like an addiction/craving?

Food, clothes, shoes, video games, movies  
...just stuff you don’t really need  
...stuff you could live without but you spend on anyway

Our family motto :

***You can own anything you want, as long as it doesn’t own you.***

- author => [Holy Spirit Nov 2015](#)

If you found your purpose, your passion...you would do and probably are doing it or something related to it for free

If you could get paid to do it, you’d quit yesterday, maybe even take a paycut!!!

You spend money on it

Sometimes money you don’t have or can barely afford sometimes ***without thinking***

Just like how you spend money on your boyfriend/girlfriend/spouse?

***Or on your addictions***

***When you find your purpose you will spend on it the way you do on these above***

## Wall Street Money Never Sleeps

Now this part you can discuss with a friend. Find a close friend or family member you're comfortable with. And do this exercise then compare answers.

Sometimes it's important to look inside ourselves and how we think by sharing our thoughts with others.

- 1) Ask the person you've chosen – **to pick their dream job?**
  
- 2) Ask them if they are working or studying?
  
- 3) Ask them **how much money** would they need to leave what they are doing now and go and start on their passion/calling?
  
- 4) **How much money would it take to make them feel SAFE** enough to start now?

Answer the same four questions yourself

Write down your answers

1)

2)

3)

4)

Discuss your answers with your friend.

Write down what stands out for you

***Lets take this to the next level***

***Ask these questions below and compare answers again***

- 1) How much money would it take to get you and them **to postpone pursuing** their passions or **delay chasing their calling**. Like if someone could bribe you to not chase your dreams right now... how much would they need to offer.-



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- 2) How money would it take to get you and them to NOT pursue their dreams or passions EVER, or how much would it take to give up their calling?-
  - 3) Of all the dreams and passions you have, which one is the one NO AMOUNT OF MONEY could get you to drop it? Seriously, \$1 million, \$100 million, \$1 billion dollars...cash money..... which dream would you refuse to give up... honestly, truthfully for that kind of money

## Listening Skills ...

THIS IS FOR THE CHAMPIONS AND THE BRAVE



### Listen to your talents

Have you ever considered your talents and gifts? Do you get a kick out of soccer? Are you a strategic thinker? A great listener? Can you motivate others to action with your words? Are you skilled at building things?

### Listen to your gifts

Make a list of the things and activities that interest you in which you excel.

You can also ask yourself, “What’s the one thing that I do better than others?”

This can also clue you in to your God-given purpose.

### Listen to your gifts

This means that if you can’t identify which “Gift Seeds” God has given you, ***try doing new things that interest you.***

Through these new experiences, God will reveal more to you about who you are and how He has called you to serve Him.

God has given each of us gifts and abilities to use in His service.

God always equips us to do what he calls us to do. If you aren't gifted in a certain area, God is probably not calling you to **minister/work/make a living/exist** in that area.

See Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and Ephesians 4:11-13 for lists of spiritual gifts and a discussion of them.

Umm...what if I'm multi-talented? You might ask..well then

Your full of yourself and nobody can help you 😊

#JustKidding #YoureSoSensitive #your\_ego\_mustFall

[Listen to your passions](#)

If I could ask you what makes you angry, joyful, excited or passionate, what would you say? Take a moment right now and jot some of those down. What things cause you to feel those emotions. What movies, what words during conversation, what images on the news, what situations in your life.

... what gives you joy, excitement, angry and passion

Take note of when your emotions are moved; these times can be a sign of your God-given purpose.

Pray.





Ask God to show you the things that move you and make a list again. Anything more or different?  
Write it down

And remember, He wants you to discover His purpose for you more than you do.

Lastly, consider that your purpose is not just about you; it's about what God wants to do through you.

### [Listen to the Holy Spirit](#)

When deciding between two alternatives that you have been praying about, sometimes one of the options will give you a greater peace.

That option is probably God's will.

### **Isaiah 32:17**

“The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever”





## PEOPLE in your life and Purpose

THIS IS FOR THE CHAMPIONS AND THE BRAVE

### PURPOSE...affects your friendships

You spend time on it. Maybe a lot of time....so it affects how much time you spend with friends

PURPOSE...affects your friendships

You think/ about it. Maybe a lot... so it affects how you see life and how you see your friends!!!  
Why?

**WE MET FOR  
ONE OF TWO  
REASONS. EITHER  
YOU'RE A  
BLESSING OR  
A LESSON.**  
THEGOODVIBE.CO

True friends don't need to understand it, if they love you they **ACTIVELY** support you.

***They BUY INTO IT cause it IS YOU***

You **PRIORITISE IT**. Maybe a lot ... so the friends you keep start to change...some drift, new ones come.

Why? Cause you meet them while chasing your purpose  
Or they get left behind when you run with it  
Or they hang on to you or catch up to you while you run

### More about relationships

...so far its been easy enough to handle

Now we separate the men from the boys  
The women from the girls

**And the eagles from the chicken-licken**

### PURPOSE...affects your love life

You spend money on it. Maybe a lot of money... **so it affects how much money you HAVE to spend on loved ones**

Maybe you struggle to really relate especially to people who think its not important.

***Maybe you struggle to fall in love or stay in love with someone who is not your biggest fan***

You **PRIORITISE IT**. Maybe a lot ... so it affects how you choose or assess a potential partner

If your loved ones esp. partner/boyfriend/girlfriend does not understand it **COMPLETELY/FULLY/WELL ENOUGH**, they wont understand you completely/fully/well enough and **you two may argue** over it seriously.

**Maybe you two arent arguing over it enough?!!**

What do you two argue about? Write down and compare it to your 4 questions at the very beginning

Compare it to the 4 questions at the very beginning.  
Is there overlap or commonality? Mostly? Not so much?.How does this make you feel? What is this saying to you? What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?

What do you two love to talk about? Not argue. What do you enjoy discussing/chatting/daydreaming about?

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If your loved ones esp. boyfriend/girlfriend does NOT understand it, they wont understand you and **you two may not work out as a couple.**

Or if you do stay together, you might find yourself making compromises on major things, important things, God-given things, God-calling things.

Or maybe if you to do stay together, you might have to change as people and individuals, grow, change your priorities. Then again does that mean you shouldn't be in a relationship till you figure those things out?

Why? Youre calling changes you. You might find that youre a fundamentally different person than before... so does your partner still fit?

Of course for married couples, finding there are different implications.

Finding that you don't know your purpose or finding it and being changed as a person and in terms of your priorities means for your marriage to work it will take a lot of prayer.

God isn't into divorce at all. So you'll have to make it work somehow.

It may be you need to focus on what you have in common and reprioritize everything else around that with prayer. Then ask God to help you both in new areas.

If your loved ones esp. boyfriend/girlfriend doesn't AGREE/ALSO BOND with it, they may not agree/bond with you ☹ [its OK to walk AWAY IF You're not married...btw engaged is still single]

**DONOT  
CHASE PEOPLE.  
WORK HARD  
AND BE YOU.  
THE RIGHT PEOPLE  
WHO BELONG  
IN YOUR LIFE  
WILL COME FIND  
YOU AND STAY.  
DO YOUR THING.**

**"Regret can be your worst enemy or your best friend. You get to decide which." -Martha Beck**

Marriage – if your purposes are related, you will grow closer

If they aren't at all as you fulfill your purpose it will draw you apart

If you aren't married, choose wisely... some questions you can ask your partner. Write down what they said

“ So...what do you want from life?” The important things. What were the answers to your 4 questions

“Whats God said to you about your future?”

“As the head and high priest ... Where do you see us in the next 5 years, 10 years? At the end of our lives” ***Ladies, royal queens and princesses ... ask your fiancé. Write down the answer***

***“Can you hear God clearly, daily?” Both of you should ask each other this question. Write down the answer***

Gents need to ask the same question. No Biblically successful man made it in life without a prayer team. And if you're going to get married, your wife is the first and last member of the team. She's the star striker, the MVP. Anything else and you're setting yourself up for mediocrity or potentially success without Jesus.

### **Proverbs 18:22**

He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD

Why is this question important?

Well why did your partner/boyfriend/girlfriend agree to go out with you? Love at first sight (Biblically no such thing). Instinct? (Biblically no such thing). Looks. Crush. .. how...did they ask God?

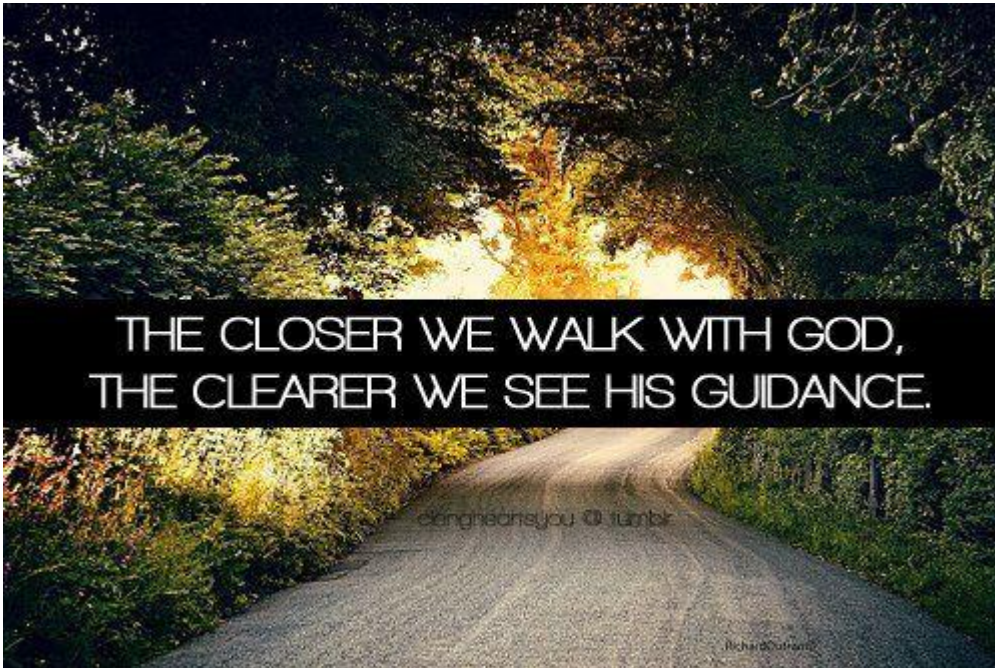
If they didn't how do you know they'll stay? If they stay how do you know they'll love you and stay? Daily walk with God answers lots of questions in life.

When it comes to marriage or choosing to get married can you see the 3pp now and the 2 **related purposes**

### Introspection Time

- Money – how does it affect your life? What do you spend it on?
- What would you do for free no matter or the lack of the salary?
- Do you want to be wealthy? How do you use the little money you have now?
- How do you choose your friends/romantic partner?
- Which would you choose, your purpose or your spouse/boyfriend/girlfriend?
- Have you told your friends your purpose? Your dreams? Why not you embarrassed? Do they have anything they are doing that you find truly inspiring?
- Are you happy when other people succeed no matter whats going on in your life?
- Seeking truth – open dialogue [10MINS]
- Maybe you're walking with chickens instead of flying with angels...think of getting new friends
- Are your friends Christians?
- Anger? – Its not bad its how you use it—"be ye angry but not let it lead you to sin"
- What makes you angry
- Joy – the joy of the Lord is our strength...does your job bring you joy? Do your subjects bring your joy?....maybe that's why you're tired all the time?

**THERE ISN'T ENOUGH ROOM IN  
YOUR MIND FOR BOTH WORRY  
AND FAITH. YOU MUST DECIDE  
WHICH ONE WILL LIVE THERE.**



PURPOSE: your faith

It makes you feel inadequate, you CANT achieve it on your own

**"If the vision can be accomplished with your paycheck it is not a God-given vision." - Myles Munroe**

Its related to your gifts and talents but **OUTSIDE your comfort zone**

God **uses it** to treat you a certain way

**Interesting Quotes**

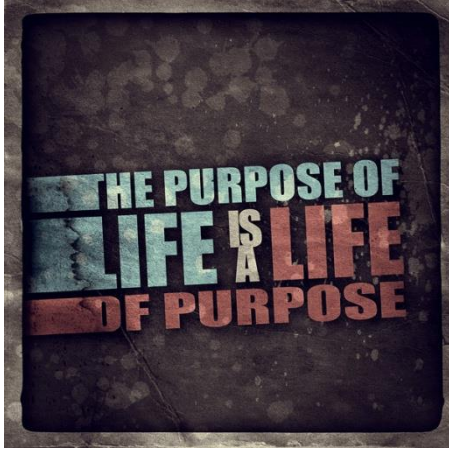
It's hard to wait for something you know might never happen...**but its even harder to give up when you know its everything you want** (anon)

It should make you feel somehow also like Superman – Cant fail

**WE  
WALK  
BY FAITH  
NOT BY SIGHT  
CORINTHIANS 5:7**



## PURPOSE: General vs Specific/Unique

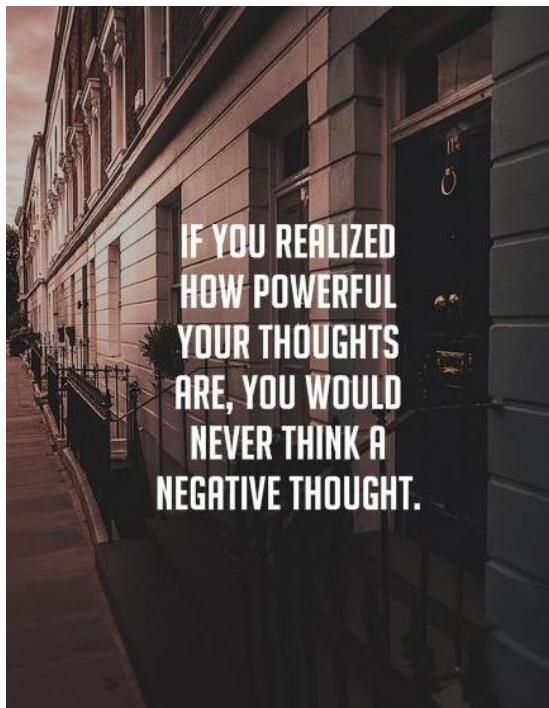


**General/Generic - Stop hiding:** Praise and honor the Lord "This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise" – Isaiah 43:2

**Unique/You = Unique Purpose:** As God has created us, He is the one who knows this path and our true purpose.

You **can't expect to accomplish** your purpose **or have others join you** if you don't know the **specific path** you are meant to take.

"What **you don't do** can be a destructive force." -- Eleanor Roosevelt



**Once you've accepted** it is your version of how you see God: what Christians like to call their '***testimony***'

**Once you've accepted** it affects your relationship with God  
**Once you've accepted** it You pray about it: A LOT!!!

**Once you've accepted it,** IT IS GOD: Why?!

Because you love God and have accepted your purpose...**it can COMMAND you...you obey i(l)t**

**Once you've accepted it,** IT IS GOD: Why?!

Because **you freely prioritize it OVER your own wants/choices/comfort/will/**

**Once you've accepted it,** IT IS GOD: Why?!

Because, **if you were forced to by life, you will gladly die for it**

**Once you've accepted it,** IT IS GOD: God will do everything on His part to help you fulfill it..... But allow God to be a little crazy or to not make any sense.

**Now...** your job is to **SHABBAT: REST** and enjoy/endure the ride

Reward

**Once you've accepted it,** some of your reward for chasing it will be in this life time but **most of it will be in the next life-time.**

Translation: **short term sacrifice long term gain**

Purpose: Don't be afraid to fail – because you will

In life, sometimes you will fail. Learn to fail forward.

Prepare to not be perfect, prepare yourself to sometimes fail.



“The major difference between achieving people and average people is their perception of and response to failure. Mistakes really do pave the road to achievement.” John C. Maxwell



# FAMOUS FAILURES

## MICHAEL JORDAN

*After being cut from his high school basketball team, he went home, locked himself in his room, & cried.*

## WALT DISNEY

*He was fired from a newspaper for "lacking imagination" and "having no original ideas."*

## STEVE JOBS

*At 30 years old, he was left devastated & decompressed after being unceremoniously removed from the company he started.*

## THE BEATLES

*Rejected by Decca Recording studios, who said "We don't like their sound" & "They have no future in show business."*

## OPRAH WINFREY

*She was demoted from her job as a news anchor because she "wasn't fit for television."*

## ALBERT EINSTEIN

*He wasn't able to speak until he was almost 4 years old, and his teachers said he'd "never amount to much."*

**"IF YOU'VE NEVER FAILED, YOU'VE NEVER TRIED ANYTHING NEW."**

[www.MeatballCandy.com](http://www.MeatballCandy.com)

**WHAT WOULD YOU ATTEMPT  
TO DO IF YOU KNEW YOU  
COULD NOT FAIL?**

ROBERT SCHULLER

Write down a few things you would try if you knew success was 110% guaranteed

Ask two or three of your friends to share with you their own answers. If money was no problem, if support was no problem, if the knowledge needed to fulfill your purpose or calling or passion. If you had everything you needed to get it right ask your friends what would they do, what passions

are in their deepest heart, what ideas what dreams would they chase if they knew success was 110% guaranteed

Now compare your answers with your friends. This exercise is good for two reasons

- 1) It'll help you share and articulate your passions easier when you're talking to other people about them. The more you talk about your dreams the more they become real and clearer to you yourself. Finding your purpose is a spiritual journey. As Christians we speak in faith. We stand on the word of God and our mouths have the power of life and death. If you don't talk about your passions then they will never have life, your faith will never grow in that area of your life.
- 2) Sharing these issues will also reveal to you what kind of friends you have. If your friends aren't divinely ambitious it could be you're surrounding yourself with the wrong people. You need people in your life who will build you not drag you down. And dragging you down isn't just about insults or such. Surrounding yourself with people with small dreams will make you think small too.



### Summary of how to identify your Purpose

1. You have to find it/search for it: Its **external**, its **big, scary**
2. Your **money** has a new boss
3. It **takes** your precious or free time
4. The **friends** you have change
5. Don't be afraid to fail, BECAUSE YOU WILL
6. It affects how you choose romantic partners
7. It takes you over. It becomes you. Everything about you is rooted/grounded IN IT
8. To you it is your relationship with God: To you it is God
9. **You, it and God all agree**: Gods purpose and your desires agree 😊 [ We could stop there]



## Oprah

Guess what they told Oprah when she to have her own show?

They told Oprah, that she was cosmetically challenged

### Oprah: Her Bio

Oprah was born in 1954 an illegitimate child.

At nine, Oprah was raped by an older cousin, and for the next several years, she was sexually abused by several other male relatives and friends of her mother, but remained silent about it.

In 1976, Oprah went to Baltimore and briefly worked as a news reporter. In 1984, Oprah went to Chicago to host a struggling talk show called A.M. Chicago. She quickly turned the show into a phenomenon, and after less than one year it was renamed The Oprah Winfrey Show.

By 1986, national syndication, and it has been the number one talk show in America ever since. It currently draws over 20 million US viewers per week

Also broadcast in over 100 other countries.



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*They call us*  
**DREAMERS**  
*but we're the ones  
who don't sleep.*

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*TheConcreteRunway.com*

Through her production company Harpo Productions, Oprah owns and produces The Oprah Winfrey Show (which she bought the rights to in 1988), and is one of the wealthiest people in the media industry.

Is there anything in her life story you can relate to? What are the key points you resonate with or identify with?

What's encouraging then about what you can relate to or identify with in your life?

## Walt Disney



His bio:

**Film producer, director, voice over actor, animator, international icon, created over 81 feature films and hundreds of shorts.**

He received more than 950 honors that included **48 Academy Awards.**

Built the California Institute of the Arts and Disneyland. His success story was full of painful events and failures.

**At the age of 22, he was bankrupt after the brutal failure of a cartoon series in Kansas City.**

**He went bankrupt several times before he built Disneyland.**

He wanted to be a **Hollywood actor but it never happened.**

He was **fired** by a newspaper editor said **“lacking imagination and creative ideas.”**

He never gave up trying or stepping forward.

**“I have been up against tough competition all my life. I wouldn’t know how to get along without it.”**

- Walt Disney

**“All the adversity I’ve had in my life, all my troubles and obstacles, have strengthened me... You may not realize it when it happens, but a kick in the teeth may be the best thing in the world for you.”** - Walt Disney

Walt Disney proved that **success is not what opportunities make us but the perseverance and courage in failure that keeps us motivated to succeed.**

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## I cant hear you - Beethoven

Ludwig van Beethoven, a German composer of classical music, is **widely famous and considered to be one of the supreme composers** who played a crucial role in the **transition from classical to romantic music**.

Beethoven **was criticized for handling the violin awkwardly**. Even his teachers called him **“hopeless as a composer.” His miseries never ended till he finally died:**

**At the pinnacle of his career, Beethoven completely lost his hearing and yet he managed to write five of his greatest symphonies!**

Here are some great quotes from Beethoven

**Don't let  
small minds  
convince  
you that your  
dreams  
are too big.**

**“The world must give one recognition,—it is not always unjust. I care nothing for it because I have a higher goal.”**

**“This is the mark of distinction of a truly admirable man: steadfastness in times of trouble.”**

**“Follow the advice of others only in the rarest cases.”**

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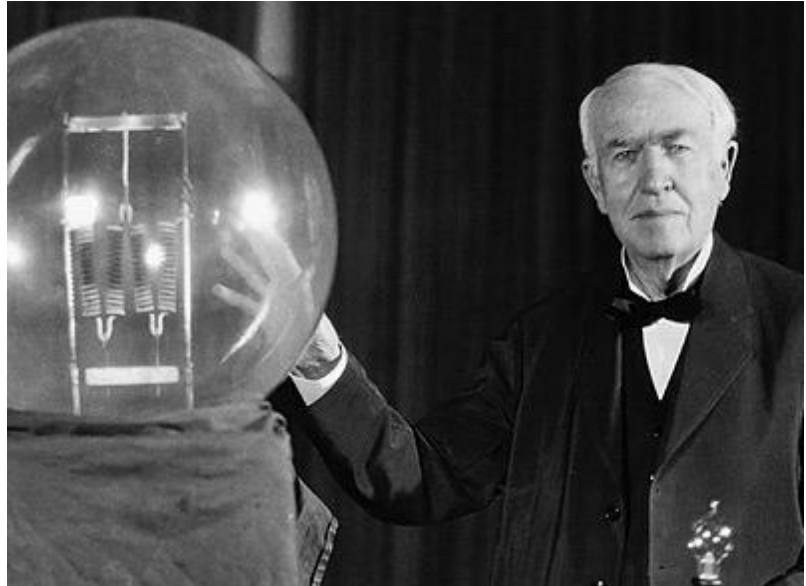
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## Too Stupid to Learn! – Thomas Edison

Thomas Edison held **1,093 patents**, invented the electric light bulb, the phonograph, and the motion picture camera

His teachers considered him to be **“too stupid to learn anything.”** He was named as **“non-productive”** by the companies he worked for.

Once a reporter, who’d come to see the demonstration of his newest invention, the electric bulb, asked: **“How did it feel to fail 1,000 times?”**. To which he replied, **“I didn’t fail 1,000 times. The light bulb was an invention with 1,000 steps.”**



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He failed over 1000 times before inventing the light bulb; still he was determined **“I am not discouraged, because every wrong attempt discarded is another step forward.”**



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He never gave up, he believed, **“Nearly every man who develops an idea works at it up to the point where it looks impossible, and then gets discouraged. That’s not the place to become discouraged.”**

“Many of life’s failures are **people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.**” — Thomas A. Edison

“Show me a thoroughly satisfied man and I will show you a failure” — Thomas A. Edison

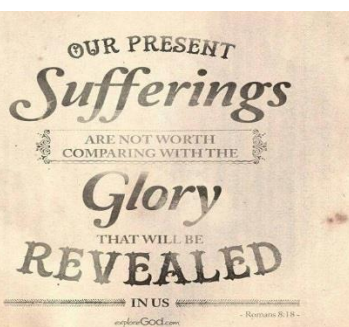
Sometimes you win.  
Sometimes you learn.

“**Five percent** of the people **think**;  
**ten percent** of the people **think they think**;  
and the other **eighty-five percent would rather die than think.**” — Thomas A. Edison

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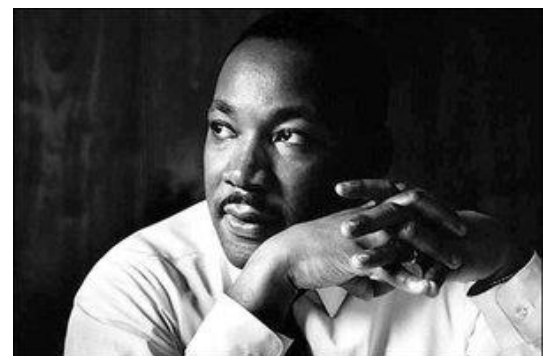
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“I have a Dream” – Dr Martin Luther King Jr.



“As my sufferings mounted I soon realized that there were two ways in which I could respond to my situation -- either to react with bitterness or seek to transform the suffering into a creative force. I decided to follow the latter course.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.



“The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But...the good Samaritan reversed the question:



'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'

— Martin Luther King Jr.

His Bio:

Little particularly remarkable about him during his years at Morehouse College

He proved only a **middling** student, **quiet, self-enclosed**, usually lodging himself at the very **rear of the classroom**.

He held **vague notions** of perhaps escaping his father's ministerial predestination by studying **medicine**, but with his **difficulty with** the exactitudes **of science**, he decided to major in sociology to prepare for a career in law.

But at the same time, Martin discovered on the Morehouse campus free discussions about any especially the South's racist order.

He was searching...medicine, law, theology

His purpose though was external.

It was waiting for him to find it – some people will never find it because they aren't searching



Beyond that, the only academic intensity he evinced was listening with a transfixed raptness to the weekly addresses of Morehouse president Dr. Benjamin Mays, a nationally prestigious theological scholar.

And he happened to encounter for the first time Thoreau's essay On Civil Disobedience.

Thoreau's essay on civil disobedience changed his life forever.

“A man who won't die for something is not fit to live.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.

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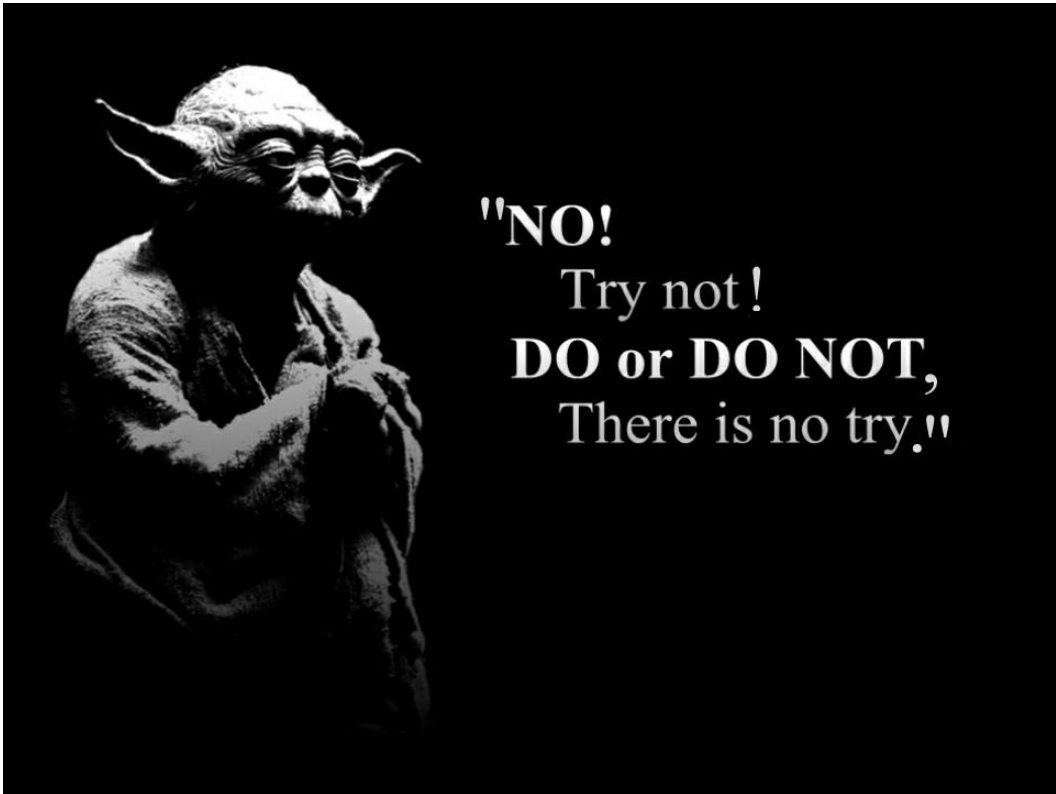


If a dream can change a country or even the world....how much more could it change you?

[Vision casting – just 10 minutes every day... take time out for the most important thing in your life]

Such famous words “I have a dream”

Let’s land this thing  
“Only be strong and very courageous”



Fulfilling your purpose is

- Finding it happens by searching for it
- It's a contract: A Yes/No-Decision
- Passion-packed
- Stamina-dependent
- Not-motivated by reward
- Action-packed

...till next time

Patience, persistence and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success.  
~ Napoleon Hill

**Prayer points for focus on to help you confidently identify your purpose.:** What stood out for you the most in this course and what are you most afraid of about this journey you've started. For every answer - try find a bible verse that speaks to it in a positive way

(hint: are there any Bible promises that are connected with what you wrote)

## Purpose-finding: Book list and links

- <http://www.successtories.co.in/fail-again-fail-better/>
- [http://www.chase-a-dream.com/achieving\\_greatness.html](http://www.chase-a-dream.com/achieving_greatness.html)
- John C Maxwell : Fail Forward
- Max Lucado : Its not about me, its about God
- Malcolm Gladwell : Outliers ....(non-Christian but grt book)
- Spencer Johnson : Who moved my cheese (non-Christian but grt book)
- Ellen White : Desire of Ages
- Ellen White : Messages to Young People esp Chapt 4
- Andrew Murray : Gods plans for you