

Prosperity with a Purpose

Have a Purpose

Luke 12:16-21 NIV - And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

Purpose: The reason for which something exists or is done.

What is *Not* Your Purpose

1. Money –

1 Timothy 6:10 Message - Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble. Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after.

2. Security –

Proverbs 11:28 NIV - Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.

Facts about Your Purpose

1. It will always include two compounds: God and others
1 Peter 4:10
2. It will excite you (you will be passionate)
3. It will position you to your destiny (It will propel you)
 - It sets you in motion

Keys to Discovering Your Purpose

1. Knowing you have one:

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV - For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Ephesians 2:10 NIV - For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

2. Asking God: Get alone with God, ask him to show you.

James 1:5 NIV - 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.

Funding Your Purpose
Having Multiple Streams of Income

“Nobody gets wealthy of working a job”

1. This requires extra effort:

Proverbs 14:23 NIV – All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Proverbs 21:5 NIV - The plans of the diligent lead to profit, as surely as haste leads to poverty.

2. You will have to get out of your comfort zone

Matthew 14:28–29 NIV - "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said.

3. See the opportunity:

Ephesians 5:16 NIV - Making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

God will give us opportunities, we will need to recognize them and pursue them.