## The Purpose of Life

- I. The <u>Purpose</u> of Life (*Why Do I exist*): You were created to bring <u>glory</u> to God in all aspects of life. (Isaiah 43:7, Romans 11:36, Colossians 1:15-17, 1Corinthains 10:31, 2Corinthians 5:9,15, Matthew 5:14-16)
  - A. To glorify God-to demonstrate the greatness of His Character by functioning according to His design and will in all aspects of life.
- **II.** The <u>Objective</u> of Life (What are the overarching goals I need to accomplish to fulfill my purpose?): You are to focus on <u>pleasing</u> God through seeking: (2Corinthains 5:9,15)
  - A. To know God intimately (Socialization with God) (John 17:3).
  - B. To become like Jesus Christ to maturity in all aspects of life (*Sanctification in Jesus Christ*) (2Corinthians 3:18, Ephesians 4:11-16).
  - C. To be useful to God (*Service for God*) (Ephesians 2:10, Romans 7:4, 1Peter 4:10-11).
- III. The <u>Process</u> of Life (What steps do I need to take to accomplish my goals to fulfill my purpose?): You must hear what to <u>obey</u> then <u>obey</u> what you hear from God's Word in all aspects of life. (James 1:22-25, Proverbs 3:5-7)
  - A. Learn the Truth of God. (2 Timothy 3:16, 2:15, Psalm 1:1-3, 119:104-105)
  - B. Live the Truth of God you have learned. (James 1:19-22, Psalm 119:101-102)
  - C. Love others through the Truth of God you have learned and are living. (John 13:34-35, 1Corinthians 13:4-8, Ephesians 4:16-17)
- IV. The <u>Structure</u> of Life (How do I work this out in the context of life?) You must organize your <u>life</u> around these particular roles and responsibilities:
  - A. You work this out in your role of *Disciple-* You are to be a follower of Christ in aspects of your life; In essence you are to follow God's commands in all aspects of your life. (Matthew 28:18-20, John 8:31-36)
  - B. You work this out in your role of *Ambassador* As one who no longer belongs to this world but to the Kingdom of God, you are to be an instrument in the hand of God whereby through you presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ, God may perhaps deliver sinners from their sin into a new a right relationship with God that will last for eternity. (2 Corinthians 5:11-21, 1 Corinthians 3:5-9).

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C. You work this out in your role of *Builder*- As one who now is a Citizen of God's Kingdom and a part of His Church, you are spend your life helping other Christians grow to maturity in their character and faith in Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-16, Colossians 1:28-29)

**Key Point:** All this is to be accomplished as a single person, a married person, a widow, a family member, a church member, a citizen, a foreigner, a co-worker; as one in authority, as one under authority or even as one equal in authority to someone. (1 Corinthians 10:31, John 14:21, Colossians 1:28-29)