



Own Your Charge 2 Timothy 4:1-8

A life of purpose is a life committed to _____ . (1-5)

A life of purpose is a life _____ as an offering to Jesus, and it expects the _____ . (6-8)

Own the Truth:

A life of purpose _____, devoting its _____ to it,
expecting the _____.

Discussion Questions

1. What stuck out to you from today's lecture?
2. Let's take a look at the homework. What were your key takeaways?
3. What did you learn when you did the Discovering Your Purpose tool (from last week)?
4. If you knew you were living out your last days, what would your final words or charge be to your loved ones?
5. How prepared are you to fulfill your calling? What next steps might you need to take?
6. What would it practically look like for you to be prepared to preach the Word in season and out of season?
7. How does understanding Paul's example of his own life and the idea of being poured out like a drink offering inform the reality of living a life of purpose? What difficulty or sacrifices might you be called to make to fulfill your calling?

Discovering Your Purpose Tool: Life Purpose Statement (see attached page)

Discovering Your Purpose Tool: Life Purpose Statement

In order to bring real clarity to your minds about your specific life purpose, you will write a life purpose statement.

Start by considering what God's Word says about our general purpose as believers. There are many passages of Scripture that address His purposes for mankind. Here are some passages to consider as you get started:

- Matthew 22:36-40
- Matthew 28:19-20
- John 13:34
- 2 Corinthians 4:7
- Ephesians 2:8-10
- Philippians 3:8

Next gather your previous Discovering Your Purpose tools:

- Start with week one, the impact list. Consider who God has already placed in your life that He may be calling you to pass your faith on to.
- Then look at the spiritual gifts assessment. What spiritual gifts has God given you to use for the benefit of the Church?
- Next consider your story. What parts of your story reveal a unique perspective or experience you have that God can use for good in the lives of others?
- Then look at the *Discover Hill Country Impacting Others* packet. What areas or people did you identify as your sweet spot in ministry.
- Next look at the Honorable Vessel inventory and the Make a Break Challenge. What are some things in your life that are obstacles to you pursuing God's purposes in your life?
- Last week, we looked at how to spend time with God daily. This week as you consider each of these tools, pray for God to bring clarity to you about your purpose. Also, take some time to look at what the Bible has to say about purpose and your specific gifting. Consider:
 - Ephesians 2:10
 - 1 Chronicles 28:20
 - Deuteronomy 31:8

Finally, after you have spent time with God in prayer and in the Word, write out a sentence (or two) that states your specific purpose.

- A biblical life purpose statement should be a concise statement of what God has purposed you to do, based on God's Word. Your purpose statement will reflect a biblical understanding of your unique purpose, so

while it may seem broad and universal (for all believers), your statement will reflect your perspective on your life purpose.

- Do not worry about getting the wording exactly right the first try, simply write out what you see God may be showing you as you put all these tools together.

Example 1: My purpose is to bring glory to God through consistent worship of Him, to cultivate an inner life that reflects the grace of God, and to equip men and women for ministry.

Example 2: God created me to enter a loving relationship with Him that shows others His deep commitment to me through His power to change my life.

Example 3: I exist to know Christ intimately and become like Him, developing His character in my life and to love other people and make disciples by pointing them toward Christ.

Example 4: My purpose is to glorify God by teaching and discipling women to make Kingdom decisions, dream Kingdom dreams and live Kingdom lives.

Based on your study of God's Word, write your biblical purpose statement. If you need help getting started, try one of these phrases:

- My purpose is . . .
- God created me to . . .
- I exist to . . .

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<https://thechristianminimalist.wordpress.com/2011/01/24/four-steps-to-writing-your-biblical-purpose-statement/>