



# How do I make my life count?

## KEY VERSE

“You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you.” - Isaiah 26:3 GNT



Ask yourself... what drives you?

As Christians we need to be driven by our God given purpose! What drives you should not be the external, not what you do or who do it with, but be about who you are and who you do it for... it's all for His glory!

The reality is... we all get it mixed up.

Oftentimes we can be driven by resentment & anger or hold on to hurt and let that wound of the past drive us. Others are driven by fear; fear of failure, unmet expectations & experiences that have stolen their power. Others are driven by materialism, the need to be seen, to have security and have control of their own destiny. Many are driven by affirmation; affirmation that comes from titles, power and position, they try and please everyone and forget who they were called to please... God!

Here is the key thing: when you are purpose driven you are guided by an internal conviction, not by external expectations.

# How does your purpose drive you?

## 1. PURPOSE GIVES YOU TRUE MEANING

Purpose aims at contributive goals not selfish goals. Science shows that people are hardwired to contribute, to add value & influence. It is in your DNA to help people and to see them win. Knowing this truth brings meaning to every relationship you have.

When you know you have value to add, you won't hold back from loving people, from being generous & giving your time to be a blessing to others. When you live with meaning, you have hope for the future & faith for the present!

### GROUP QUESTION

When you became a follower of Jesus Christ, what things that gave you meaning, become insignificant, versus new things that took on meaning in your life?

## 2. PURPOSE BRINGS CLARITY IN THE CHAOS

When you know what you are purposed to do, you'll know what not to do! It makes making decisions so much easier: **'I'm here for one purpose and everything I do, needs to align with this truth'**. Ask yourself... does this honor God? do I need faith to get through this? Do I have peace because I know this is part of my purpose? Keep it simple, keep it in purpose.

### GROUP QUESTION

What is the ONE thing you feel God has revealed to you about your purpose?



### 3. PURPOSE GIVES YOU LASER FOCUS

Purpose brings stability! It's not up and down, now hot, then cold, always changing, coming and going! Life might externally be in a frenzy, but your purpose brings focus & stability.

In Luke 16:10 it says:

**"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much,"**

People with purpose have the ability to stay focused even if it seems small and insignificant. It might be a job, a task or a season, but one thing a purposed person knows is, if you can't honor your purpose when it seems insignificant ... you can't honor it when it's significant! Keep the focus.

#### GROUP QUESTION

What are your nonnegotiables? The things that you have prioritized in life?

### 4. PURPOSE IS THE GREAT MOTIVATOR

Your purpose becomes your passion. Purpose will give you energy and give you a reason to keep going. It doesn't mean it'll be easy, but it will be fulfilling.

When God puts a purpose on your life, it will be guided by the things you are passionate about. Now remember, this is not superficial passion, like money and success. Rather ask yourself what gives you energy? What do you want to be remembered for?

Example: Deep meaningful conversations (those 'convos' you know that people walk away with, feeling a bit more faith-filled



and a bit more encouraged) energizes me, its my passion to see people grow, this is my passion & purpose!

#### GROUP QUESTION

What gets you up in the morning, the thing that lifts your spirit and fills your cup?

#### 5. PURPOSE PREPARES YOU FOR HEAVEN

What drives you in life, will be the things that'll be left standing at the end of your life!

“If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.”

- 1 Corinthians 3:12

Your purpose builds on the foundations laid by God! When you worship God with all you do, you keep your eyes on His purposes, your good works will stay standing at the end! Works of the flesh He calls, wood, hay or straw, will be burnt by fire the day we stand before God! But works done according to His purposes, work of gold, silver & costly stones, will remain and you will receive your reward in eternity!

Your purpose will be rewarded in heaven!

#### GROUP QUESTION

What good works do you see as Gold, Silver & Costly Stones vs. wood, hay & straw ?