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Purpose means the reason for which something is created or done. God created us with a purpose (Jer. 1:5), and His plan is good (Jer 29:11). However, most of us don't know God's purpose, and our plans are not aligned with His. Therefore, let us strive to discern and move forward in our life according to God's purpose.

1. We must begin with God to know our purpose.

Our God has a great purpose for our life; however, we failed to seek Him on this. We must seek Him first in order to know our purpose. God will provide us with spiritual gifts to fulfill them; thus, it is better to offer ourselves to Him for service.

2. Why did God give us a purpose in life? There are plenty of reasons why God gave us a purpose in life, and foremost is to be like Christ.

- “Praise for spiritual blessings in Christ. Praise be to the Lord Jesus... to be holy and blameless in his sight.” In love, he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ in accordance with His pleasure and will (Eph. 1:3-5)

We have to be careful not to be deceived by Satan who tells us that our life has no purpose and meaning at all.

3. God's purpose will give us direction in life. Our life, once set to God's purpose, will go to a long way in serving His kingdom. If we do not have God's purpose, we will be like a ship without a rudder – a ship without a direction. As Christians, we will discover our gifts upon serving the community. Further, God will give us provisions to fulfill His purpose.

4. God's purpose will give us positive and negative blessings. Christians who follow God's purpose will be blessed by Him. Blessings don't come in the form of money only; they also come in the form of good health, work/career, and good relationships. Sometimes our blessings come but they are not what we expect. However, we must trust that God in His unfathomable knowledge (Isa. 55:8-9) has good reasons (1 Cor. 1:29). He has better plans for us, and wants to test our character or to correct us. Nonetheless, blessings will surely come out good (Rom. 8:28) and are meant to be shared with others.

5. God's purpose for us aligns with His unthwarted purpose for all. God's broad purpose is for the world to know Him and to make Him known. If our purpose aligns with Him, we will have the right relationship with Him. Our lives will be changed radically (Eph. 4:24) and we must become living witnesses for Him, i.e. to be the light and salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13-16). His purpose in us will never be thwarted (Job 42:2, Acts 5:38) no matter how much Satan tempts us in different ways. God asks us to remain steadfast and faithful to His purpose.

Conclusion:

Our purpose-driven life as guided by God is a life filled with both blessings and temptations. We should be witnesses of God's goodness for others who seek Him. Let us surrender to God's will in order to lead a life filled with His love and protection. Moreover, we must never waiver in the midst of adversity.

Reflection:

1. What is your purpose in life?
2. How will you align your personal purpose to God's purpose ?
3. How do you keep going to fulfill God's mission?

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