



Series: *The Man in the Mirror*

Purpose: Why Do I Exist?

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1. It's just a fact of life. Most men don't know their purpose in life, or their purpose is too small. Sincerely ask a man, "What is the purpose of your life?" and you've just shot an arrow straight into the core of his soul. What does that question stir up inside you?
2. There is a sense in which all men are alike, and God gives all of us the same universal earthly purpose. What are the four parts of that purpose?
3. There is also a sense in which every man is unique, and God gives each of us a different *personal* life purpose. Like a fingerprint, our personal life purpose is the way God combines and particularizes the four universals for all men into a unique, one-of-a-kind set of marching orders. How clear are you about your *personal* life purpose (why you exist)? How do you think the "Developing a Written Life Purpose Statement" worksheet can help you learn, clarify, or confirm your personal life purpose?

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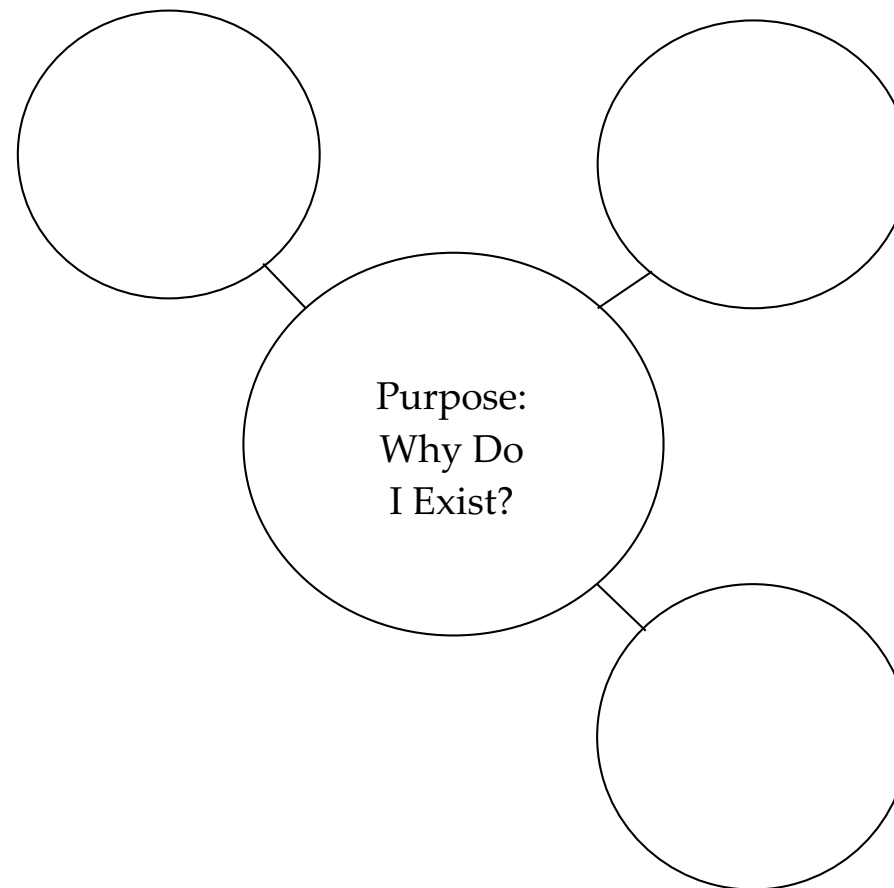


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The Big Idea: _____



Developing a Written Life Purpose Statement

Use this worksheet as a guide to help you discover God's personal purpose for your life. Your reward will be a sense of destiny about your life. Photocopy or remove this worksheet and keep it inside your Bible. Follow these practical steps:

1. Ask God, in prayer, to reveal your personal earthly purpose to you. Read Psalm 32:8 and claim it as a promise that He will answer.
2. Search the Scriptures for verses that capture your sense of God's purpose for your earthly life; record verses that give a special sense of meaning and purpose, picking out verses that are big enough to last a lifetime. Here are some you can begin to explore: Joshua 24:15; Proverbs 3:5-6; 30:7-9; Ecclesiastes 12:13; Micah 6:8; Matthew 6:33; 22:37-40; 28:19-20; John 4:34; 15:1-9, 15; 17:4; Acts 1:8; 20:24; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 3:10.

Other verses:

3. Go slow and wait for God to reveal Himself. Be patient; it may take some time.
4. Once you find a verse you believe expresses God's earthly purpose for you, rephrase it in your own words.

Write a draft Written Life Purpose Statement here:

Once you are satisfied with it, write it in the front of your Bible and date it.

5. Do all of the above asking God to give you a passion for your life so you will not be numbered among those timid souls who never know what it is like to taste the full measure of God. Decide to buy something great with the rest of the days you have to spend!