

What's Your Purpose?

Living A Purpose Filled Life - Colossians 3:1-17

Purpose Filled Life: _____ and _____
all that you were created and intended to be.

John 10:10 - My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.

Romans:10-18 & 23 - As the Scriptures say, No one is righteous—not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one. Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave. Their tongues are filled with lies. Snake venom drips from their lips. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness. They rush to commit murder. Destruction and misery always follow them. They don't know where to find peace. They have no fear of God at all. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

John 3:16 - God's care for humanity was so great that He sent His one and only Son among us, so that those who trust and rely on Him might not lead a futile and failing existence, but have the undying life of God Himself.

Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!

_____ior listed in Colossians 3:12-17, and ask God
in prayer to help you _____ and
_____ each of these behaviors/
attitudes

♦ Connect with God _____ day

◆ DESTINATION OF CHRISTIANS: _____

Romans 8:28-29 - God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to be conformed to the image of his Son.

◆ THE GOAL OF MY NEW LIFE IS FOR _____
TO BE FORMED IN _____

Galatians 4:19 - My dear children! Once again, just like a mother in childbirth, I feel the same kind of pain for you until Christ's nature is formed in you.

Colossians 3:1-4 - Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

1. I must _____ set my _____
and my _____ on Christ.

Key Understanding: *I must meditate on and study God's grace until I understand that God's grace is _____ merely the grace that forgives me, but it is the grace that _____ me, it is grace that _____ me to the character and likeness of Christ.*

Colossians 3:5-11 - Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its

practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

2. I must purpose to _____ and _____
all behavior connected with my old nature.

Colossians 3:12-17 - Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

3. I must purpose to _____ and _____
into my new life all the behavior
connected with my new nature.

CLOSING THOUGHT

1 John 3:1 - How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

- ◆ _____ **Romans 8:29** - God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to be conformed to the image of His Son.
- ◆ _____ your life for every behavior listed in **Colossians 3:5-11**, and each one to God in prayer
- ◆ _____ your life for every behavior-