

Sermon In A Nutshell, "Find Your Purpose!", February 7, 2020

Acts 26:16 NKJV

"..FOR I HAVE APPEARED TO YOU FOR THIS PURPOSE"

Finding one's purpose in life is sometimes a difficult thing to do. I can remember as a 17-year-old this was a major concern for me.

The Damascus road experience was not only a conversion experience, but a direct call for Paul's life purpose. The very thing that made the Apostle the man he became was the pursuit of that one purpose. Paul wrote in one of his letters: "I determine not to know anything among you except JESUS CHRIST and HIM crucified." That was his sole purpose in life.

When I felt GOD calling me into the ministry, I felt totally inadequate as a public speaker. I rationalized my calling by becoming a song leader since I played the trumpet. Later, I came to realize GOD had another purpose for me and HE would make me adequate for the task, it did not depend on me, but HIM.

We must all come to the place in realizing our purpose that HE who calls us will also equip us. 2Corinthians 12:9 "My Grace is sufficient for you, for MY strength is made perfect in weakness." No matter how small your talent may be GOD has a purpose for you. (Zachariah: 4:10) Purpose can only be realized as we are truly born again.

As I struggled with my call to the ministry, I asked my pastor; "How do you know when GOD is calling you to preach?" I will never forget his answer. "Son if you can do anything else and be happy do it."

Have you found the one thing that GOD has put you on earth for? You may have different vocations from time to time. The question is what is your main purpose?

Today's Prayer:

"Thank YOU, LORD, for knowing my purpose and equipping me for the purpose YOU have determined. Help me to understand all YOU have for me and all YOU want from me and for me to abandon my own desires that are not YOURS. Amen."

Feel HIS Blessings!

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