

WRESTLING WITH PURPOSE

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PURPOSE

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noun

the reason for which something exists or is done, made, used, etc.

an intended or desired result; end; aim; goal.

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To psychologists, purpose is an abiding intention to achieve a long-term goal that is both personally meaningful and makes a positive mark on the world.

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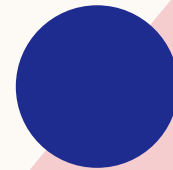
Matthew 4:23 Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and **proclaiming** the **good news** of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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Luke 4:17-19 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

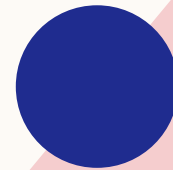
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

PURPOSE AS DISCIPLESHIP



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-Collective Not Individual



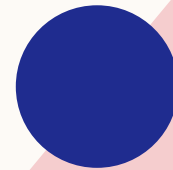
“ CONSIDER THE LILIES OF THE FIELD, HOW THEY GROW; THEY NEITHER TOIL NOR SPIN, YET I TELL YOU, EVEN SOLOMON IN ALL HIS GLORY WAS NOT CLOTHED LIKE ONE OF THESE. BUT IF GOD SO CLOTHES THE GRASS OF THE FIELD, WHICH IS ALIVE TODAY AND TOMORROW IS THROWN INTO THE OVEN, WILL HE NOT MUCH MORE CLOTHE YOU—YOU OF LITTLE FAITH? THEREFORE DO NOT WORRY, SAYING, ‘WHAT WILL WE EAT?’ OR ‘WHAT WILL WE DRINK?’ OR ‘WHAT WILL WE WEAR?’ FOR IT IS THE GENTILES WHO SEEK ALL THESE THINGS, AND INDEED YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER KNOWS THAT YOU NEED ALL THESE THINGS. BUT SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL.

Matthew 6:28b-33

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PURPOSE AS DISCIPLESHIP

-Follow God Working in the World

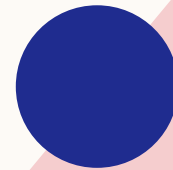


“ EVERY GOOD TREE BEARS GOOD FRUIT ”

Matthew 7:17

PURPOSE AS DISCIPLESHIP

-Engage the Work with God



**“ BLESSED ARE THE POOR AND THE POOR IN SPIRIT,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN,
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.
BLESSED ARE THE NONVIOLENT,
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH.
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR
JUSTICE, FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED.
BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,
FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY.
BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART,
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.
BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF
DOING JUSTICE WORK,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

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Matthew 5:3-10

BETTER QUESTIONS

ACHIEVEMENT BASED

- What is your passion?
- What are the world's deepest needs
- What do you want to be?

DISCIPLESHIP BASED

- What brings you joy and peace?
- Where do you see the fruit of the Holy Spirit working?
- What kind of world do you want to live in?

REFLECT

Is purpose a good framework? Why or why not?

How can you cultivate a sense of collective work, belonging and journey through building the world together?

