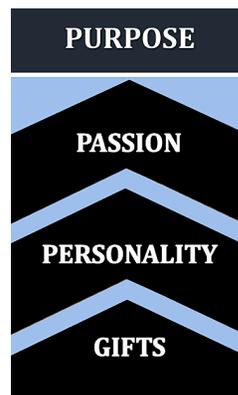




Ephesians 2:10 *For we are His workmanship (personal masterpiece), created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.* (Psalms 139:13-18)

1. It's easy to drift through life without ever setting significant goals. We tend to deal with each day in a pragmatic way but lacking a sense of purpose. Big goals may seem impossible, but the lives of many great achievers reveal that the most restrictive circumstances in their lives (poverty, oppression, lack of education, etc.) did not limit them. Their passion caused them to pursue their purpose at all cost.
2. Three examples of people receiving their calling (purpose)...
  - A. Moses as a shepherd/deliverer | Exodus 3
  - B. Jeremiah in the womb | Jeremiah 1:4-10 *...Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.*
  - C. Saul, the persecutor of the Church and the future apostle to the Gentiles | Acts 9:15-16
3. **Our purpose encompasses the call of God on our lives. They are not separate pursuits!** God is the One who places in us a desire to make a significant difference in the world for His Kingdom. We were created with three foundation “stones” to help us discover God’s call on our lives.
  - A. Our Spiritual abilities (Gifts) tell us **WHAT** we do best in God’s Kingdom.
  - B. Our style or personality tells us **HOW** we can serve with confidence.
  - C. Our passion tells us **WHERE** we can best focus our energy. It is the area in which we have a strong desire to make a significant impact.



Here are three steps to help you pursue your purpose/calling...

1. ► **DISCOVER**

- A. Prayer and meditation in His Presence is first and foremost.
  - Jeremiah 33:3 *Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty (previously inaccessible) things, which you do not know.*
- B. Ask yourself the difficult questions. Write down the answers according to Habakkuk 2:2-3.
  - Who has God created me to be? (My spiritual gifts, personality, and passion)
  - What has God revealed I should do with my life? (Stewardship)
  - What do I want to give? These are contributions I want to make in my life, the world and the Kingdom of God. It defines the legacy I want to leave.

2. ► **INITIATE**

- A. Identify the first step as revealed by the Holy Spirit.
  - Proverbs 16:9 *A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.*
  - Proverbs 3:6 *In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths (remove the obstacles that block and hinder).*
  - James 2:17 *...faith, if it does not have works to back it up, is by itself dead, inoperative and ineffective.*

3. ► **GIVE**

- A. The entire motivation for our calling and our purpose is to give our lives away for the sake of His Kingdom agenda and for people. The **ONLY** thing we take into Heaven is our obedience to Him and relationships.
  - Matthew 16:24-25 *...whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.*

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