

LIVING A LIFE OF PURPOSE
#SermonPurpose
Skills For Living With Purpose - Part 1
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Proverbs 16:4a The LORD has made everything for his own purpose... (GW)

3 Levels Of Living

- **SURVIVAL**
- **SUCCESS**
- **SIGNIFICANCE**

The Benefits of Living A Life of Purpose

1. IT WILL REDUCE MY FRUSTRATION

James 1:8 The double-minded man can never keep a steady course. (NEB)

Isaiah 26:3 You, LORD, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you. (TEV)

2. IT WILL INCREASE MY MOTIVATION

Job 7:6 My life drags by -- day after hopeless day. (LB)

Job 7:16a I'm tired of living ... my life makes no sense. (TEV)

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (LB)

3. IT WILL IMPROVE MY CONCENTRATION

Proverbs 4:25-27 Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. ²⁶
Mark out a straight path for your feet... ²⁷ Don't get sidetracked... (NLT)

Philippians 3:13 ...I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing: forgetting what is behind and looking forward to what lies ahead. (LB)

4. IT WILL PREPARE ME FOR GOD'S EVALUATION

Romans 14:10, 12 ...For we will all stand before God's judgement seat. ¹² So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. (NIV)

How To Get Started

- **IDENTIFY** what I've been living for so far.

Ephesians 5:15–16 So **be very careful how you live**, not being like those with no understanding, but live honorably with true wisdom, for we are living in evil times. ¹⁶ Take full advantage of every day as you **spend your life for God's purposes**. (TPT)

- **BELIEVE** God has a purpose for my life.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, **so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago**. (NLT)

- **RECEIVE** God's Son into my life.

Ephesians 1:4-5 Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own through what Christ would do for us... ⁵ **His unchanging plan** has always been to adopt us into his own family by **sending Jesus Christ to die for us**. And he did this because he wanted to! (LB)