



Learning to Love on Purpose

1 Peter 4:7-10 | January 10, 2021

So, what now?

Jesus changed all of that one day.

- Matt. 4:18-19; Luke 5:1-11 NIV

Peter left it all, why? Purpose. Jesus had a purpose for Peter.

Having a godly purpose will completely change your perspective on life.

When people lose their purpose for living, all can be lost.

Q. What is your purpose in life? Why do you exist?

"I exist to empower people to passionately live out their love for Jesus."

There is a reason why you exist.

FIRST PURPOSE: Be sober

- Be of sound mind
 - o To have common sense

In order to have purpose, one has to be able to think straight.

SECOND PURPOSE: Watch unto prayer (original)

- Be sober, calm and collected
 - o unto
- Prayer (addressed to God)
 - o Offering prayers

Why this purpose?

- To whom do you look for direction in your life?
- To whom do you seek common sense?
- To whom do you look for purpose?

The answer...God.

In prayer, we get in touch with the heart and mind of God who directs our life purposes.

THIRD PURPOSE: Love each other deeply.

Love deeply

- o Fervently
- o Earnestly
- o Intensely

A deep love does so on purpose.

- It is more than words
- It is actions directed toward the one we love

The original wording meant: strained or stretched.

- This love goes to the point of breaking
- It doesn't care what the cost is, it loves anyway
- It can't be stopped

Love (agape)

- Brotherly love
- Benevolence

We are to love each other beyond our abilities.

- We can only do this if we purpose to allow God to love in and through us

FOURTH PURPOSE: Allow love to cover sins.

- Sins should not stop us from loving people
 - o He purposed to love us in spite of our sins

When we realize our purpose in life...

- Know why we exist
- Pray with purpose
- Love each other deeply
- Allow God's love to cover our sins

Then, and only then, can we know our true purpose in life.

- It is exhibiting God's grace

Note: vss. 9-10

Be hospitable

- Generous
- Don't do it out of obligation
 - o Secret debate with your heart
- God has given us his grace
 - o Give it back to others

Our purpose in life is to manifest the grace of God to everyone we can.

You and I exist to only do this.

And we can do it out of love.

Questions for the week.

1. Do you know why you exist?
2. Are you doing all you can to love people?
3. What will you do this week to show forth God's grace to others?