

BASIC PURPOSE IN LIFE

// 1. AS A CHRISTIAN, WHAT IS YOUR BASIC PURPOSE IN LIFE?

1 PETER 4:10-11

10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

// WHAT DOES THIS VERSE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT OUR BASIC PURPOSE IN LIFE?

// 2. HOW DO WE GLORIFY GOD?

JOHN 15:1-8

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

// WHAT DOES VERSE 8 SAY GLORIFIES GOD?

// HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE SAY THAT WE BEAR FRUIT?

// WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO REMAIN IN THE VINE (CHRIST)?

// ACCORDING TO THIS PASSAGE, IF WE DISCONNECT OURSELVES FROM THE VINE, CAN WE GLORIFY GOD?

// WHAT KEY THINGS CAN YOU THINK OF WHICH WOULD HELP US REMAIN IN THE VINE?

// WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF PRUNING IN THIS PASSAGE?

// WHAT THINGS MIGHT GOD WANT TO PRUNE IN OUR LIVES?

// 3. WHAT DOES FRUIT LOOK LIKE?

»———— THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT —————>

GALATIANS 5:16-23

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

// LIST THE FRUIT THAT GOD'S SPIRIT PRODUCES IN OUR LIVES

// LIST THE FRUIT THAT OUR SINFUL NATURE PRODUCES IN OUR LIVES

// WHAT IS THE SECRET IN VERSE 16 TO PRODUCING GOD'S FRUIT IN OUR LIVES?

// HOW WOULD HAVING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE INFLUENCE...

- YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

- YOUR STUDIES

- YOUR PRIORITIES

- YOUR LIFE

// DO YOU KNOW HOW TO LIVE BY THE SPIRIT?

»———— THE FRUIT OF THE HARVEST —————>

LUKE 5:31-32

31 Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

LUKE 15:7

7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

LUKE 19:10

10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

// WHY DID JESUS COME INTO THE WORLD?

MATTHEW 4:18-20

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

// WHAT DOES JESUS SAY HE WILL MAKE PETER AND ANDREW?

MATTHEW 9:35-38

35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

// WHY DOES JESUS WANT TO RAISE UP LABOURERS?

// WHO WILL THE LABOURERS BE?

// 4. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

God's basic purpose for us is to live fruitful lives that bring Glory to Him. As we live by the Spirit, God will bring about the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Likewise, as we connect with Christ, He changes our hearts to care about the things that matter to Him. He loves the lost, and desires to make us fishers of men. Orange trees produce oranges naturally. So too a Christian living by God's Spirit produces fruit that glorifies God.

// 5. BASIC PURPOSE IN LIFE DASHBOARD

(TICK AS MANY IN EACH AREA THAT ARE TRUE FOR YOU)

FELLOWSHIP

- The only Christian I talk with about this stuff is the person I went through this study with
- I have a regular Church I attend
- There are Christians in my life whom I consider very close friends because of our mutual faith in Christ

PRAYER

- I only really pray to God when I'm anxious and need help
- I pray thankful prayers to God when I see His hand at work in my life
- I bring everything to God in prayer because I desire His will to be done in my life
- I enjoy spending time in prayer with God just because

GOD'S WORD

- I don't really understand how to connect with the bible properly
- I read God's word sometimes, and find it helpful
- I read God's word everyday because I know that through it, I get to know God better

(ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS)

LIVING BY THE SPIRIT

- Am I ready now to surrender control of my life to Jesus?
- Am I ready to be honest about and confess my sin to God?
- Do I sincerely desire to be directed and empowered by God's Holy Spirit?

LIVING FOR THE HARVEST

- I'm still not sure that people need to be Christians to get into heaven
- I know people need Christ in their lives, but I'm too scared to bring the subject up with them because of what people might think about me
- I want everybody around me to know Christ and I want God to use me to reach them
- I'm currently learning how to share my faith because I want to become a 'fisher of men'

// WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE IN LIGHT OF THIS?