



LEARN HOW TO FIND YOUR PURPOSE

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**WARNING!!! WHAT
YOU'RE ABOUT TO READ
MAY GIVE YOU AN
INSTANT TESTIMONY**

I'm so delighted that you bought this e-book . I'm even more excited about what God is about to unveil in you.

Let me quickly establish that walking in purpose can be two dimensional. While you rely on God to show you His purpose for your life, you can actually create a personal purpose for your life.

In this e-book, I'd be showing you how to create a personal purpose for your life so you won't have to lead a life without purpose. I'd also show you how to find divine purpose - which is often related to the personal purpose discovered. But first, ***I'd like to begin by dissolving the complexity of the subject called "Purpose".***

READY?

It became urgent on me to find my purpose in the year 2012; I kept asking God ***"why this, why that, why, why, and why?"***.

I knew I am gifted, otherwise, how would you explain the fact that most people I counselled or reached out to wept each time I had a session with them? The tears were more like a sign that the things I said were effective.

As much as I liked the idea, I was not comfortable, I needed to know why they happened. Finally, after over a thousand "why", God told me that the reason why they cried is because they wish they had known the things I said to them before that moment.

After that encounter, I told God that I was tired of trials and errors, I wanted to get things right this time. I quit my job in March 2013 to attend a bible school. And the only prayer point I had was ***"Lord, show me your plan for my life"***.

On the 7th of April 2013, God unveiled His plan for my life. I humorously say that "I may have lived for many years, but I have only lived for 6 years with purpose". Purpose is the beginning of life".

I could not stay long on a job that had no room for me to express my purpose. I would work for about six months or a year, then I would get tired and feel like quitting.

This happened everywhere I worked, except NIIT - where I worked as a teacher. I worked with NIIT for five years and often returned to them whenever I quit a job. I thought I was under an influence, but not until I discovered that my purpose is to be a teacher.

I really wanted to earn those fat salaries I earned in those places, but I just did not feel the fulfillment. God created us to be fruitful, but fat salaries without fulfillment is still fruitlessness. And from experience, man's desire to be fulfilled is often far greater than his desire to be rich.

In this life, you either choose to be rich or to be purposeful. It is not all people who are rich that have purpose, but you can never be

purposeful and not be rich. It may take time, but it is guaranteed.

Fortunately, many people are already choked with responsibilities, such that, if they choose to live a life of purpose, they would affect the people and things they are responsible for. The solution would not be to neglect their purpose, but to start small, even while they maintain their responsibility. Do not leave your job because you have found purpose; rather, leave your job only because you have come into a fairly independent stage of your purpose.

When you no longer feel comfortable where you work, then purpose is probably calling for you. Also, do not take any job that would not give attendance to your purpose.

Purpose creates opportunities, and opportunity is what birth ideas. An idea is what you need to begin a business.

I laugh when I hear people ask questions like ***"what kind of business can I do now?"***, ***"what is the trending business?"***, ***"if I do this business, will I make profit?"***. The truth is; your business is in your purpose.

When I discovered that my purpose is to teach, I was not working, neither did I own any business. As a teacher, I wrote and spoke on different platforms. But those things did not fetch me money, because I mostly did them for free.

But as I grew in my purpose, ideas began to flow through my mind. After writing for free for many years, an idea came to start an online inspirational writing school. Initially the course was free, but not until we introduced two other modules - which my students gladly paid for. It was not long before another idea came to start a documentation company. The company writes books, business plans, proposals, profiles, minutes and other documents for personal or corporate bodies. And of course, it pays.

The gifts of God are given to us for our profiting. That also means that if you will diligently work with the gift or the purpose that God has given you, you would eventually make profits with it.

Bishop David Oyedepo worked on his purpose till a church was built, and then a bookstore, a publishing house, then schools, and he is still building. Purpose is like the mustard seed; though it may look small when it has not been planted, but turns out to become a great tree after it has been planted.

There are unique business ideas embedded in your life's purpose. So instead of looking for the business to do, dedicate yourself to your purpose until you begin to make profit.

INCASE YOU'RE STILL WONDERING WHY YOU NEED TO FIND YOUR PURPOSE, LET ME SHOW YOU...

Jesus was 12 years old when He started living according to His purpose. He was already teaching wisdom and answering mysterious

questions. When His parents questioned Him about where He had been for 3 days, He responded saying “why would you be looking for me? You should know that I would be doing my Father’s business”. Joseph who had seen God’s purpose for his life in a dream started practicing it at age 17. He already knew how to feed his father’s sheep.

In my opinion, anyone who is not less than 12 years old should start living according to his or her purpose. Let me show you three reasons why you should find your life purpose:

1. It gives meaning to everything you do:

I got tired of life in the year 2012. After working for different organizations for over 6 years, there was nothing to show for it. In

March 2013, I decided to go in-search of my life purpose. I went to a bible school, attended conventions, and read books that related to my situation. In April 7, 2013 God unveiled my life purpose to me, and it was not until then that everything around me became meaningful.

The discovery of my purpose gave a new approach to my education, job, career, family, relationship and everything. It changed the way I thought, spoke and reasoned. It filled the emptiness I had always felt inside me. One reason why many people easily lose interest in certain things is because they are yet to discover their life purpose.

2. It directs and guides you:

Your life purpose will give you a clear direction of where to go and help you make big decisions in life. People who do not find their life purpose do not have a strong foundation upon which they make their decisions. They most likely will just follow popular opinions.

3. It motivates you:

There are always difficult times to go through in life. You may even experience failure and rejections. But in such situations, your life purpose can give you the motivation you need to keep going. Your life purpose can make you see beyond the horizon.

CAN I ASK YOU A QUICK QUESTION?

Never mind... I'd ask later...

Redemption made us free, but freedom itself puts responsibility on us. God didn't free Israel from Egypt for nothing, He freed them to serve a purpose. What purpose is your freedom serving? Don't tell me you're working with a company, is your presence there serving the purpose of God? It's okay to find a job, but also find the purpose for which God set you free.

You're not just freed to eat burger and have coldstone, you're freed to free others. I don't just mean "getting people saved", I mean giving people life. There are many people who are saved, yet they have no life. I know great writers today who felt empty until we were opportune to connect.

How to Find Your Purpose

To find purpose, look out for those unusual occurrences. Before God called Moses, He first created an unusual occurrence. He made His angels to start a fire in the midst of the bush, but didn't allow the fire to consume the bush.

Other people who passed before Moses also saw that unusual occurrence, but they didn't turn to see why it happened like that. But here was Moses, he told them that he had to turn to see why the bush was not consumed by the fire. And the moment he turned, God called him.

Don't tell me that God has not shown you your purpose or that God has not called you into an assignment; because just like Moses, He has been creating unusual occurrences just to see if you will turn. The bible says "When God saw that Moses turned, He called Moses". God will always call those who turn to fix unusual situations. God called Moses when he turned; now imagine if he never turned. He'd probably miss the call.

People who desire to find purpose don't ignore situations, especially the ones that touches their heart. God may just be by the corner, waiting for you to turn. After all, the more problems you fix, the more useful you become.

ALRIGHT, LET'S BE A LITTLE MORE PRAGMATIC... LET ME SHOW YOU HOW TO FIND YOUR PURPOSE...

Most times, when we talk about finding purpose, most people channel their thoughts to divine purpose. Does it mean one cannot live a purposeful life until whenever God unveils his or her divine purpose? No way! Though the discovery of my purpose was define, but there are ways to discover walk in your personal purpose while you work on discovering divine purpose.

Finding divine purpose is not easy. In fact, it is one of the most difficult things to do. It would require grace from God, because it does not have a universal formula, and it takes time to find. Finding divine purpose is more like a

personal journey that one has to undertake, and this is why many individuals never find their divine purpose.

I'd show you how to find personal purpose, but let me quickly show you how to discover divine purpose.

Discovering divine purpose is a spiritual goal, and the starting point towards achieving spiritual goals or inheritances is God and His word. In Acts 20:32, Apostle Paul was speaking to a group of people about how to access divine inheritance when he said, ***"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified"***.

Let's do a quick analysis;

- 1. I commend you to God, **and***
- 2. To the word of His grace, which*
- 3. Is able to build you up, **and***
- 4. Give you an inheritance*

In other words, there's something about God and His word that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance or help you achieve your spiritual goals. If your inheritance or spiritual goal did not reach you last year, it means you didn't walk with God or develop your faith in His word enough to a point where your inheritance will be distributed to you. That's it! You only access inheritances or spiritual goals through an active knowledge of God and His word. 2 Pet 1:3 even tells us that God has given us all things that pertains to life and godliness through the knowledge of Christ.

Do you really want to find your divine purpose? If you do, then ensure you engage God's word until you reach it. I remember back in 2013 when I started praying and trusting God to show me His purpose for my life. I didn't create myself, so it's only appropriate that I reach out to the one who created me to unveil the reason why He created me.

After two weeks of praying with fasting, all that God could tell me was to continue building myself. Coincidentally, this was the same thing that Apostle Paul spoke about. No one accesses divine inheritances or spiritual goals without building up. The moment your maturity is up to par, the inheritance you desire will be released.

Maturity is a state where the practice of what you believe releases the results you need. If you practice God's word, then it's because you believe it. And if your practice of the word hasn't gotten you what you need then you've not believed enough. And that literally means you're not matured enough. The bible says ***"what thing so ever you desire when you pray, believe that you have received it, and you shall have it"***. You shall receive it if you believe it. If you've not received it, then you've not really believed it.

True to God's word, two weeks after engaging so much rigor in building myself, God showed me His purpose for my life. Any man who cannot subject himself to building up cannot achieve any spiritual goal.

Ask those who got married or acquired properties last year about what they did to achieve their goals, most of them would tell you ***"it happened so fast that they can't even explain it"***. And that's because most of those goals were divinely orchestrated. They just built up themselves until they reached those goals. Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying you shouldn't prepare for marriage, but that you should build yourself for marriage. I'm not saying you shouldn't work out a personal purpose for yourself; rather, I'm saying that if you want a divine purpose, then build up spiritually.

ALRIGHT, THAT'S IT ABOUT FINDING DIVINE PURPOSE. LET'S HEAD STRAIGHT TO THE MOMENT YOU'VE PROBABLY BEEN WAITING FOR, HOW TO CREATE PERSONAL PURPOSE.

I'd be showing you 5 practical steps to creating a personal purpose.

Do not expect instant result

Finding personal purpose also takes time, so do not expect to find it instantly. It is a journey where you do not have room to complain about the distance. Rather, you should enjoy every step of the way. I was guilty of murmuring because I did not like the way life was going for me. But the murmuring

did not take me anywhere until I applied the principle of patience.

However, the level of your commitment to finding it may proliferate your result. Though it takes time, but it doesn't mean it cannot be figured out in an hour.

Identify your strengths or talents

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you are strong in learning, it is likely that your life purpose is related to learning. I learn anything easily; over time, I've discovered that the way I assimilate knowledge is always different from other people. We may read the same book, but the feedbacks would be far different. You would even begin to wonder if we read the same book. Also, each time I caught a new insight, I would rush to a nearby friend to tell them about it. I just didn't know how to withhold knowledge inside me. I would always look for who to share what I've learnt with. I'd sometimes imagine myself on a stage – teaching people the things that I know.

You may have had experiences like mine too; but maybe in a different scenario. Yours could be singing; perhaps you're always outstanding during a choir practice. Or maybe you imagine

yourself singing to a group of people.

To discover purpose, you must first discover your talents. Talent is what you have, while purpose is what to do with what you have. Purpose is more like an assignment that has to be written, while talent is the pen you'd need to write the assignment. But it's quite unfortunate that many people use their talents to do things that are not assigned to them.

Identify your passions

Your passions are things you do because of love and not because of external reward such as money or recognition. I love to impact knowledge on people. On many occasions, I have had to reject my pay check after

delivering a motivational talk. This is not because I do not need the money, but that being able to speak to those people paid me more than the content of my pay check. Your passions would naturally give you fulfillment even if there is physically nothing to show for it.

Identify your causes or interests

Identify the things that matter to you. Is there a condition in the world that makes you feel discontent? Is there a condition that makes you feel the urge to do something about it? For instance, I do not like it when students fail. I always feel failure amongst students is something that can be completely eradicated.

Find the intersection between your strengths, passions, and interests

If you have been able to identify your strengths, passions, and causes, then you can find the intersection between them:

- *First, pick an interest from your list of interests.*
- *From your list of strengths, pick those that can help you improve the situation in the interest.*
- *From the strengths you pick, find the ones you can work on with enthusiasm.*

Teaching is one of my strengths. I can talk and write all day without much stress. And since I despise failure among students, then I can educate myself on effective communication and also grab as much knowledge as I can.

Because I'd simply use the teaching strength to change the "student failure" situation.

You can continue this exercise until you find a cause or interest that has a strong intersection with your strengths and passions. At the end of the exercise, you will find a cause you deeply care about for which you can effectively do something with enthusiasm. What you find would be a clear sign of your purpose.

I also like to sing and cook. I've had to make soup for a client's party even when I was

physically sick. And that's because no weakness can outshine your strengths from producing. There are days when I'd prefer to walk through a distance that would require a cab, not because I couldn't afford the fare, but because I just wanted to sing. So I'd sing on the road till I reach my destination. I'd like to transform the music industry; I'd also love to be a unique chef, but I'm more interested in stopping the failure among students. And that's why I'd choose to develop my teaching strength over my singing and cooking strengths.

SO, WHAT DO YOU DO AFTER YOU HAVE DISCOVERED YOUR PURPOSE?

Write a personal mission statement

Based on what you find in the previous writeup, write a personal mission statement. A mission statement is usually a sentence that concisely communicates what your life purpose is. Do not worry about getting it right on the first try. Just write down what you are inspired to write and build upon it.

Do something about the intersection

Your mission statement will be your guide to finding your life purpose. Though it may still be broad, you just have to consistently refine it. One way to refine it is by working on it. Make serious effort to act upon what you have found. Increase your competence and find ways to contribute to the course you chose. Your effort will give you feedbacks that will either reinforce or diminish your interest on the subject.

*Act on the feedback to refine your
personal mission statement*

If the feedback from the previous step reinforces the purpose you have found, over time you will get better understanding of what exactly your life purpose is and how you

should fulfill it. You may create new mission statements as you find new clues. This process of refining may take years but, you are going in the right direction. You just need to keep your mind and eyes open to recognize new clues regarding your strengths, passions, and causes.

I wrote my first mission statement in April 7, 2013. It read “Maximizing intellectuals to maximum”. Even though it made sense to my hearing, it was a tautology. But I did not stop there, I kept refining it. Early 2014, it became “To maximize intellects to maximum”. That obviously sounds sensible but was still out of place. Gradually, I worked on what I understood from my statement and it became clearer to me. Right now, it has become "Adding value to lives by bringing

knowledge to the people". But that is not all, the journey continues!

I TRUST YOU'VE BEEN BLESSED BY THIS BOOK.
PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME IF
YOU NEED ANY FORM OF COUNSEL. AND YES,
I LOOK FORWARD TO READING YOUR
TESTIMONIES. CONGRATULATIONS!

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- HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR DESIRED
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 - COLOR IN WILDERNESS
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