

God's Purpose for Your Life (Luke 1:74-75)

1. To Live in Recognition of God's Gracious Gift

⁷⁴ "To grant us..."

God's gift to live purposefully as He intended.

Matt 20:28 "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

2. To Live in Recognition of the World's Opposition to Our Lord (and to Us)

⁷⁴ ... "that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,"

Matt 10:24-25 ²⁴ "A disciple is not above *his* teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ "It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *will they call* those of his household!

Luke 21:17 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake.

John 15:18 ¹⁸ If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you.

John 17:14-15 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

3. To Live Without Improper Fear

⁷⁴ "...might serve Him without fear"

Matt 10:26-31 ²⁶ "Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ "Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. ²⁸ "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. ³⁰ "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ "Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

2 Cor 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

2 Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

1 Cor 15:24-26 ²⁴ Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death.

4. To Live in Worshipful Service to the Lord

⁷⁴ "...might serve Him..." (*latreuo*)

Matt 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" (also Luke 4:8)

Luke 2:37 and this woman *was* a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day.

Acts 24:14 "But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets.

Rom 1:25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped (*εσεβάσθησαν*) and served (*ελάτρευσαν*) the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. (cf. Acts 7:42)

Phil 3:3 For we are the circumcision, who worship (*λατρεύοντες*) God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,

2 Tim 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve (*λατρεύω*) with a pure conscience, as *my* forefathers *did*, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day,

Heb 9:14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Rev 22:3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

(NOUN) Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable (logikeen) service.

5. To Live in Active Holiness

⁷⁵ "in holiness..." (used 2x in NT)

Eph 4:24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness (ὁσιότητι).

ADVERB (1x in NT) 1 Thes 2:10 You *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how devoutly (ὁσίως) and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe;

ADJECTIVE (8x) holy ≠ saints (hagios) or sanctification (hagiosmos) but hosios (= holy living)

- Thayer – "undefiled by sin, free from wickedness, religiously observing every moral obligation, pure, holy, pious"
- *Titus 1:8* "but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, **holy**, self-controlled"
- *Heb 7:26* – "For such a High Priest was fitting for us, [who is] **holy**, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;"

6. To Live in Active Righteousness

⁷⁵ "...and righteousness..."

(Not positional, as in 2 Cor 5:21)

Matt 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Rom 6:13-20

Eph 4:24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Phil 1:9-11

1 Tim 6:11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

2 Tim 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

Heb 11:33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Heb 12:11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

James 3:18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

1 Pet 2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness -- by whose stripes you were healed.

1 John 3:7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. (2:29; 3:10)

7. To Live to Please the Lord

⁷⁵ "...before Him"

2 Tim 4:1 I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

Heb 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

Heb 13:21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

1 Pet 3:4 rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

1 John 3:22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

8. To Live All Day Every Day for the Lord

⁷⁵ "...all the days of our life."

Titus 2:11-14 ¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.