



# LIFE PURPOSE STATEMENT

*“The man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder—a waif, a nothing, a no man.” –Thomas Carlyle*

You were born by His purpose and for His purpose. The desire to have your lives count for something is how God has created you...

*“God has created you, he knows all about you.” (Psalms 139:1-4 NIV)*

*“It is God who directs the lives of his creatures; everyone’s life is in his power.” (Job 12:10)*

Yet, interestingly, most of us cannot actually state our purpose – we rely on other people and organizations to provide us with meaning and direction for our lives!

## **What is a Life Purpose Statement?**

1. A life purpose statement summarizes God’s purpose for your life.
2. It points the way, giving direction and a focus for your life.
3. It gives you a foundation on which you base decisions, allocate your time and use your resources.

## **The Exercise**

Remember, your focus is on God’s purpose. It is bigger than your personal fulfillment, your peace of mind, or your happiness . . .

What would I like to say about my life after it’s too late to do anything about it?

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Summarize in a succinct (even “terse”) statement, your Life’s Purpose Statement:

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### **Examples of Life Purpose Statements**

- To glorify God with my life and music while being surrounded by the people I love and enjoy, and to be successful in what I love to do.
- I would love to stand in front of God with empty hands and be able to say I have used everything he has given me.
- To live my life pleasing to God and to trust and obey His ways. Help others with the help of the Lord.
- Live by the Truth.
- Go where God leads and be all I can be as a servant of His.
- No task is too great or burden too strong to keep me from reaching my destination as I stay steadfast and focused on glorifying God.
- Having God use me to my fullest potential, serving others, especially children.
- To follow God, and be successful in all my given roles.
- To find my purpose in the Lord and love others.

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