

## Living 2025 on Purpose – *Encouraging Purpose*

Think of an E\_\_\_\_\_ who has made a difference in your life.

**Review:** We'll live 2025 on Purpose or with no purpose.

**Whose purpose?** World's? Mine? God's?

Finding God's purpose is not enough (b/c of threats).

**Purpose isn't just about \_\_\_\_\_.**

*For God so loved the world... so that anyone...*

We can err by either overgeneralizing or being overly S\_\_\_\_\_ -centered.

**What does “encouraging purpose” look like?**

Paul's r-ship with Timothy: “like a son.”

*“I thank God... as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day.”*

*For this reason (purpose) I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me His prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.*

2 Timothy 1:6-10

***The gift of God, which is in you***

God has uniquely S\_\_\_\_\_ 'd and gifted you. (A201)

Paul was intentional about (and was gifted in) recognizing God's purpose in others.

**Four things the Holy Spirit gives us for living out of His purpose:**

*Power. Love. Self-discipline. Testimony*

Where do they intersect in your life?

**He “has called us into a holy life.”** – Sounds like...?

Not just “me,” but US – which includes....

I have a role not only in me living out God's purpose.

**Why has God called us?**

*Not because of anything we have done...but because of His own purpose and grace.”*

This gracious purpose “has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus.”

**Why “encouraging purpose” is so important**

Often it is easier for us to see God's purpose in

O\_\_\_\_\_ than in ourselves.

Everyone lives in the context of “threats to purpose”.

What could I ever contribute to God's kingdom?

Or... “...they rejected God's purpose for themselves”

because they thought they knew better. (Luke 7:30)

**Eli & Samuel**

Eli was old. He had tried to faithfully serve God.

Say, “*Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening.*”

**For me:**

M\_\_\_\_\_ -purpose – Jim (& Paul)

To a life of putting God F\_\_\_\_\_.

By consistent example and prayer.

M\_\_\_\_\_ -purpose – Scott (& Eli)

To listen for God T\_\_\_\_\_.

**Use your G\_\_\_\_\_**

*If your gift is to encourage others, then be encouraging.*

Romans 12:8

**Next Steps**

- 1) Who will you “constantly remember in your prayers, night and day”?
- 2) Look for the intersection of power, love & self-discipline in your life. Dedicate it/them to God.
- 3) For whom will you macro-encourage to live faithfully? micro-encourage in a particular endeavor?

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