

What If I Lived with Purpose?

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2 Cor 5:14-21

14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

A Life of Purpose for a Christian...

1. BEGINS WITH DEATH TO SELF

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Gal 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Col 1:16

16 ... all things were created by him and for him.

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2. IS NURTURED BY INTIMACY WITH CHRIST

2 Cor 5:

14 For Christ's love compels us...

Jer 17:7-8

7 "But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. 8 He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

Matt 6:33

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matt 11:28-29

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me..."

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3. IS PROVEN AUTHENTIC THROUGH SERVICE TO OTHERS

2 Cor 5:

18 ... Christ ... gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us...

2 Tim 4:6-8

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.