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## Agenda (Purpose) Series 5

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Topic: Myths About Purpose. (Misconceptions)

Text: Psalm 138: 8 - *The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands. (NKJV)*

Today's teaching will give you a better understanding of purpose. In the last service, we established three components of the purpose:

- **General purpose:** Going all out to win souls and become all that God wants us to be.
- **Specific purpose:** We talked about how Noah was called into a specific of building an ark. You must get to a point with God where your specific is being revealed. You don't follow others to do general. "Remember you are more and

your purpose is something that transcends the boundaries of your geographical location."

- **Platforms;** help you fulfill your purpose. As pastor of Baptist, if I refuse to go to the seminary, how would I have such a platform to fulfill my purpose in this world? We established well that platform is not the purpose.

I mentioned the components of purpose were 4 in total but because of time, we couldn't go through the last. Hence, before going into the subject matter for today let's talk about the last component of purpose;

- **MINISTRY**

#### **Acts 21:19**

*"When he had greeted them, he told in detail those things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry." (NKJV).*

Paul was converted as a believer but he did not stick to being a believer alone, he knew the purpose of why he was converted, that is to spread the word of God to the Gentiles. He was someone that had a platform as well: highly learned. Being a philosopher, he understood how to use his platform to do ministry.

Having discovered purpose, we must get to a point where we turn our platform into ministry. Whether you are a fashion designer, media guy or pharmacist, you can turn all these into ministry. Ministry does not necessarily means mounting a pulpit.

#### **Ephesians 4: 11 - 12**

*" And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." (NKJV)*

We have a ministry in all spheres of life not only about church. Your every position in life is a ministry that draws people to Christ ( the general purpose).

#### **Isaiah 43:21**

*"This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise." (KJV)*

Anything taking your time is sharing a space with God because it is stated here that He formed us for His sake. This is why we say God is a jealous God. Don't start a fight by substituting the place or time of God with another thing. Every time you yield to Him, you create an avenue for God to show His praises and wonder to the people around you.

Our ministry is not to ourselves but to the outside world. Go out to the field and minister in every position and opportunity you have. This is the way to show forth the Glory and Praise of God according to purpose. Your life is transformed and conformed when your only target in this life is that Christ is honoured and glorified in every action you do.

*"Discovering purpose and using it to minister (serve) to others is Ministry"*

Now let's go to the subject for today: **Misconceptions About Purpose.**

**Introduction:** It is of high importance that you understand the misconception about purpose if you will act in the reality of perfection of God's will. These misconceptions are:

## 1. "Doing good to people is God's purpose"

**Mark 10: 17 - 25**

This scripture was about a rich man that came to ask Jesus about what he can do to inherit eternal life. If you follow the passage well, you will realize that this man was good by all laws of Moses right from the days of his

youth. However, he was not the fulfilling purpose of denying all his possession and following Jesus despite being "upright".

Doing good is not purpose, it is the right thing for anybody to do as a command from God. It is painful to see that many people have substituted purpose with organizing charity programs.

*Let's look at another dimension of this in **Luke 5: 1 - 3**. Jesus needed to preach the word by the Lake of Gennesaret, where Peter has been toiling all night with no reward. Being available for use at that time, Jesus borrowed Peter's boat and even told him to move the boat a bit offshore. It looked as if Peter fulfilled his purpose in Jesus' ministry that day because he did good, but take a look at verses 8 through 10.*

It was not until after Peter gave Jesus the boat for Him to share the Word and even caught the fishes, that he got the statement of his purpose, which is to catch men.

### **Luke 5: 10**

*"... and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." (NKJV)*

*Doing good itself is not bad, but mistaking it as purpose is where the danger lies.*

## **2. "My talents and gifting are God's purpose"**

This is a big misconception because many people think their gift in a particular area is God's for their life. As a matter of fact, most people's

purpose is not in their area of gifting and talents according to the Bible's standard.

### **Exodus 4: 10-11**

*"Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue. So the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD?" (NKJV)*

This passage is drawn from the story where God called Moses within a burning bush that was not burning, telling him to go and deliver a message to Pharaoh. The thing is, most times God will not call you based on what you know how to do (gifting). This misconception is more common to people that have the gift of singing. They make the mistake a lot.

**God usually call people in areas they don't have the capacity for because it is then you will learn how to depend on Him with everything you have.** Being men, when see our ability we tend to see God less so He reverses the situation.

Let's go back to Moses in the passage. God is indeed unquestionable because I wonder how He left Aaron that seems eloquent to Moses, a stammerer. As said in Corinthians, He uses the foolish things of this world to confound the wise. But though Moses was a stammerer, he was fit for the job because He was acquainted with the culture in Pharaoh's palace.

### **2 Corinthians 12:9:**

*"And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (NKJV)*

*This is the dimension in which God gives purpose. He turns our very incapability into capability.*

### 3. "My profession is God's plan for my life"

Finding yourself in a position or profession that seems comfortable does not connote God's purpose for you. There is more, discover it.

**Prayer points.**

- Pray that your time never be wasted on the earth
- Pray that you will not miss the divine purpose for your life