



Components of Purpose

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Topic: Components of purpose

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Text: Job 42: 2 - "I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee." (KJV)

"I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be **thwarted**." (NIV)

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(ESV)

At the beginning of this series, we began with questions surrounding purpose, that is i. Question of Identity ii. Question of Source iii. Question of Purpose iv. Question of Potential v. Question of Destiny.

Then, from there we went to what can affect the divine purpose for your life: Sin, procrastination, and disobedience.

*We also looked at six truths out of the ten regarding purpose and also went further to understand what happens when purpose is not known. In this service, we will be considering another crucial aspect of purpose: **The components of Purpose***

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of God can never be thwarted, it will forever stand. The record in the Book of Job backed this up however if you fail to discover, delay or allow the three things earlier explained to affect your purpose, it can be delayed or you are replaced. You need to understand that purpose has components and until you understand them, you will not be able to access and fulfill purpose for your life.

Living and discovering purpose entails knowing four basic components of purpose:

1. General Purpose

Ephesians 1: 5 - 6

*"...having **predestined** us to **adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself**, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved." (NKJV)*

Let's analyze the scripture above. The word '*predestined*' connotes that before you are formed, every plan has been set. (*This has been very much established in previous parts of this series*). Hence, it has been predestined that you will be saved and receive adoption as a direct child of God in Christ. You are not saved by accident but by His will. Being in Christ is being in His will. Therefore, everyone that is not saved, is out of God's will.

The general purpose of God is that all men come into the will of Christ by accepting Him as Lord and Saviour. It is that everyone is saved. As a believer, you must know it is our responsibility and purpose to go all out to expand God's Kingdom. If you are unsaved, the first purpose of your life is that you run to Him.

1 Timothy 2 : 3 - 4

*"For **this is good and acceptable** in the sight of God our Savior, who desires **all men** to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (NKJV)*

God wants everyone to be saved. Note that the word used is 'this' not 'these'. It is a singular thing that is acceptable and good.

"All men must be saved, including you: This is the first assignment of purpose."

Question yourself: Is your every action and activity fulfilling the general purpose of winning souls? Never waste every opportunity to win souls. This is a call to us all.

Winning souls is not only about giving your money, it is giving your energy, strength, and everything in you. It is a general mandate to win souls -
Matthew 28: 19 -20

Romans 10:14: *"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (NKJV)*

We win souls by prayer and reaching out. The reason why people are not being saved is that you are not saying anything concerning the Word of Truth.

Proverbs 11:30: *" The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise." (NKJV)*

"Be wise and make a commitment to God today to win souls for His kingdom. May He give you the grace to do so. "

2. Specific purpose.

Esther 4:14

For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (NKJV)

God created you for a specific not only for the general. Esther had a specific to be not just any queen but one who will bring deliverance for the Jews. You can't join people to do just the general, make sure you narrow

it to your specific. You can't be a multipurpose person, you must be able to reduce it to that one thing you are called for.

If I ask you what is one thing you know Noah for in the bible? A chorus answer would be that He built an ark not even that he was righteous. The former was his specific.

This is also applicable to the outside world. Is there a medical consultant that consult in all things? Observe the progression from undergraduate to PhD; every syllabus is being tailored to reach a area of focus, of specific in that field. In fact, you will agree with me that there is even no professor of everything. Do you get the concept ?

"Don't be a general multipurpose person. Specific purpose is important"

Paul was apostle to the gentiles. Peter a bishop to the Jews. Find your specific.

1 Kings 19:16- 17 : *"Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill."* (NKJV)

Observe that each of them has their own specific.

Let me draw attention back to another aspect in specific in the reply of Mordecai to Esther. He said that if Esther failed to do anything about it, he was sure deliverance will come else where. Never think without you, nothing will happen. Do away with pride in your specific.

" May never miss your purpose ".

3. Platform.

The Lord gives you platform which is part of your component of purpose. Platforms are your skills and gifting. In the component of purpose you can't do without the skills, gifting, profession, education. They are not the purpose but are the platforms. Remember in the previous series, we talked on this briefly. Don't mistake platform with purpose.

Esther becoming a queen was a platform, delivering the Jews was the purpose. God speaking to Noah was a platform, building the ark is purpose.

Let's bring it practical, if you are a lecturer in a university, that is your platform. Now, doing what you are asked do by God in the lives of students and people around you is purpose. Being a tech guy is a platform, what you make use of it is purpose. However, when the lecturer for instance begins to abuse his position by taking advantage of the students, that is misappropriation of platform.

Know that even your experiences are platforms because they serve in fulfilling purpose by helping people to come out of trouble. Platform are meant to fulfil purpose.

Keep in mind that whatever you do now, will always affect your platform. If your actions are in the opposite ways, it has a way of backfiring on your platform. Platforms are meant to project Christ not just for financial gain. It is to fulfill the general purpose (winning souls) and even your specific purpose.

Use your platform well to glorify Jesus. Use your platform to bless, they are opportunities to sow seed. Work to raise your platform Don't allow pride or covetousness to make you lose your platform

Prayer Points

- Father in the name of Jesus, I will not waste my platforms in whatever form
- Father, give me grace to find the specific in the general purpose