

Enriching Your Purpose

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INTRODUCTION

There is nothing more important in life than purpose. A life without purpose is a useless and meaningless life and this is why there is such a series like this. You are made and born for a purpose. I also want you to know that "**Materialism is not fulfilment**". It is possible to have big houses, cars, and children and yet not fulfil purpose. Hence, it is your very duty and

responsibility to discover purpose in life or else you will just be a waste of existence on earth.

Our text explains something very crucial. When you are partnering with God to fulfil your purpose in life, you must understand that there are things you must add to your life as well as responsibilities to take to make your fulfilment a reality. You must take the responsibility of adding to your life so you can withstand the assignments that purpose brings to you. Don't come to the world without imparting and fulfilling purpose.

Let's do a quick recap:

So we began to discover some vital forces of purpose that help you become what God wants you to be. These are the things that collectively enrich your purpose.

The first thing we talked about that you must add to your life is **Spirituality**. You must not be a canal Christian. It is not by name, know God and embrace your spirituality.

The second thing you must add to spirituality that we talked about is **Diligence**. You can't afford to be lazy as a Christian, keep on working; it is the hand that is at work God blesses. Add smartness to hard work.

The third thing we looked at is **Development**. I strongly implore you to take time to study the Book of Daniel, it shows a progression dimension of development as a vital force of purpose. Daniel took 3 days to interpret a dream at the beginning of the book, now in the latter part interpreted dreams on the spot. He eventually developed to a stage where he began to see visions concerning the future. Develop your skills.

Let's go deeper into the other forces that enrich purpose.

4. The Force of Consistency

Consistency is the mother of success because it births mastery. I put it to you with statistics that what you do consistently for 5 to 10 years is what you become a master at. A preacher for example starts preaching with some struggle at first but with repetition comes mastery and confidence.

"One of the things you must add in this journey of purpose is to be consistent with whatever God has given to you."

Be focused on one particular thing and do it consistently. This applies to all spheres of life. Growing, and developing takes consistency (daily).

"Grace to be consistent in that which God has placed in your hands, may you receive it."

You see, one of the tactics of the devil is to take away this force from our lives. Many people started well with God but fell off because the force of consistency was lost. Let's check the scripture to understand what consistency is

Romans 12:11 - *"not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord"* (NKJV)

Consistency is being fervent in service. The word used in the scripture is in its present continuous form (serving). It is a continuous act.

Galatians 6:9 - *"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."* (NKJV)

It is possible that if you take chances to be weary, your reward will be missing. Not seeing results is not enough reason for you to slack. If you

have fainted (given up,) at any point, this is a wake-up call. You can start again. The more you do, the closer you are to fulfilment and reward.

5. The force of accountability.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (KJV)

*"So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those **entrusted** with the secret things of God. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." (NIV)*

You can't fulfill your purpose without being accountable. Being accountable to God is not even enough. **"When God see you, let people also see you."** Know that you are stewards entrusted with something peculiar, let your accountability be visible to people around you.

There are 3 categories you must learn in accountability :

I. **You must be accountable to God:** Let God be able to judge you that you are faithful and accountable.

Romans 14:12

"So then each of us shall give account of himself to God." (NKJV)

If you can't give account, you are not ready to fulfill your purpose. *There are 2 reasons why you should then be accountable to God:*

- **He is a judge:** God weighs your actions and even the thoughts of your heart.

1 Samuel 2:3 - *"Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the LORD is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed."* (NKJV)

God judges everything including those act and words you do not express out. His judgement surpasses all other judgments and can be brutal as well.

- **God is a rewarder :** While He judges you, He is also preparing your reward. He will reward everything you do with one heart.

Genesis 15:1 - *After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."* (NKJV)

II. You must be accountable to Man

Hebrews 13:17

"Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you." (NKJV)

Purpose is not done in isolation because the scripture has recorded it that you should be accountable to man. Even people you submit to, have another person they submit to. ***The first set of people, you should be accountable is your Spiritual father/Discipler/Pastor.***

1 Samuel 3:8- 9 : *"And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, "Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears."'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.(NKJV)*

Samuel had to submit to Eli for him to be able to recognize and hear from God. If you don't have a spiritual father, you will be lost in this journey of purpose. Your spiritual fathers are there to give you wisdom and instruction in the journey of life. You must look for someone to prayerfully submit to. *However, when you relate with your spiritual father or your pastor avoid taking offense so that you will not miss out on blessings. Avoid disloyalty and inconsistency as well.*

The second person you should be accountable to is your spouse and be discerning about it. Remember Samson's mother in Judges 13. She told her husband after the encounter she had and her husband prayed immediately after. If you want to fulfill purpose in life learn to consciously report to your spouse including monetary aspect. The day you refuse to be accountable to your spouse is the day the problem starts.

Learn to report to your spouse because we are complementary to each other in purpose. Your spouse carries the womb of your purpose.

III. You must be accountable to Collaborators

These are people that you partner with to fulfill your purpose. You must learn 4 things from these people:

- Catch a vision
- Learn to cast a vision
- Own the vision
- Learn how to carry people along in vision: building relationships

You need men(relationships) to fulfill your purpose. Never think it is only God you need.

Prayer

- Lord, connect me with the correct people that will support my purpose
- Every oil repelling people from helping me is dried up in Jesus's name.