

Mid-Week Service: Purpose Series 14

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Topic: Fulfilling Your Purpose

Introduction

As we mark the end of the purpose series, rather than teaching today I will entertain whatever question you have regarding purpose and make a quick recap of our journey so far.

We started the journey of purpose with five major questions that you must answer to ascertain if truly you have discovered your purpose in life or not;

- a. The question of Identity (Who am I?)
- b. The question of Origin (Where am I from?)
- c. The question of Purpose (What am I here for?)
- d. The question of Potential (What can I do?)
- e. The question of Destination (Where am I going?)

These are questions you must ask yourself if you are going to discover and walk in the purpose of God for your life. **Three things affect purpose** as discussed in the first teaching:

- a. **Sin:** If you are indulging in sin, you might not have the ability to walk with God to discover purpose.

b. **Disobedience:** This is one of the things that will hinder anybody from entering into fulfillment of purpose.

c. **Procrastination:** It is a must for you to wage war against procrastination if you have noticed such in your life.

We went from there into **Truths About Purpose:**

1. Purpose exists before products
2. Your end was established before your beginning
3. Purpose is more powerful than your plans
4. Purpose is the destination before the journey
5. Purpose is the final address of your life
6. Purpose is the essence of living

After these truths, in the subsequent teachings, we talked about the **Dangers of Unknown Purpose:**

- a. Time is wasted
- b. Glory is lost
- c. Progress cannot be measured

We then looked at the **4 Components of Purpose:**

1. **God's General Purpose:** To win souls

2. God's Specific Purpose: Esther as a biblical example became queen to be able to save Jews from death. Likewise, Joseph was sent ahead to save people from famine.

3. Platform: I stated the fact that you don't need a pulpit, all you need is a platform. Your platform can be your profession or a position not necessarily a big stage. A lot of people fail to grow in terms of purpose because they struggle to be known whereas God already gave them a place to unveil purpose.

4. Ministry: You make use of your platform to project your ministry. I explained that ministry is not about giving a name but about doing.

I implore you greatly to check the previous teaching if you have yet to, we went through **Myths about Purpose, Partnership in Purpose, Vital Forces of Purpose** (*Spirituality, Diligence, Development, Consistency, Accountability*), and finally the **Seasons of Life**. These seasons include:

1. Season of Recognition and Discovery: It is important that you are able to recognize and discover purpose. I explained that you can discover purpose through revelation (via visions, dreams, trance, circumstances, local church), burdens, pains, passion and many more.

2. Season of Preparation: Before entering into your purpose, there is a need for you to be prepared. Your preparation involves a preparer so that you can become what God wants you to be.

3. Season of Test: There are four tests you must pass through to enter fulfillment:

- Test of Integrity
- Test of Patience
- Test of Faithfulness.

- Test of Consecration

4. Season of Appearance: This is the season where you are visible and people begin to notice and celebrate you without the knowledge of your experience through the other seasons. This is because the season of appearance always happens "suddenly". I also explained a lot of what "suddenly" means explicitly.

- These seasons are important and I must remind you that as you are completing a season, you are starting another one. So don't ever get relaxed, because these seasons occur in a cyclic manner.

Questions and Answers Regarding Purpose

Q: In purpose, passion and passions are listed as ways to discover God's given assignment, however what if I have passion in what I am not gifted in?

A: *Don't forget that when we began the revelations about the Seasons of Life and Purpose, I said that these are one of the ways you will know your purpose, never emphatically stated that they are your purpose. Hence, for some, it can be revelations that will guide them to purpose and some it might be passion and gifting.*

*But I tell you, the possession of passion with no gifting, does not mean it is God's purpose for you. As human beings, there are several things we have passion for and they not necessarily our purpose. I am someone that have passion for football but I can't play. **There is no way you will have a purpose in something and both passion and giftings would be absent.** As a matter of fact, both of them will serve as an indicator for you to know truly that such a thing is your purpose. I have never seen someone God is*

giving a purpose and He will only give passion without the gift to carry it out. In fact, He gives the package deal : the passion, the gift, the revelations and the circumstances so that without any doubt you will know your calling.

Q: In seasons of life, how can one determine the completion of one season and the beginning of another to avoid a pseudo-success? Especially as regards the Season of Test where each testing can be indefinite.

A: *Don't ever forget that basis of discovering purpose is the relationship between you and God. If this relationship is intact, once a season is over you will know. This is because you are walking with God with the utmost sensitivity. You know when each season is over by:*

1. Conviction
2. God's prompting to the next move of your life

Hence, there is no way you will not know the completion of a season as long you are sensitive to God, love Him and ready to obey Him. This is not only about purpose but across all areas of your life. For instance, if you are waiting on God for something when that season of waiting is over, there will be a knowing. May God open your understanding and help you to be able to pick signals per time to know when. This dimension cannot be reached however until you build a robust and solid relationship with Him.

Q; If I have purpose in an industry like football, how can I balance my walk with God so I won't be carried away?

*A: I hope you know purpose is not a flimsy thing, it is life. **There is no purpose without God because He is the One who gives purpose.** The moment you believe you are fulfilling your purpose and you abandon God, be ready for the purpose to enter dormancy. In fact, in this generation, I have come to understand that we celebrate the gift than the Giver and in so doing the gift becomes corrupted and destroyed.*

*I have said that purpose is continuous, so if you fail to balance your purpose with God, it will be the last you will ever know. What makes you relevant in purpose is God. Let me also add that **the sense of purpose always makes you closer to God because every God-given purpose is always bigger than us.** This is why purpose gives every opportunity to depend on God and to build a relationship with Him. To strike balance in everything you must:*

- 1. **Set priorities:** It has to be God first in all, even before your family.*
- 2. **Plan:** Know when to do each assignment and do it it well. It is a must for you to plan.*
- 3. **Understand timing in your planning***
- 4. **Be able to get others involved with you:** Learn to collaborate with others that will carry your vision. You can't do it alone.*
- 5. **Be diligence:** It is only a lazy Christian that does not balance God with whatever has been committed.*

Q: Can your career be your purpose in its entirety?

A: I have explained that your career is a platform; inside your career there is purpose.

Revelation 1: 6 - "and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." (NKJV)

The first thing He made us is kings before priest. This is why I keep changing the narration, God wants you to work and yet be a pastor. You can't because of your calling in priesthood abandon your career. Being a "king" means being in your career, it is a political office. Hence, in your career have you prayed to discover what God wants you to do?

*Let me cite a quick example, a medical doctor can after diagnoses, delve into a counselling sessions with patients which can bring fulfilment, such that the doctor becomes a sought after. Beyond the profession, the doctor inside his career has found a calling to be counsellor(ministry). **Inside your career, you can discover your purpose.***

Q: Is it all challenges in life that points you to the fulfillment of your purpose?

A: *There are four major sources of challenges so if you don't understand this you will think every challenge is a purpose. It is not every challenge that is orchestrated by God but He can work around it. What are these sources?*

- 1. Self-inflicted challenges; born by your desire*
- 2. Human-inflicted challenges (like that of our country)*
- 3. Satan /Enemy inflicted challenges*
- 4. God: He will only bring challenges your way because:*
 - i. He wants to mature you*

ii. *He wants to humble you*

iii. *He wants to glorify His name*

So it is not all challenges that are meant for purpose. However, God can bring His sovereignty to step into any of the challenges to turn it around for your good.

Q: In the season of preparation, can the work of a preparer be seasonal in life? And if possible how can you know?

A: *It is possible for the season of preparer to expire. The only season that can never expire is the season of Fatherhood but the season of advisers, mentors, instructors can end. There are people in your life that helps you start the journey and when their season is over you must look for the next person that will carry you to gain stability. When theirs is also completed, you must also look for people that will help you finish. **If you are too rigid, you will become a useless man with no relevancy.***

Have you checked David in the scripture? It was Saul that began his training and when he was done, David moved into another level of training in a cave.

When God connects to a true Father, you can't change because not only do they play the role of a preparer they also help you to secure the future. Also, it is important that you look for a preparer that knows what you don't know in line with your purpose.

Q: Is it all purpose that are life long?

A.: There are life time purpose and short time purpose. Life time purpose is what you are living for and short time purpose are ways to move on to achieve life time purpose.

*Let me explain this better with an example: I have a lifetime purpose to raise an end-time army, which is what I am living for but now and then God comes to me with a new purpose (short time) to achieve the ultimate goal. God will give you instructions per time to achieve the ultimate goal so anyone without this goal is just wasting time. **One of the things that keeps you going when pursuing purpose is daily instruction.***

Q: How does a man's purpose correlate with his choice of marriage partner? And what is the practical implication of such?

A: It is not only marriage that purpose is important for but every area of your life. Take for instance, a brother with a calling to seminary after undergraduate studies has a fiancée who strongly opposes any idea of seminary. Such a brother never be successful in ministry if at all he goes? It is either he let go of his calling or his fiancée.

Purpose in marriage must align irrespective of whatever purpose each party has. If none of the party can however align, my advice is that such marriage should not proceed. Marriage is not spiritual harassment but mutual agreement.

Q: As regards identity, is it possible I discover my identity in someone who is successful and fulfilled in my area of purpose?

A: It is very possible. In fact, I have come to understand that there is no purpose you want to become that someone else has not become. It is wisdom for you that after discovery, you submit to such person so he can be your preparer towards your purpose.

Q: Is there a duration to discovering purpose? Is there age limit to a specific purpose?

A: Sincerely there is no duration but I tell you, time is important in everything you do. If you discover purpose at 70, you are already a liability.

*My answer is search the scripture, when great people in the Bible discovered their purpose. It was always during their teenage age. In fact, Jesus discovered His by 12 years; David discovered his purpose at 17 years. There is no specific age for purpose discovery but your level of relationship with God will determine how you quickly discover. **Thus, the more closer you are to God, the earlier He reveals who become to you.***

I however beg by God's mercy, do it now. Even if you are old and yet to discover purpose, you can do it now. There are generation attached to you for you to bless.

Q: Can purpose find you or you find purpose? How do you know if it finds you?

A: Purpose is linked(wired) to every human being even before creation. So purpose is always with you, it is left for you to see it.

Prayer:

- Every season I may have lost, I recover it.
- I will no longer miss my season