

Pursuing my Purpose

Romans 8:23-39

We know from reading scripture that God has called us to be a disciple and to obey His teaching. We can find this in the Book of Matthew chapter 28 and verses 18-20. After pursuing a life committed to Jesus Christ, we want to be used of God. Being used of God to proliferate His Kingdom is the ultimate satisfaction as a Christian. There are so many believers that want to be used of God but do not know, or do not understand their purpose in His Kingdom.

I hope that today I can communicate clearly, what the Holy Spirit is saying to His church in these last days about His purpose for our lives. We are going to delve into the Book of Romans to find some answers for us today. Join me as we read Romans chapter eight versus twenty three through thirty nine.

I. We have the Holy Spirit to help us find the will of God -8:23-25

- a. John 16:7 Helper/Comforter -“Parakleetos” – One who goes beside you.
- b. You do not have to worry about finding your purpose, if you walk in the Spirit and fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

II. We must pray for the will of God for our purpose in life – 8:26-27

- a. The importance of prayer in finding the will of God
 1. Prayer gives us discipline
 2. Prayer makes us seek Him. Matthew 7:7-8
 3. Prayer makes us take a good look at ourselves
 4. Jesus tells us to persist in pursuing Him.

III. We must believe that regardless of what happens to us, God can use it in our lives to “fine tune” us for His will - 8:28-29

- a. I believe that God has a design for our lives, but we must allow the Holy Spirit to shape and mold us.

IV. Romans 12:2, “...be ye transformed...”

- a. **He also called...** Don't plan on going into the ministry until you get "the call". And if you get the call... **Your love for the approval of God must be stronger than your need for the approval of men.**
- b. **He also justified...** If God calls you, he removes your past. Don't let your past determine your future. There are a lot of people that men will not allow to minister, but God says you are justified.
- c. **He also glorified...** Regardless of what men say or think about you, when the glory comes, they will know it is God who called you. If you've got the glory of God in your life, don't worry about the approval of men.

V. If you are going to do the will of God, you must be able to overcome criticism and the opinions of men – 8:31-34

CONCLUSION:

There are many people who want to blame men for them not being in God's will. They use the excuse; I've been burned, or hurt or done wrong." Your love for Christ must be stronger than your love for yourself. Your love for Christ must be stronger than your love for men.