

Purpose:

The reason something exists



Why do you exist? To stumble through life attempting to find happiness and contentment? Or is there a bigger reason for your existence and your life. Time moves on with or without your participation; what are you going to do with the time you have on earth? Too often, people do not consider their future and if they do, often their only consideration is for career advancement. To paraphrase Sir Francis Bacon, 'Things change for the worse spontaneously if they are not changed for the better by design.' Every person—every couple—should know their purpose in life and have a plan for where they are going. If you don't know your purpose in life, you can! James 1:5 reminds us that if we lack wisdom, we should ask God and He will give it to us.

Proverbs 14:8 states, The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways. You *should* think about where you are going in life; someone once said, 'A person who aims at nothing is sure to hit it.' You have to seek the Lord's direction for your life and be purposeful about where you are going in life. Do you live your life for God or for yourself? While plans must be made with the Lord's will in mind, to make no plans is miss out on a lot of what God has for you.

Consider your purpose in life and make plans accordingly. What does the Lord your God want you to accomplish this year? Be a participant, not a spectator in life - be proactive! One writer said that the biggest difference in a couple before and after the wedding is that they stop dreaming together - they stop looking to the future as a couple. Discussing your individual purpose will help you grow together as husband and wife and help you develop a purpose and a mission for your marriage. Changing the world only requires being used of God to change one life. What can you do to be used of the Lord in someone else's life? Jeremiah 29:11 says: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." God has big plans for you, ask for wisdom, seek out His purpose for your life and live it out!

Helpful Resources: *Fortified Marriages Resource page: www.fortifiedmarriages.com*

Books to check out: *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren

The Meaning of Marriage by Timothy Keller

This Is the Day: Reclaim Your Dream. Ignite Your Passion. Live Your Purpose by Tim Tebow