

Series: A Man After God's Own Heart

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GOD'S PURPOSE IN YOU!

Acts 13:36

SUMMARY:

Joe Gibbs: "We need to live a life of purpose, and that includes having a view of the endgame."

Tony Evans: "When we know our reason for being, our purpose in life, we can keep from being distracted by what is going on around us."

NOTES:

1. DAVID SERVED GOD'S PURPOSE

There was a direct correlation between David's God-given purpose and his daily activities. He realized that his life was not his own – his primary reason for existing was to serve the purpose of God.

Do you ever find yourself trying to get God to serve YOUR purpose rather than the other way around?

2. DAVID INFLUENCED HIS GENERATION

God has blessed all of us – far more than we deserve ...

Are we focused more on receiving blessings or being a blessing?

Your purpose is to serve God's purpose – and you are blessed to be a blessing – not just to heap and hoard your pleasures and blessings upon yourself!

3. DAVID DIED

Are you living each day in the light of your purpose?

DISCUSSION POINTS:

1. What words would you use to state God's purpose for all mankind? (Revelation 4:11)
2. Is there someone in your life who has been an example to you of living this life of purpose?
3. If you have come to a place in your life where you realized your purpose needed to change from your priorities to God's, can you tell how that happened?
4. Are you ready for the box to be closed on your life?

APPLICATION:

Evaluate your life. Are you living according to God's purpose?

If you want to accept God's offer of forgiveness and eternal life, I would encourage you to make this your prayer:
Father in heaven, I thank you for Jesus. Jesus, I thank you that you came. I thank you that you were willing to die on the cross for my sins. I realize I am a sinner. I realize that I have failed you and failed to live up to your moral standards. I need your forgiveness. I receive the forgiveness you offer me now. I accept your salvation and the gift of eternal life. I commit myself to follow you. Send your Holy Spirit to help guide me. In Jesus' name. Amen!

ON YOUR OWN...

Summer Reading – "Game Plan for Life" by Joe Gibbs

Also – Read and meditate on Paul's ministry in Antioch from Acts 13:13-52 – It is from this ministry that we receive the passages on the life of David that have guided our discussions this spring.

Other Scriptures to read and meditate on:

- Matthew 6:19-21
- Matthew 5:16
- Ephesians 4:28
- James 4