

What Is The Purpose of Life?

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)

Four categories of people we find and ask, what is the purpose of life?

A) *The famous and ambitious:* These are the people who search and research, the explorers and discoverers. They dedicate their lives to practice a certain profession but continuously trying to search about what is new or what is up to date. They research from their main specialty to the more complicated subspecialty. For example, a Geologist who studied the earth layers will explore more details about certain area of the earth, and he may spend almost all his life on that arena to discover something new that will make him famous. The scientists continue to explore the nature and the environment in search for fame. They may choose to explore the sky, the oceans and seas, and may even lead them to live in the space or ship. Certain group of scientists work for long years to discover a drug for an illness. They may reach their goal and discover the drug but their ambition will force them to research and try to find the best formula or better than what is already found. They move from one stage to another, step by step they climb the ladder of success. They spend all their time, money, and effort to reach their ambition, to become famous and well-known in the history. These kind of people set their minds and visions in a horizontal direction only to what is bound on earth. They may be known or famous for a season but only for a certain time as part of history.

B) *The wanderers and vagrants:* These are the kind of people who are searching but they are not quite sure of what to find. They wander aimlessly because they lack vision, but they try to search for a destiny. The first category of people mentioned above fix their eyes on certain goal or destiny and push themselves toward it, while this second category move in many directions. They are puzzled and more anxious about what to do. They have power but they are ineffective. They run from certain style of event to another without discernment. Every now and then they change their profession. They shift from one interest to another but without gain. One time you find them interested in sport, then next day to music, and after a while to study of knowledge. They wear a piece of fashion and keep on changing. Imagine how they look like! They keep moving to and fro but without progress, like a door that turns on its hinges, like a grasshopper in a green field. They are like those who wander in the desert, or a ship in the sea without a compass.

C) *The religious and devout:* These are the people who know that there is mighty power in heaven, God, the creator of heaven and earth. In addition to their everyday toil for life they look in a vertical direction but wonder who is above. The people in this category try to live in cooperation and in harmony between their worldly dealings and God's laws. One thing unique to this group of people is that they don't know the way to reach God but they try to seek Him through their own religious and conscientious ways. They practice rituals and try to be philanthropists. For them God is inaccessible and difficult to be reached so they try to seek and please Him by following the strict and difficult religious rules and style of life. But inspite of all their toil in search of God, God seems so far and unreachable for them.

D) *The secured and satisfied:* These are the people who live a life with hope, joy, peace, love and faith. They found the way to God and eternal life. Their citizenship is in heaven and they belong to the Kingdom of God.

What is the purpose of life? A question every one of us will face while we are coming out from a crowded street. Perplexed, our answer will be, “First, let me reach my home and my destination.” Every people in the world are busy achieving their goals and aims in life: To be rich, to be famous, to be prosperous, to be skilful, to gain long life, to escape death, to get glory, to gain peace, to gain good health, etc. But do you know that all these aims and goals are the children of one mother who is called worry?

Jesus met the people in the above categories and spoke to them in a sermon on the mountain. While they are busy in their daily life searching for something to eat, something to drink, something to wear, or busy in their jobs, He called them, and He taught them many things and He reassured them by this statement: ***“Therefore I tell you, don't worry about your life,...For the pagans run after all these things, and you heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:25a,32,33)***

1-But: All what you are doing are not a priority. You are running after less important matters and forgotten the essential things. Your aim is to eat the sweet before the main dish, but this you are missing the essential food that give you life. You are trying to do short cut, you are wasting your time and ultimately you will loss everything.

2-Seek first His kingdom: God has kingdom, and you should know how to enter His kingdom because it is of no avail if you are outside the kingdom of God. God has appointed His Son Jesus Christ as the King and Lord of all things. To any kingdom the most important person is the king, and if you find favour in the sight of the king you will have a great privilege in His Kingdom. And to enter the Kingdom of God you must seek first the King and Lord Jesus Christ and,

3-His righteousness: To find favour in the eyes of the king you must follow His instructions and rules. Jesus teachings and instructions written in the bible are not difficult as he said, ***“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:29-30)***

4-And all these things will be given to you as well: When you are in the Kingdom of God all the children of worry and anxiety that we spoke above will die out and you will find that all what you are running after are futile and perishable. While the riches, the fame, the honour, satisfaction, and life that you will receive when you enter the Kingdom of God is imperishable and eternal.

My Dear And Beloved Reader: We hope that the above description and the word of the Lord Jesus Christ will find a place in your heart. And if you are in the first three categories it is now the time to shift and to find your right place in the 4th one. God Bless you as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord uphold me with your grace and guide to do your will in my life; in following Jesus and Your Word in my life this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*