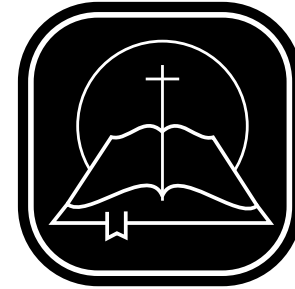


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## LESSON NUMBER THIRTY-NINE

THEME: YOU WERE MADE FOR A MISSION  
TOPIC FOR TODAY: LIVING WITH PURPOSE

**MEMORY VERSE: Acts 13:36**

*David had served God's purpose in his own generation.*

There are three questions that you must answer for yourself. Who am I? Am I important? What is my place in life? The answers are found in God's five purposes for your life. You need to write out a *Life Purpose Statement* for yourself. This statement summarizes God's special purpose for you alone. You will write what you feel God wants you to do with your life. You will list the abilities and the resources God has given to you. You will write what is most important to you as a child of God. You will write the kind of life that you want to live and the good things that you want to accomplish. You can include the personal testimony that you want to give to the world. You should write how you are going to fulfill each of the five purposes that God has for your life.

It may take several days for you to prepare your Life Purpose Statement. You may rewrite it several times before you are satisfied. You will also want to revisit it as the years go by and update it occasionally to fit the changes you have made in your life. It will be your personal covenant with God.

### FACTS TO LEARN

1. We are blessed only when we \_\_\_\_\_. John 13:17
2. A wise person plans his life in ways that are \_\_\_\_\_. Proverbs 4:26, 17:24
3. We must pray that God will give us \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to determine what is \_\_\_\_\_ for our life. Philippians 1:9-10
4. Only when we put our trust in God, we will enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Philippians 4:6-7
5. Our Life Purpose Statement should mention those Q \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 8) that we would like to \_\_\_\_\_ to our life. 2 Peter 1:5-9
6. Our statement should list the \_\_\_\_\_ that we feel we can give to God's people. 2 Corinthians 9:12
7. We must be sure that our statement is about bearing \_\_\_\_\_ that will \_\_\_\_\_. John 15:16
8. Our statement must tell how we will live a life \_\_\_\_\_ of the name of Christ. Philippians 1:27
9. We must be sure that our \_\_\_\_\_ are in agreement with the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_. Proverbs 19:21
10. We are not here to please \_\_\_\_\_ but to please \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Thes. 2:4

### PROBLEMS TO SOLVE

What should be included in our Life Purpose Statement.

### TAKE IT HOME

Write your Life Purpose Statement this week.

## A NOTE TO THE TEACHER

This booklet of Bible study outlines contains 39 lessons to cover nine months of study. Each lesson builds on the information studied in previous lessons. Therefore it is necessary to study every lesson and to study them in the order that they are presented in this book.

To properly use these outlines you must remember that the **THEME** is the purpose of the lesson.

The **TOPIC FOR TODAY** is the subject you will be discussing in order to accomplish the purpose.

**THE MEMORY VERSE** can be learned in a group effort at the beginning or the end of the lesson period. You may want to encourage your people to remember it by asking them to repeat it at the next study session. Memorizing scripture is a good way to strengthen your Christian life in order to resist temptations.

**FACTS TO LEARN** are easy to follow. Have someone read the appropriate scripture and then ask the students to help you answer the question. The questions will be easier to answer if you use the NIV translation. Spend some time making sure the students understand the correct answer.

The most important parts are **PROBLEMS TO DISCUSS** and **TAKING IT HOME**. This is where you get the student personally involved with the purpose of the lesson. We want more than "Bible Knowledge" when we teach these lessons. We want each student to think deeply about the importance of these Bible truths to his own life. We want each student to take what he has learned and make it a part of his daily life.

These lessons are based on the book *The Purpose-Driven Life* by Rick Warren. Over ten million copies have been distributed in America. Many churches have encouraged every member to use it for 40 days of personal devotions while their evangelist preached weekly sermons from it. These lessons have already blessed many and they will bless you.

I pray that God will bless you and that his Holy Spirit will guide you as you teach these lessons.

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