

## The Purposes of God

*To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

*Strong's Concordance* defines “purpose” as a valuable thing — a matter, something in the mind. *Webster's Dictionary* says this — “that which a person sets before himself as an object to be reached, or accomplished. The end or aim to which the view is directed in any plan, measure or exertion...” In other words it is more than intentions. We labor for the purpose of subsistence. Purpose always includes the end in view. Notice that the time and season is set by God, but it is up to us to purpose in our hearts to accomplish our goal. We who have met Christ have one goal and that is to “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.” And then all things will be added. We should purpose in our hearts to die daily, decrease so He can increase.

Proverbs 20 — “Every purpose is established by counsel.”

We sometimes labor to no purpose. Ephesians 3 — “I have purposed, I will also do it.”

Now considering that purpose is established by counsel and as Webster goes on to say, “God created intelligent beings for some glorious purpose. We should all consider this — what is the purpose of your life???” We would not get out of bed in the morning if there were not a purpose for doing it. Without a purpose we are like a ship without a sail, without a destination.

Is your purpose as a Christian to do good so as to go to heaven when you die? Is it to “save” as many souls thus getting brownie points for God? Or perhaps your purpose is to have a church and pastor it so you can do good things for God and people. Do you realize all these purposes are for yourself and will end up not satisfying you?

I find an interesting principle at work in life. Any goal one has that is for self and is part of the world system

will ultimately lead to disappointment no matter how successful it is.

The only purpose driven life that will ultimately satisfy is to purpose to die daily, to decrease so Christ can increase, that you may know God and the power of the resurrection and be conformed into the image of Christ thus becoming a new creation living in the “kingdom of God” here on earth.

Always remember, it is up to each individual to purpose in his heart the thing to be accomplished, but it is God who decides the times and seasons; therefore doing away with the Hellenistic societies of the flesh that want instant gratification.

The world will never satisfy us no matter how successful we become. It was never meant to satisfy us. Christ Himself said, “I have come to lead you out of the present evil world.” Recently I read an article by a well known pastor telling the world that we must have a passion driven life. That is not the gospel Paul preached. Galatians 5:24 states that if we are Christ's we have crucified our flesh with its affections (passions) and lusts. The passions Pastor Warren teaches his flock to use promote envy, strife, vain glory and provoking one another.

These are the very things Paul warns us not to have. We are to die daily to the very things Warren tells us to enrich. These pastors that teach other than the cross which crucifies the world to us and us to the world (Galatians 6:14), are false teachers and their judgment is being meted out even as I write.

Let me reiterate — our Adam man was never meant to be fulfilled. It was created to die. It is nothing more than a seed that can receive Christ and then give up its life. By dying, we overcome death and become a new

creation living in a new world. Our Adam man is born in hell and will always be a product of hell always looking for fulfillment. The purpose for which we are born is to receive Christ, suffer with Him, die with Him and be resurrected with Him. Than we will have fulfilled the purpose for which we are born.

Now along our pathway to life with our ultimate purpose being to know God and the power of the resurrection, we will have God leading us in His ways. We must purpose to give up our ways no matter how stubborn and head strong we are. If we purpose in our heart to obey, God will do the rest.

Are you weary of well doing and waiting?? Have you lost sight of the vision that seemed so real as you

started the race?? Fear not little flock. It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. There is a time to labor and a time to rest. Everything purposed has a time and season, and the resting place for you and me is beckoning us ever onward.

Your fellow-sojourner,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie". The script is cursive and elegant.

Marie Kolasinski

If any man preach any other gospel than the gospel which I preach (write) let him be accursed.