

CHOOSING THE *Extraordinary* LIFE

ELIJAH'S 7 SECRETS FOR
SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

SECRET #1:
DISCOVER YOUR UNIQUE PURPOSE
1 KINGS 17:1

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Introduction: The foundation for living an extraordinary life is discovering the unique purpose for which God created and gifted you. Your ultimate purpose in life will always be related to glorifying God, as Elijah's life illustrates.

I. God's General Purpose For Every Person (Genesis 1:27)

Genesis 1:27 "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

A. Glorifying God (Revelation 4:11)

Revelation 4:11 "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

B. Enjoying God (Psalm 16:11)

Psalm 16:11 "You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever."

II. **Elijah: A Case Study In Glorifying And Enjoying God**

1 Kings 17:1 “Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, ‘As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.’”

A. **His Name**

B. **His Home**

C. **His Manner**

III. **Benefits Of Discovering God’s Unique Purpose For Your Life**

Ephesians 5:15-17 (Phillips) “Live life with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning and purpose of life but as those who do. Make the best use of your time, despite all the difficulties of these days. Don’t be vague but firmly grasp what you know to be the will of God.”

A. **Knowing Your Purpose Clarifies Priorities in Life**

B. **Knowing Your Purpose Clarifies Uncertainties in Life**

C. **Knowing Your Purpose Clarifies Difficulties in Life**

IV. Discovering Your Unique Purpose Or “Story” God Wants To Tell Through You

Start with Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequately equipped for every good work.”

Talk to Others

Proverbs 13:10b, 20a “Wisdom is with those who receive counsel. He who walks with wise men will be wise.”

Obey Your Passions

Psalms 37:4-5 “Delight yourself in the LORD; and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust also in Him, and He will do it.”

Recognize Your Gifts and Abilities

Philippians 2:13 (Phillips) “It is God who is at work within you, giving you the will [desire] and the power [gifts and abilities] to achieve his purpose.”

Yield to the Leading of the Spirit

Romans 12:1-2 “I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove which the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Conclusion