



FINDING YOUR “ONE THING” IN LIFE

EPHESIANS 4:11-16

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Introduction: On this first Sunday of the New Year, we are going to discover how to find the unique purpose for which you were created -- and how to live out that purpose.

I. God Created You For A Great Purpose (Jeremiah 1:5)

Jeremiah 1:5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. And before you were born I consecrated you. I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

II. Your Purpose Is Connected To God’s Purpose
(Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 2:4)

1 Timothy 2:3-4 ³ “This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

Matthew 28:19-20 ¹⁹ “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

2 Timothy 2:4 “No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.”

III. Your Purpose Is Centered Within The Local Church
(Ephesians 4:11-12; Ephesians 3:21)



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A. Assumption #1: Every Christian is to be involved in ministry

Ephesians 4:11-12 ¹¹ “And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹² for equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;”

B. Assumption #2: Our ministry is to be centered in the local church

Ephesians 3:21 “To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.”

Formula To Help You Discover Your Ministry

My Gifts + My Passion + The Church’s Need = My Ministry

1. Your Gifts

Romans 12: 4-8 ⁴ “For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; ⁷ if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”



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2. Your Passion

Philippians 2:13 “For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”

3. The Church’s Need

IV. Living Your Purpose Is The Key To Fulfillment In Life

(Ecclesiastes 2:10-11; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10)

A. Present Enjoyment

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 ¹⁰ “All that my eyes desired I did not refuse them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart was pleased because of all my labor and this was my reward for all my labor. ¹¹ Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had exerted, and behold all was vanity and striving after wind and there was no profit under the sun.”

B. Future Reward

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 ⁹ “Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Conclusion