

[SERMON NOTES]

Channeling Your Purpose - (Galatians 6:9-10, Ephesians 2:10, Titus 2:14)

- What is my _____ in life?
- Your _____ does not equal your _____.

Our purpose as Christians is to do _____ that glorifies _____. (Matthew 25:14-30)

- You were _____ for your purpose. (1 Peter 4:10-11)
- We have received both _____ and _____ gifts to do good.

2 Questions for doing good that glorifies God:

1. What _____ I been gifted with?
2. What _____ I be doing with my gifts?

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

This week's message started out a teaching series about chasing our purpose in life. For some of us, we may feel like we know what it is - and for others we are constantly searching for our purpose in life. The beauty as disciples is that Jesus and His Word have made it clear what our purpose is: *do good that glorifies God*. From the end of the message (see above) there were 2 questions proposed. What was/is your initial reaction to those questions?

What have I been gifted with?

What should I be doing with my gifts?

Reflecting throughout your life, how might you say the purpose you are chasing has changed? And is there any area where you feel Jesus' has shifted your purpose the most?

When it comes to chasing purpose, there is definitely a struggle of our flesh versus our spirit. Describe how a me-centered purpose differs from a Jesus-centered purpose.

[DIGGING DEEPER]

If you were to ask someone to describe what it means to “do good,” you will probably get a slew of different answers. Take some time to read the following passages and write down 3 things you notice about how the Bible depicts “doing good.” **Galatians 6:9-10, Ephesians 2:10, Ephesians 4:11-13, Titus 2:14, John 13:35, Matthew 22:36-40**

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Now, take a moment to summarize how you think we are called to do good that glorifies God:

In our call to chase our purpose, we also learn that we have been gifted with both *spiritual* and *earthly* gifts. We sometimes describe our *earthly* gifts as our Time, Talents, and Treasure. Whereas the spiritual gifts we may have as Christians can be found in **Romans 12:3-7 & 1 Corinthians 12:1-12,28**. Have you ever taken a spiritual gifts assessment before? If so, how do you tend to score?

If not, guessing about yourself, **(circle)** 2 or 3 gifts from the list below which you think you may have, and **(cross out)** 2 or 3 gifts you are certain you don't have.

Preaching	knowledge	service	hospitality	teaching	faith	helps
Encouragement	discernment	giving (above and beyond)		administration	evangelism	
leadership/apostleship	wisdom	pastoral/care	mercy	interpretation		

The New Testament is clear that all of the gifts are God's to give *and* that all of the gifts are important and essential to the church and expand the church. In your opinion, are there any gifts we tend to overemphasize or glorify that others receive? And are there any gifts we may undervalue or minimize?

One of the surest ways to not be using our gifts is to neglect the guidance and obedience to the Spirit. **Read Galatians 5:16-26** and see how that passage depicts the battle between flesh and spirit. As disciples, we are all called to embody the Fruit of the Spirit, but not all of the gifts. How might living out the Fruit of the Spirit help us use our spiritual gifts as well?

[TAKING IT HOME]

Make an effort to memorize one of our key verses for this series: **Galatians 6:9-10** or **Ephesians 2:10** or **Titus 2:14**.