

3 Fold Purpose of Man

Lesson One Student

Introduction

From generation to generation mankind has pondered the age-old question: WHY AM I HERE? Each of us, at an individual level has asked ourselves: "what is my *purpose* in this life that I have been given?"

Purpose - the intention/reason for something; the attaining of an end.

Beyond a shadow of a doubt, we know that God has created us. As the creator, He has a specific purpose for everything He creates including you and me. As a result, the only way to true happiness in life is to fulfill our God given purpose. For all mankind, no matter what any of us do, whether it is daily living, ministry, education, volunteering... Everything we do as God's creation must fall into His 3-Fold purpose of man.

Lesson One - To Know God

1) **John 17:3**

And this is life eternal, that they might _____ thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent

2) The first purpose of man in the 3-Fold Purpose of Man is _____!

3) The Greek translation for the word "know" in John 17:3 means to recognize and _____ acknowledge Him.

a. The first step towards fulfilling our purpose is to recognize and acknowledge that He is _____.

b. We must bow down to the one true God.

c. We can no longer bow down to our own will or the desires of others. We _____ surrender our will to God.

4) **Proverbs 3:5-6**

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

a. To know God we cannot rely on our own way of thinking.

b. Understand that God's way of thinking is superior and trust Him to lead us along the proper path.



- c. God is _____!
 - d. Verse 6 says acknowledge Him before we make decisions and ask Him for guidance.
 - e. Our flesh will not like to acknowledge that God is superior.
 - i. Our flesh has its own will and its own selfish agenda in life: indulgence.
 - ii. Our flesh does not want to answer to a higher authority. Our flesh is like a _____.
 - iii. God will ask us to do things to break the will of our flesh:
 - 1. Fasting
 - 2. Praying
 - 3. _____
 - f. To know God we must break the will of our flesh!
- 5) Our carnal nature will seek to _____ the plan & purpose of God in our lives.
- a. **Romans 8:5-7**
 - i. Verse 5
For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
 - ii. Verse 6
For to be carnally minded is _____; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
 - iii. Verse 7
Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
 - b. Our flesh is our biggest obstacle on the path to know God.
 - c. Fleshly Nature vs. Spirit Nature
 - i. Our fleshly nature has intellect, thoughts, and emotions.
 - ii. Our spirit nature, born out of _____, also has intellect, thoughts, and emotions.
 - iii. Our spirit and fleshly nature are in constant battle to control the whole body.
 - iv. To know God we must stay in the mindset of the _____.
 - v. We must reject the attempt of our flesh to justify our carnal actions.
- 6) To know God requires a _____ change.
- a. To know God, we must make time to study Him through reading the Word of God.
 - i. Reading the Word of God develops the 'head' knowledge of who Jesus is.
 - ii. **John 1:1**



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- iii. God and His Word, the Holy Bible, are one in the same. Studying the Bible will allow us to know Him and to _____ like Him.

- iv. **Psalm 119:11**

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee

- b. To know God, we must spend time talking to Him in _____.
 - i. We cannot claim to know someone that we do not talk to regularly.
 - ii. We will not trust someone we don't speak with regularly. Communication fosters a trusting relationship.
 - iii. Prayer gives us access to God's power. It is a privilege, not a chore!

7) To know God, we must go where He _____.

- a. If we really want to get to know someone, we will take the time to go where they live.
- b. Likewise if we want to get to know God, we must go where He dwells.

- i. **Psalm 91:1-2**

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

- ii. When we go where God _____, we begin to know Him. We find safety and trust in Him.

- iii. **Psalm 100:3-4**

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

- iv. _____, coupled with praise brings you into the outer courts of His presence.

- v. True worship, in spirit and truth, brings us from the outer courts into the bedroom of His presence. The bedroom is a place of intimacy.

- c. **Philippians 3:10**

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

- d. The Greek meaning of the word "know" in Philippians 3:10 means: to get _____.

8) To know God we must be hungry for Him.

- a. We must put forth the time and effort to get to know Him properly.



- b. We must peruse God to know Him.
 - i. By opening our mouths and calling out to Him.
 - ii. By lifting our hands as a sign of surrender to Him.
 - iii. **Psalm 57:2**
I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me
 - iv. We have to be desperate for Him, and as a result, we will know Him, and He will fulfill His purpose in us.
 - c. We must be _____ for His presence.
 - i. We cannot be satisfied with casual encounters.
 - ii. God is so vast; there is so much to know about Him.
 - iii. The Bible calls it _____; we can never know enough about God. It is a continual process.
- 9) To know God, we have to die out to ourselves.
- a. We have to die out to our _____.
 - i. Die out to our past.
 - ii. Die out to our upbringing.
 - iii. Die out to our likes and dislikes.
 - b. We must become meek and humble in character.
 - c. When we make up our mind to know Him, we will not be popular.
 - d. But remember He is worth it! To know Him!

