

3 Fold Purpose of Man

Lesson Three 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 Three - To Please God

1) **Hebrews 11:5**

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

- a. We must be like Enoch and _____.
- b. The third purpose in the 3 Fold Purpose of Man is to please God!
- c. Enoch was translated from earth to Heaven because his life pleased God.
 - i. If we want to meet Jesus in Heaven one day, we must please Him.
 - ii. Enoch had a consistent walk with God.
 - iii. He did not aim to please anyone else but God.
 - iv. He put God first.

2) To please God we must first have Faith.

a. **Hebrews 11:6**

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.



- b. To build our faith, we must seek Jesus _____.
- c. God will reward us for seeking Him. We will receive spiritual blessings.
- d. **Ephesians 1:3**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

- i. God's rewards are the best kind.

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earth. Blessings of joy, and peace that passeth all understanding...

- iii. No _____ can compare.

3) We were created for His pleasure. It is the reason for our existence.

a. **Ephesians 1:4-5**

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

- i. Before the world was created, Jesus _____ us to be in a loving relationship with Him.
- ii. Verse 5 says according to the pleasure of His will. We were created for no other reason but His pleasure.
- iii. Isn't God _____?
- iv. He first loved us, and died for us.
- v. How easy is it to love and please someone who loved us in the first place.

b. **Revelation 4:11**

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

- i. The four and twenty elders in Heaven cast down their crowns and pleased God with their worship.
- ii. We must realize, we were not created to have children, to make money, to be a pastor, to be a friend. We were created to please God.
- iii. The _____ of the purpose of everything we do is to please Him!
- iv. This is why we pray, fast, and come to church, not to appear spiritual to others, but to fulfill the 3-Fold Purpose and reach our destiny: Eternal life with Him!

4) To please Him, we must _____ Him above everything else.

a. **Matthew 22:37-38**

Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.



- b. Love requires a sacrifice.
 - i. **John 15:13**
Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
 - ii. Jesus was the ultimate example of love. He sacrificed Himself for us. To please Him we must reciprocate.
 - c. **Romans 12:1**
I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
 - i. We please God by _____ our lives to Him.
 - ii. It is not a hard thing to do. The Bible calls it our “reasonable service”.
 - iii. We should sacrifice ourselves with joy!
 - iv. We must discipline ourselves to live for Him everyday.
 - d. **Romans 12:2**
And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
 - i. To please Him, we cannot _____.
 - ii. We must change the way we think. We cannot think like the world, and use man’s conventional wisdom.
 - iii. To please God we must renew our minds _____ to think like Him.
 - iv. As a result, God will reveal His perfect will in our lives. There will be no question of our purpose!
 - e. God is looking for a _____ above all else.
 - i. With a lover, He’ll find also find a pastor.
 - ii. With a lover, He’ll find someone willing to teach Sunday school.
 - iii. Everything we do must be motivated out of our love for Him.
- 5) To please God, and fulfill the 3-Fold Purpose of Man, we cannot give into condemnation.
- a. **John 3:17**
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
 - i. Jesus does not want us to be _____.
 - ii. Guilt and shame comes from the devil, to deceive us into giving up.
 - iii. When we see our shortcomings, we must take advantage of God’s mercy and keep going forward.
 - iv. God’s conviction motivates us to keep pressing on, not to condemn us. We are valuable to Him.



b. **Philippians 1:6**

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ

- i. Be confident that God is _____, and He will always continue to do so.
- ii. He desires for us to reach our destiny through the 3-Fold purpose.
- iii. All we have to do is keep fighting. Keep pressing. Keep pursuing Him in love.
- iv. When we make a mistake, we must _____, and keep moving forward. That pleases God.

6) We cannot allow anything to distract us from our 3-Fold purpose.

a. **Mark 4:18-19**

And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

- i. This world is full of distractions, to get our focus off of our purpose.
- ii. We cannot let financial hardships, the desire for material things, and the desire for financial stability choke the word being sown into our lives.
- iii. The result makes us unfruitful. We lose _____ and lose our purpose.
- iv. Stay focused on God. He will take care of us...

v. **Psalm 24:1**

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

Conclusion

To know Him is to be like Him, to be like Him is to please Him. This cycle is a continual process that we must engage in everyday of our lives. True happiness in life comes only through fulfilling our 3-Fold Purpose. This is why we were created. Everything we do must be motivated by our purpose which was predestined by our creator Jesus Christ. What a privilege we have to know Him, be like Him, and please Him. No other creation has that opportunity. Let us take advantage!

