

The Journey
“Why God Made You!”
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“It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for... part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.” Ephesians 1:11-12 (Message)

Everything, absolutely everything...got started in Christ and finds its purpose in Him.” Colossians 1:16 (Message)

1. GOD PLANNED ME _____.

“You God created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created!” Revelation 4:11b (NLT)

“The Lord takes pleasure in His people....” Psalm 149:4 (TEV)

“Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, God had us in mind, and settled on us as the focus of His love...” Ephesians 1:4 (Message)

“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.” Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV)

“I don’t want your sacrifices-I want your love! I don’t want your offerings-I want you to know me!” Hosea 6:6 (LB)

THE 1ST PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO: _____.

“Some people have missed the most important thing in life—they don’t know God.” I Timothy 6:21 (LB)

“People who don’t know God are always worrying...” Matthew 6:32a (CEV)

2. GOD FORMED ME _____.

“God’s unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave Him great pleasure.” Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

“God has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God’s own family.” I Peter 1:3a (LB)

“That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.” I Timothy 3:15 b (NCV)

“Love your spiritual family.” (I Peter 2:17b (Message)

THE 2ND PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO: _____.

“We belong to each other and each of us needs all the others.” Romans 12:5 (NLT)

3. GOD CREATED ME _____.

“From the very beginning God decided that those who came to Him—and all along He knew who would—should become like His Son...” Romans 8:29 (LB)

“We look at the Son and see God’s original purpose in everything created.” Colossians 1:15b (Message)

“In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus.” Philippians 2:5 (NCV)

“As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him.” 2 Corinthians 3:18b (NLT)

THE 3RD PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO: _____.

“Some people have such shallow soil of character that when their emotions wear off and difficulty arrives, there’s nothing to show for it.” Mark 4:17 (Message)

4. GOD SHAPED ME _____.

“You shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother’s womb.” Psalm 139:13 (Message)

Spiritual Gifts

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experiences

“God made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which He planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.” Ephesians 2:10 (NCV)

“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God’s many kinds of blessings.” I Peter 4:10 (LB)

THE 4TH PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO: _____.

5. GOD MADE ME _____.

“Jesus: In the same way that the Father gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.” John 17:18 (Message)

“I consider that my will be wasted, unless I use it to complete my mission and finish the assignment that the Lord Jesus has given to me—to tell everyone the Good News about God’s grace.” Acts 20:24

“We can make all kinds of plans, but only God’s purpose will last forever.” Proverbs 19:21

“Jesus included everyone in His death so everyone could be included in His life, a far better life that people ever lived on their own.” 2 Corinthians 5:15 (Message)

“Open your eyes and see how good God is! Blessed are you who run to Him.” Psalm 34:8 (Message)

“Jesus: Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to Me for real rest...and you’ll recover your life...and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.” Matthew 11:28-30 (Message)

“It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from—if you want God and are ready to do as He says, the door is open.” Acts 10:35 (Message)

A PRAYER TO START LIVING THE LIFE THAT GOD CREATED YOU TO LIVE

Dear God, Everything you create has a purpose, including me. I don’t want to miss my purpose, or waste my life, or live it disconnected from you anymore. Instead I want to become what YOU designed me to be. Starting today, I want to follow your plan for my life, not my plan. You made me for a relationship with you, so I want to get to know you and love you and trust you. Thank you for sending Jesus to pay for my sin. Help me to understand that. I humbly ask you to accept me into your family forever. I want to grow more like Jesus every day. And I want to use my life on earth to serve you by serving others. Help me to share this good news with others and to fulfill my life mission. I invite you into every area of my life.