

The Purpose Test

Key Thought

God wants you to fulfill the unique destiny that He has prepared for you. Because God is good, you can know that He is working for your good in every test and every circumstance.

Key Scriptures

Psalm 139:13, 15–16

For You formed my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother's womb.
My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.
And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me,
When as yet there were none of them.

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

John 10:10

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

Discussion

1. What is the first thing you must do to discover the purpose God has for your life? When was God's plan for your life first established? When will you know the specifics of your destiny?
2. Read Genesis 45:5. What was the difference between the attitude of Joseph and that of his brothers at that moment? Why could Joseph feel the way he did?
3. Read Romans 12:4–8. Why is it important to find out what gifting you have for the body of Christ? What are the steps you take to determine those gifts?

4. Which of the motivational gifts in Romans 12 do you possess? Have you begun to use that gift? If you are not sure, evaluate yourself in light of these gifts and commit to start to operate in whatever direction God shows you to move.

5. Consider the examples of Abraham Lincoln and John Wesley. Never get discouraged. Once you begin to move toward your destiny, focus on your direction and continue in prayer and faithfulness. God will see you through every test until you fulfill the specifics of your destiny.