



## Key Scripture:

Ephesians 1:21 Message  
The church is Christ's body,  
in which He speaks and acts, by which He fills everything with His presence.

### **A charge to live with purpose.**

1 Chronicles 28:8-10 NLT

8 "So now, with God as our witness, and in the sight of all Israel—the Lord's assembly—***I give you this charge.*** Be careful to obey all the commands of the Lord your God, so that you may continue to possess this good land and leave it to your children as a permanent inheritance. 9 "And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve Him with your whole heart and a willing mind. For the Lord sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek Him, you will find Him. But if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever. 10 So take this seriously. The Lord has chosen you to build a Temple as His sanctuary. Be strong, and do the work."

### **When we lose sight of our purpose...**

#### ✓ **Everything seems meaningless:**

Ecclesiastes 1:2 NLT

"***Everything is meaningless,***" says the Teacher, "***completely meaningless!***"

#### ✓ **Life seems repetitive and never full.**

Ecclesiastes 1:4-7 NLT

4 ***Generations come and generations go,*** but the earth never changes. 5 The sun rises and the sun sets, then hurries around to rise again. 6 The wind blows south, and then turns north. Around and around it goes, blowing in circles. ***7 Rivers run into the sea, but the sea is never full.*** Then the water returns again to the rivers and flows out again to the sea.

#### ✓ **We forget what's important.**

Ecclesiastes 1:11 NLT

***We don't remember what happened in the past,*** and in future generations, ***no one will remember what we are doing now.***

#### ✓ **We become uninterested and bored.**

Ecclesiastes 1:8 Message

***Everything's boring, utterly boring*** — no one can find any meaning in it.  
Boring to the eye, boring to the ear.

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# The Church

## Chosen for a Purpose

### **Living with Purpose...**

#### 1. **Learn to know God intimately.**

1 Chronicles 28:9 NLT

And Solomon, my son, ***learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately.***

Romans 12:2 NLT

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but ***let God transform you*** into a new person by changing the way you think. ***Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.***

#### 2. **Leave God's goodness to the next generation.**

1 Chronicles 28:8 NLT

Be careful to obey all the commands of the Lord your God, so that you may continue to possess this ***good land and leave it to your children as a permanent inheritance.***

Ephesians 1:11-12 Message

11 ***It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for.***

Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, He had His eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living,

12 part of the overall ***purpose He is working out in everything and everyone.***

#### 3. **Live as a chosen and functioning part of His body.**

1 Chronicles 28:10 NLT

So take this seriously. ***The Lord has chosen you*** to build a Temple as His sanctuary. ***Be strong, and do the work.***

Romans 12:5-6 Message

***Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of His body.*** But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body, 6 ***let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be,*** without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't.

#### 4. **Let God see your loving heart and willing mind.**

1 Chronicles 28:9 NLT

***Worship and serve Him with your whole heart and a willing mind.*** For ***the Lord sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek Him, you will find Him.***

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