

HOW TO WRITE A PURPOSE STATEMENT

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1. First, have faith that God will answer you when you ask Him to show you your life purpose. You may want to start by reading Luke 11:11-13, Hebrews 11:6 and John 7:17. Then read Psalms 32:8 and 138:6-8 in the New International Version (NIV) of the Bible. Claim these promises for yourself as you begin.

2. Be patient. Sometimes God shows you something right away and at other times you must patiently dig and search. Remember, life is a gold mine! Can you dig it?

3. The purpose for some people can be found in the Bible. Can you write out the purpose for the following people after you read the Scripture reference next to their name? This may get you in the “flow” of writing about and seeing purpose (you can find the answers at <http://www.purposequest.com/purpose.htm> if you need help)
 - Jesus (Luke 19:10) _____
 - Paul (Galatians 2:7) _____
 - Peter (Galatians 2:7) _____
 - Joseph (Psalm 105:16-22) _____
 - Daniel (Daniel 2:21-22) _____

4. Do you have one verse or passage that best summarizes your life? What is it?

5. Did you have any recurring daydreams as a child or even as an adult? What were/are they?

6. What situations, opportunities or people with something in common, or a special need always seem to find you?

7. What would you do if money was not an issue? Why would you do it?

8. Are there any words that occur regularly in your answers to numbers 4-7?

9. What compliment have you heard throughout your life? What do others say about you that may pertain to your purpose?

10. Write down what you think your purpose is, or at least what your strengths are, and show them to three people. What is their feedback?

11. Be quiet and still. What do you hear that may pertain to your purpose?
Remember, purpose isn't just for church work or ministry. It's for all of life!

12. Now, with no pressure and avoiding a complicated and wordy response, what do you think your purpose is? Have faith and write something down even if you aren't completely happy with the results. Then show it to at least three people and ask for their feedback. When you are done, send it to me at johnstanko@att.net and I will include it in the sample purpose list on my website.