

# What on Earth am I Here For?

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Every human being is driven by something.
- B. God has a purpose for everyone.
- C. Most people live in survival mode. Some live in the successful but unfulfilled mode.
- D. We really need significance not success.
- E. We need to discover our mission. (Acts 13:36)

## II. Why we need a plan.

- A. It will reduce frustration. Peace comes from knowing one's purpose in life. (James 1:6-7, Isaiah 49)
- B. It will increase motivation. (Jeremiah 29:11)
  - 1. Many of us are in an occupation for the wrong reasons.
  - 2. God can do great things with our life. (Ephesians 3:20)
- C. It will allow more concentration. Knowing your life purpose gives your life focus. (Philippians 3:14)
  - 1. Your life is filled with good things.
  - 2. One can burn out from too many good things.
  - 3. One can be efficient without being effective. (Ephesians 5:16-17)
- D. It will attract cooperation. The greatest way to help other people is to be what God made you to be.
- E. It will prepare one for God's evaluation.
  - 1. God made you for a purpose.
  - 2. God has invested certain gifts, talents and abilities.
  - 3. God expects a return on His investments.
  - 4. One day God will do an audit of your life. (Romans 14)
    - a. God will ask what a person did with His Son Jesus Christ.

b. God will ask what a person did with his or her life.

III. What we do.

A. Believe that God has a purpose for your life. (Proverbs 16:4)

B. Receive God's Son who died for you. (Ephesians 1:4-5)

**Application questions:**

1. What does it feel like to be without purpose in your life?

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2. Why is it important to have a life plan?

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3. Why is including God in one's life plan critical to being fulfilled?

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