

Understanding My Purpose

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I. God's purpose is to make me like Jesus.

A. How I can help him?

1. Paul struck blind.

C. Jesus at the home of Mary and Martha.

1. Martha was anxious and bothered.

2. Mary was abiding.

D. Abiding is consistently sitting at the feet of Jesus for the heart to obey.

E. How do we sit at the feet of Jesus?

II. My purpose is to abide in Christ.

A. Ways to Abide.

1. Read through the Bible every year.

a. Joy and delight of my heart. (Jeremiah 15:16)

b. Treasured. (Job)

c. Israelites gathered manna every day.

d. Our spirits must be fed daily.

e. Need a plan to read the Bible.

f. Extended time weekly or monthly.

g. Enjoy your time reading the Word of God.

2. Study the Bible.

a. Ezra studied the Word of God. (Ezra 7:10)

b. Satan deceived Eve by distorting the Word of God.

c. Knowing the Word of God keeps us from sin.

3. Memorize key passages from the Bible.

a. Hide it in your heart so you will not sin. (Psalm 119:11)

1) Hints:

a) Memorize verses that you love.

b) Memorize verses that you need.

c) Write verses on a card.

d) Keep a list of verses to memorize in the future.

e) Memorize at odd times of the day.

f) Have someone review your verses with you.

4. Meditate on the Bible.

a. Have a verse every year to have God work into your life.

b. Make a bookmark with the verse to use in your Bible

c. Memorize it.

d. Pray over it every day.

B. When we abide:

1. God is able to direct us to his specific purpose for us.

2. We can discern His Spirit because we are listening.

3. We are able to do the very things he wants us to do in ministry for Him.

4. We are a true servant.

a. Fixes eyes on the Master.

b. Secure because of the consistency of Christ.

c. Serves out of a desire to give.

d. Free to serve expecting nothing.

e. Asks how can I show Jesus how much I love Him.

5. We are not a people pleaser.

a. Fixes eyes on self.

b. Insecure because of the inconsistency of people.

c. Serves out of a desire to receive.

d. Bondage to perform and demanding acceptance.

e. Asks how can I show people how loveable I am.

6. We follow Mary's example of service.

7. We cannot help but fulfill His purpose.

8. We fly first class.