

Fulfilling God's Purpose

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I. Introduction.

- A. God's purpose for the family is an important topic for what families are facing today.
- B. The family is a fantastic tool to convince others of the reality of Jesus Christ.
- C. God has given us a job description: to know, love and glorify God, to be used of him, to raise up qualified laborers in significant numbers as fast as possible to help fulfill the Great Commission.

II. The Great Commission. (Matthew 28:19-20)

- A. The goal is to make disciples.
- B. A disciple is one who puts Jesus first. (Matthew 6:33; Luke 14:26ff)
- C. Disciples love each other. (John 13:34-35)
- D. Disciples bear much fruit. Making disciples comes from exhibiting the fruit of character. (John 15:8; Galatians 5:22-23)

III. We should know God.

- A. It is God's desire for us to know him. He took the initiative. (1 Corinthians 1:9; Hosea 6:6)
- B. We need to know God. (Philippians 3:10; Psalm 27:4; Exodus 33:13)
- C. Knowing God makes us like him. (Acts 4:13; Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5)
- D. Knowing God makes us love him.

IV. We should love God. (Matthew 27:36; Deuteronomy 5:29)

- A. Loving God is obeying God.
- B. When we disobey God we say that he does not have our best interest at heart. (Jeremiah 29:11; Ephesians 1:8)
- C. God is a jealous God. (Exodus 34:14; 2 Kings 17:33; Luke 12:15; Jeremiah 45:5)

V. We should glorify God.

- A. God's glory is the purpose for which we were created. (Isaiah 43:7)
- B. We are commanded to glorify God. (1 Corinthians 10:31; John 15:8)

VI. To be used of him.

- A. Only God produces fruit. (Psalm 127:1; John 15:5)
- B. We must be fit to use. (2 Timothy 2:19)
- C. God's will for us is that we might become more like Jesus to draw more people to him. (Romans 8:29; Acts 4:13; John 12:32)

VII. To raise up.

- A. We ought to be raising up laborers. (Matthew 9:36; Isaiah 58:12; 2 Samuel 23:47)
- B. Our work will be carried on by those we invest in. (2 Timothy 2:2)
- C. The goal is to raise up qualified laborers who know what to do, how to do it and are committed to the task. (John 6:26ff; Hebrews 11:6)
- D. There is a time element to maturity. Our obligation is to help keep people open to God. (Luke 7:30)

Application questions:

1. How can you go about knowing God more and practically helping others to know him as well?

2. What does it look like to glorify God?

3. How would you articulate your life mission in light of the message?
