

Purpose

I. Introduction.

A. What determines good vs evil, faith vs unbelief, whether something said is sincere or sarcastic?

B. What is the purpose of your life?

II. Scripture.

A. Word Study of "Purpose."

1. **Secular Definition.** As a noun: "*the reason for which something is done or created or for which something exists.*" As a verb: "*have as one's intention or objective.*"
2. **Secular Synonyms.** "*Aim, ambition, aspiration, bourne, bourn, design, dream, end, goal, idea, ideal, intent, intention, mark, meaning, object, objective, plan, point, pretension, target, or thing.*"
3. **Words (times) found in KJV.** "*Purpose*" (36 times), "*Purposed*" (19 times), "*Purposes*" (5 times), "*Purposeth*" (1 time).

B. Scripture on "Purpose, purposed, purposes, and purposeth."

1. **Pro. 15:22**—"Without counsel **purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors, they are established.**"
2. **Pro. 20:18**—"Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war."
3. **Dan. 1:8**—"But Daniel **purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore, he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.**"
4. **Mat. 26:8**—"But when His disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, 'To **what purpose is this waste?**'"
5. **Acts 11:23**—"Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with **purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.**"
6. **Rom. 8:28**—"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to **His purpose.**"
7. **Rom. 9:11, 17**—"11(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that **the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him that calleth;**) 17For the Scripture saith unto Pharaoh,

- 'Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew My power in thee, and that My name might be declared throughout all the earth.'*"
8. **2Co. 1:17**—"When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or **the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh**, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay?"
 9. **2Co. 9:7**—"Every man **according as he purposeth in his heart**, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."
 10. **Eph. 1:9**—"Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which **He hath purposed in Himself**."
 11. **Eph. 1:11**—"In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated **according to the purpose of Him** who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will."
 12. **Eph. 3:10-11**—"10 **To the intent** that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11 **According to the eternal purpose** which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord."
 13. **2Ti. 1:9**—"Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but **according to His own purpose** and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."
 14. **2Ti. 3:10-11**—"But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, **purpose**, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience..."
- C. How to "**Prepare, Prepareth, Prepares**" yourself to fulfill purpose.
1. **2Ch. 12:14**—"And he did evil, **because he prepared not his heart** to seek the LORD."
 2. **2Ch. 19:3**—"Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast **prepared thine heart** to seek God."
 3. **2Ch. 30:18-19**—"18 ...But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, 'The good LORD pardon every one 19 That **prepareth his heart** to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.'"
 4. **Ezra 7:9-10**—"9 ...the good hand of his God upon him. 10 For Ezra had **prepared his heart** to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments."
 5. **Job 15:35**—"They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and **their belly prepareth deceit**."

