

“To Do Thy Will, O God”

Have you ever thought about what your purpose in life is? It’s a question we should all ask of ourselves, and the sooner the better. Jesus knew His purpose from the start. In accomplishing His purpose He lived the only truly godly life the earth has ever seen and His life as recorded in God’s word should serve as the pattern for our lives. When the Son of God came into the world he declared “Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.” (Heb. 10:9). All others actions were but details of this supreme purpose. Throughout His life He never deviated from His purpose.

Let God’s Will Be Your Controlling Motive

“Rabbi, eat” (John 4:31) – What was the point Jesus made in response? You should not be controlled by your fleshly desires or needs. The controlling factor in your life should be God will for you.

Voluntary actions - Seeking (John 5:30, John 6:38) and submitting (Matt. 26:39, 42, 44).

Jesus, being equal to God, chose to be subject to God the Father’s will. In contrast, what was (is) man’s desire? To become like God and be free to act according to his own will.

Fully Acknowledge Your Dependence Upon God

Sent by God (John 8:42) – Jesus authority for all He said and did rested upon this fact, but His declaration of it acknowledge His dependence upon the Father.

Words → from God (John 7:16, John 12:49)

Actions → directed by God (John 5:19, John 9:4)

Pray → to God. (many scriptural examples)

Jesus prayed frequently, fervently, & with assurance to God (John 11:41, 42)

- When baptized by John (Luke 3:21)
- Before choosing His disciples (Luke 6:12) – on a mountain, all night
- After special efforts – healing multitudes (Luke 5:16), healing and removing devils (Mark 1:35), feeding over 5,000 (Matt. 14:21, 23)
- For His friends (Luke 22:32, John 17:20), His enemies (Luke 23:24), for Himself (Matt. 26:36, 39, 42, 44).

To What End?

What does our life accomplish, in the end? Jesus said, “I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.” (John 17:4) Our dependence upon God demonstrated by our purpose in life is ultimately to glorify God (John 7:18).

In Jesus we have a perfect example of true dependence upon God and a pattern for godly living. Shortly before His departure from the earth He said to His disciples: “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you” (John 20:21). This commission from Jesus must surely include a life lived according to the pattern which He gave. Grace, and grace alone, teaches how to so live.

Extra References– Prayers of Jesus

Matt. 11:25,26; Matt. 14:23 Mark 6:46.; Matt. 15:36

Matt. 19:13; Matt. 26:26,27 [1 Cor. 11:24.] ; Matt. 26:36,39,42,44

Mark 14:32-39; Matt. 27:46; Mark 1:35; Mark 6:41

Luke 3:21; Luke 5:16; Luke 6:12; Luke 9:18,28,29; Luke 11:1

Luke 22:32,41-44; Luke 23:34,46; John 11:41,42; John 12:27,28

John 17:1-26