



WARM UP

In 1981 the Harley Davidson Company was owned by a parent company called AMF. Because Harley's profits were very slim the parent company sold the company to the top management people at Harley Davidson for a price of 80 million dollars. Their purpose was to make the best motorcycle possible and to compete on a global basis. Twenty-nine years and thousands and thousands of bikes later, their purpose has not changed. They have grown from producing 35,000 bikes yearly to 132,000 - generating 1.7 billion dollars in revenue and competing on a global scale.

2,000 years ago, Jesus bought us back for a purpose. He started with 12 men and the church has grown to millions. When God breaks into history and grips a man's life, it is for a purpose. People are saved to serve. When God lays hold of a man, woman or child, He has a key role for them to play in the unfolding of His redemptive plan for the world.



BACKGROUND

Have you ever wondered why, when you turn your life over to God, you don't just get express-freighted right to heaven?

This single verse of Scripture, Ephesians 2:10, sheds as much light on the situation as anything else: *"We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do"*. The word "handiwork" literally means masterpiece.

We are a painting drawn by God Himself and there is no one else in the world like us. Each of us has a unique role to play in the unfolding of God's redemptive plan for the world. Yes, we are saved for a reason - to become more like Jesus and then to help others find their way back to God. God has a work for each of us, not just the professionals. If you're alive and kicking today, then there is a specific work that you are expected to do.

READ Ephesians 2:8-10



QUESTIONS

1. Who is someone you know that is living with a sense of purpose? How do you see that in their life?

2. When have you felt most alive? What were you doing and who were you doing it with?

3. What is the one thing in life that you really feel passionate about?

4. How might God unleash you into the world to fulfil your Kingdom purpose?



CONSIDER THIS

"Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a grey twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt



WRAP UP

How can I discover God's purpose for my life?

Examine your past – God generally will use the relationships and experiences of the past for future ministry.

Do a self-inventory – what are your passions, gifts, abilities, personality and experiences? God will use you according to how He made you.

Seek the wisdom and confirmation of others – what do they see you doing well?

Experiment – take some low-risk, short-term ministry opportunities. God will guide as you serve.

Be available – be willing to do whatever needs to be done.

Pray – for leading by God.

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IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER



MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

I will set aside time to consider and pray about God's purpose for my life.